

Pakistan Facilitates Temporary U.S.-Iran Ceasefire, Supports Dialogue for Regional Peace



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ISLAMABAD/WASHINGTON, April 8 – In a significant development towards easing tensions in the Middle East, U.S. President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday a two-week suspension of bombing and attacks on Iran, following Pakistan’s active diplomatic intervention.

The decision, Trump stated on social media, is contingent upon Iran's "complete, immediate, and safe opening of the Strait of Hormuz" during the ceasefire period. The U.S. President described the move as a "double-sided ceasefire," emphasizing that "all military objectives have already been met and a definitive agreement for long-term peace is within reach."

The temporary ceasefire follows Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's call to extend the U.S. deadline for Iran to reach a deal by two weeks, requesting Iran to open the Strait of Hormuz as a gesture of goodwill. The proposal was intended to allow time for structured peace talks and prevent escalation of hostilities.

Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi confirmed that Iran will ensure safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz during the two-week period, coordinating with its armed forces. Araghchi also announced that negotiations with the U.S. will be held in Islamabad, underlining Pakistan's crucial role as a neutral facilitator in regional diplomacy.

U.S. officials reported overnight strikes on Iranian military targets, while Iranian authorities assured that defensive operations would be paused as long as attacks cease. Both sides emphasized that the ceasefire is temporary and that detailed negotiations will follow based on Iran's 10-point peace proposal.

Pakistan's initiative highlights its growing diplomatic influence in promoting stability in the Middle East, offering a platform for dialogue between key regional powers and reinforcing its longstanding commitment to peace and conflict resolution.