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## Iran questions U.S. commitment to peace



People gather at the site of an Israeli military strike that targeted a building in Beirut's southern suburbs on June 14. IBRAHIM AMRO/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

### Tehran decries Israel's attacks on Lebanon

**Muhammad Al Gebaly, Elwely Elwely and Phil Stewart**  
REUTERS

DUBAI - Iran's top negotiator questioned the United States' commitment to peace efforts after Israel carried out new attacks on Lebanon, dimming prospects of Tehran and Washington signing a

framework agreement on June 14 on ending their war.

President Donald Trump and mediator Pakistan said on June 13 that they expected the deal would be signed the next day, but Tehran cast doubt over the timing and hard-line protesters in Iran voiced opposition.

Qatari negotiators flew to Tehran on

the morning of June 14 as part of an effort to finalize the agreement, a source with knowledge of the situation told Reuters.

But Iranian negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said Israel's June 14 attack on the southern suburbs of Beirut, which Israel said targeted Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants, showed the United States lacked the will or ability to fulfill its commitments.

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## What would closed primaries look like?

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Indiana Capital Chronicle  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Legislation to restrict Indiana's primary elections to registered members of their respective parties stalled the last two sessions. But a Republican state senate candidate's push for a recount because of alleged "crossover voting" by Democrats has breathed life into the campaign for closed primaries in Indiana.

A coalition launched weeks ago is said to have nearly 3,000 signatures supporting Indiana closed primaries. Max Engling, the secretary of state candidate with backing from top Hoosier Republicans, listed it as a priority. And at least one state representative already has a bill draft request for the next session to close primaries.

Advocates say closed primaries would prevent opposition influence and strengthen parties' candidates. Critics contend they'd reduce the opportunity for voters, including independents, to participate.

"It just depends on what you think primary elections are for," said Marjorie Hershhey, a political science professor emeritus at Indiana University.

Primary systems in the United States vary. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, they take six forms.

Open primaries, the most common, allow voters to choose whichever party's ballot they'd like, a choice that remains private. Fifteen states have them.

Indiana's system is considered partially open. While Hoosier voters can choose any party's ballot, their pick can

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## Brown asks for replacement commissioner in recount

**Lucy Tobier**  
Indianapolis Star  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A member of the Indiana Recount Commission is recusing himself from a primary state Senate race recount amid concerns about his ties to one of the

candidate's campaigns.

Indiana Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, filed an official motion on June 10 to remove Commissioner Paul Mullin, one of three members of the Indiana Recount Commission, due to conflict of interest concerns in part because he donated to her challenger in the May pri-

mary. Challenger Darren Vogt and his attorney Jim Ammeen agreed to request Mullin step down days before Brown's motion was filed, Ammeen said.

The commission is set to oversee a recount called for by Vogt, who is lagging just 15 votes behind Brown in the closely-watched race featuring a Trump

endorsement. Brown's team also asked for disclosure of any potential involvement from Mullin in Vogt's campaign.

Mullin told IndyStar he was informally informed of the request two days before the motion. By 6 p.m. on June

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