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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

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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.

Strikes on Lebanon

The U.S.-Israeli war on Iran, launched on Feb. 28, has stoked conflict between Israel and

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Anthropic disables top-tier AI models

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REUTERS

Anthropic said on June 12 that it will "abruptly disable" its most advanced AI models for all users after the U.S. government ordered it to suspend access to the models for foreign nationals, citing national security concerns.

The company received the export control directive to suspend access to Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all foreign nationals, without being given specific details of its national security concern, Anthropic said in a statement.

It is Anthropic's understanding that the government believes there is a method of bypassing, or "jailbreaking," a safeguard that would prevent Fable 5 from being used in identifying software vulnerabilities, the company said.

The order comes just as a previous dispute between Trump administration officials and IPO-bound Anthropic showed signs of easing across parts of the U.S. government.

Anthropic's relationship with the government ruptured earlier this year after it refused to allow the U.S. military to use its AI models for domestic surveillance and fully autonomous weapons systems. The government responded by putting Anthropic on a supply chain blacklist, set to take effect later in the year.

The action also marks a major escalation of U.S. efforts to halt foreign adversaries' AI capabilities. For years, U.S. export controls have focused on the chips and tools that power AI rather than on restricting foreign access to AI itself.

Anthropic said the government has given it only "verbal evidence of a potential narrow, non-universal jailbreak."

"We disagree that the finding of a narrow potential jailbreak should be

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GOP wants Trump to invest in Texas race

MAGA super PAC sitting on over \$350M war chest

Nolan D. McCaskill
REUTERS

WASHINGTON — Republicans want President Donald Trump to put his money where his mouth is: behind his scan-

dal-plagued ally, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Paxton ousted four-term Sen. John Cornyn in a primary runoff last month on the heels of Trump's 11th-hour endorsement to become the Republican U.S. Senate nominee in Texas. That prompted political forecasters to shift the race in a state Trump won by nearly 14 percent-

age points in 2024 from likely Republican to lean Republican.

Paxton now faces a rising star in the Democratic Party and a fundraising juggernaut in state Rep. James Talarico, whose campaign reported raising \$40 million through March with \$9.9 million

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