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## Iran questions U.S. commitment to peace

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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.

“If you lack the will and ability to fulfill your commitments, speaking of continuing the path is not possible,” he wrote on X, in an apparent reference to peace moves.

Mohammad Jafar Assadi, deputy commander of Iran’s top joint military command, was quoted by state media as saying Israeli “crimes” in Beirut’s southern suburbs would not go unanswered.

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## Athletic facility coming soon



Mayor Marty Small Sr., city officials, project contractors and representatives from the Atlantic City Dolphins youth organization break ground on the Dolphin Field improvement project on June 8.  
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## Atlantic City Dolphins football field starts \$1.3M project

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A \$1.33 million renovation of Dolphin Field at 1601 Penrose Ave. is underway in Atlantic City, with city officials hoping for completion in time for the fall 2026 football season.

On June 8, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for the state-funded project. Mayor Marty Small Sr. grabbed a shovel for the event.

The field is in the Venice Park neighborhood and is

homefield for the Atlantic City Dolphins.

What’s coming is a gray artificial turf, a concession stand and locker room renovations, new fencing, upgraded lighting, goal posts, storage sheds and landscaping enhancements.

There’s also to be American With Disabilities Act-compliant accessibility improvements, including new sidewalks.

“We appreciate everything the Dolphins organization does for our young football players and

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## Audubon residents rally to nix plan for principal’s reassignment

Cherry Hill Courier-Post  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Hundreds filled the Audubon High School auditorium for the monthly school board meeting June 10.

Many residents of the community were there to express discontent with Audubon Public School District officials’ proposal to reassign Principal Jeff Lebb to Mansion Avenue Elementary.

After five hours and countless community members speaking in support of Lebb during the public comment period, board members held a 9-3 vote to deny the motion, keeping Lebb at the high school.

Audubon school officials sent out a Facebook post June 8 announcing the reassignment. A vote to certify the motion would occur at the board meeting, bringing parents, students and former staff out in support of keeping Lebb at the high school.

Students also gathered in front of the school during the day Wednesday to protest the announcement.

Tensions were high the entire evening ahead the vote, with some parents expressing concerns about Superintendent Sandra Allen, who began her role in July 2024.

During the public comment period, Sarah Barry, a former school nurse who resigned last year, called for a vote of no confidence in Allen.

“A significant number of stakeholders no longer have confidence in her leadership, and believe immediate review and action are necessary to restore trust,” Barry said.

Members of the community seemed primarily concerned about a lack of transparency from board members about significant changes in the school staff.

“This is the latest in a series of issues where there’s been a lack of transparency,” said Patrick Witts, a father of five children who either graduated or are currently attending Audubon High School. “Earlier this year, they had let go of a mental health counselor that was at the school.”

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## Mandatory ‘bell-to-bell’ cellphone ban coming to NJ schools

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Though summer is just beginning, a new school cellphone ban may already be on the minds of some officials, parents and students in New Jersey.

Former Gov. Phil Murray said he wanted a cellphone ban in schools to help eliminate distractions in the classroom. Approved in January, a law to this effect cre-

ates guidelines for local district officials as they change their policies for all K-12 schools in New Jersey.

New district policies are required to prohibit the use of internet-enabled devices — smartphones, tablets and smartwatches — during the entire school day.

**When does the school cellphone ban take effect in New Jersey?**

Known as a bell-to-bell ban, the law takes effect for

the 2026-2027 school year.

**What the NJ school cellphone ban law says**

School officials, however, must uphold accommodations for students with disabilities, ensure that internet-connected devices can be used for translation services and handle case-by-case basis cases for students in

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