

# Iran insists U.S. drone violated air space, vows to defend borders

'Won't hesitate for a moment to decisively respond to any aggression'

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TEHRAN

Iran vowed on Friday to defend its borders after downing a U.S. drone it insisted had violated the country's airspace, after it emerged that President Donald Trump had approved and then called off retaliatory strikes on Iranian targets.

The downing of the drone — which Washington insists was above international waters but Iran says was within its airspace — has seen tensions between the two countries spike further after a series of attacks on tankers in the Gulf which the U.S. has blamed on Tehran.

The commander of the aerospace arm of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards said the drone was warned twice before it was downed over the Gulf of Oman.

"This aircraft possesses a system which allows it to relay the signals and information it receives to its own central system," Brigadier General Amirali Hajizadeh told state television.

Under pressure to respond to the high-stakes incident near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, Mr. Trump issued orders for retaliatory strikes, but then called it off.

The U.S. President had struck a combative tone in his public comments before rowing back. "Iran made a very big mistake!" he tweeted in response to news Iran had shot down the Global Hawk surveillance aircraft. "This country will not stand for it, that I can tell you," he said later at the White House.

## Fears of open conflict

But as the pre-dawn incident whipped up fears of open conflict between the U.S. and its declared foe Iran, Mr. Trump moved swiftly to dial back tensions. "I find it hard to believe it was intentional, if you want to know the truth," Mr. Trump said.

Following the President's mixed message, the U.S. special representative on Iran, Brian Hook, called on Friday for diplomacy.

"Our diplomacy does not



Threats and actions: Wreckage in Tehran on Friday of what Iran claimed was the downed American drone. \*REUTERS

give Iran the right to respond with military force," he told reporters in Saudi Arabia. "Iran needs to meet diplomacy with diplomacy, not military force."

Oil prices edged down slightly on Friday following the previous day's surge that saw prices soar more than 6%, while the price of gold — seen as a safe haven asset —

struck near six-year highs.

Iran said it had called in the Swiss Ambassador, whose country has represented U.S. interests since the severance of diplomatic relations in the aftermath of the Islamic revolution of 1979, to issue a formal protest.

Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi provided the

Ambassador with "indisputable" evidence that the drone had violated Iranian airspace, the Foreign Ministry said.

Mr. Araghchi "reiterated that Iran does not seek a war and conflict in the Persian Gulf", but warned: "The Islamic Republic of Iran would not hesitate for a moment to decisively defend its territo-

ry against any aggression." Iranian television later broadcast images of what it said was "debris" of the downed drone recovered from Iran's territorial waters. "The debris was floating. We recovered it from the sea inside our territorial waters," a general said.

## 'Unprovoked attack'

The Pentagon denounced the "unprovoked attack," claiming that the Navy drone was 34 km from Iran when destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. It published a map showing the flight path of the drone, which indicated that it travelled outside of Iranian waters and included a photograph showing coordinates when it was downed.

Mr. Zarif provided different coordinates for the downing of the drone by a domestically-manufactured Khordad 3 air defence battery.

The drone's downing came at a time when Iran was already accused by Washington of carrying out attacks on tankers in the congested shipping lanes heading out of the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz.

## Airlines halt flights over Strait of Hormuz

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON

Some of the world's leading carriers, including British Airways, Qantas and Singapore Airlines, on Friday suspended flights over the Strait of Hormuz.

The suspensions came after the Federal Aviation Administration in the U.S. issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) "prohibiting U.S.-registered aircraft from operating over the Persian Gulf

and Gulf of Oman". The NOTAM was in response to "heightened military activities and increased political tensions that might place commercial flights at risk", an FAA statement said.

The FAA's notice applies only to U.S.-registered airlines, and United Airlines said it was suspending its Newark-Mumbai service. But European and Asian operators including KLM and Qantas followed suit.

## 'Refrained from shooting U.S. plane with 35 on board'

REUTERS  
LONDON

Iran refrained from shooting down an American plane with 35 people on board that was accompanying the downed drone in the Gulf earlier this week, a Revolutionary Guards commander said on Friday.

Amirali Hajizadeh, head

of the Revolutionary Guards aerospace division, was quoted as saying by Tasnim news agency: "With the U.S. drone in the region there was also an American P-8 plane with 35 people on board. This plane also entered our airspace and we could have shot it down, but we did not."

## North Korea lauds friendship with China as Xi wraps up trip

Kim hails the 'the immutability and invincibility' of ties

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
PYONGYANG

North Korea lauded its ties with historic ally China on Friday as Xi Jinping wrapped up a highly symbolic two-day visit to his nuclear-armed neighbour, with both countries facing deadlock in their negotiations with U.S. President Donald Trump.

Kim Jong-un told the Chinese President that his visit was an opportunity to demonstrate "the immutability and invincibility of the DPRK-China friendship before the world", the KCNA news agency reported, using the abbreviation of North Korea's official name.

At a time when "serious and complicated changes are happening in international and regional situations", KCNA said, the two leaders agreed to "promote close strategic communication" and develop their "common interests".

**Pulling out all the stops** Pyongyang pulled out all the stops to welcome Mr. Xi, the first Chinese President to visit in 14 years — a period in which Pyongyang has carried out five nuclear tests and launched missiles capable of reaching the entire U.S. mainland.

China always prefers stability in its neighbourhood and the North's nuclear provocations strained the relationship during the Cold War allies, with Beijing back-



All smiles: Chinese President Xi Jinping and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un watching a gymnastics performance at the May Day Stadium in Pyongyang on Friday. \*AP

ing UN sanctions on Pyongyang and Mr. Kim not visiting to pay his respects for more than six years after inheriting power.

But as he embarked on a flurry of diplomacy last year, Mr. Kim ensured that Mr. Xi — whose country is the North's key diplomatic supporter and main provider of trade and aid — was the first head of state he met.

Mr. Kim travelled to China three more times to meet Mr. Xi, and Pyongyang has been keen for the Chinese President to reciprocate.

Analysts say Mr. Xi, who flew back to China on Friday, intended to use the trip as a way of signalling to Mr. Trump his influence with Mr. Kim, a week before the G20 summit in Japan.

The world's top two economies are embroiled in

protracted trade war and their leaders are expected to meet in Osaka.

## Talks deadlocked

Nuclear negotiations between the North and the U.S. are also deadlocked, after the second summit between Mr. Kim and Mr. Trump broke up in Hanoi in February with the two unable to reach a deal on sanctions relief and what the North might give up in return.

North Korean media did not carry comments by Mr. Kim reported by Chinese broadcaster CCTV, which quoted him as saying that he was "willing to be patient" in the talks with the U.S., but wanted "the parties concerned" to meet him halfway. Mr. Xi told him China "positively evaluated" the North's efforts, CCTV said.

## FATF warns Pak., but keeps it off the blacklist

Watchdog urges the country, which is still on the greylist, to finish the stipulated action plan by Oct.

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WASHINGTON

Pakistan has avoided being placed on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) blacklist during the multilateral financial watchdog's plenary meetings in Orlando, Florida held from June 16 to 21.

However, the country, which continued to remain on a greylist, was given a warning at the end of the plenary session and told that it lacked a proper understanding of transnational terrorist financing.

## Indian efforts

The mention of transnational terrorist financing is significant in light of India's efforts to isolate Pakistan on the international stage in the con-

text of its support for terror in Kashmir. "The FATF expresses concern that not only did Pakistan fail to complete its action plan items with January deadlines, it also failed to complete its action plan items due May 2019. The FATF strongly urges Pakistan to swiftly complete its action plan by October 2019 when the last set of action plans are set to expire. Otherwise, the FATF will decide the next step at that time for insufficient progress," a FATF statement released on Friday read.

In June 2018, Pakistan was placed on a FATF greylist of countries whose laws do not adequately deal with money laundering and terrorist financing and agreed to a 10-

point action plan to strengthen its anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism and proliferation regime.

On Friday however, the FATF said in a statement that while Pakistan had taken steps to improve its AML/CFT regime, "it does not demonstrate a proper understanding of Pakistan's transnational TF [terrorist financing] risk."

When the last FATF plenary session concluded in February, days after a terrorist attack killed over forty Indian security personnel in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan had avoided being blacklisted despite pressure from India. Pakistan-based terror outfit, Jaish-

e-Mohammad (JeM) claimed responsibility for the attack. However it also did not take Pakistan off of the greylist as the country had wanted.

In April this year Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi had said that being greylisted could cost Pakistan \$10 billion a year.

## Blacklist, greylist criteria

To stay off of the FATF blacklist, the support of at least three of a total of 36 (excluding two regional organisations) FATF members is required. Fifteen members need to support a country's move off of the greylist, as per the FATF charter.

FATF continued to call for countermeasures against Iran and North Korea.

The FATF noted that Iran had not completed its action plan which expired in January 2018 and listed seven points for Iran to complete, noting however that Iran had made progress, including by passing the Anti-Money Laundering Act.

Countermeasures against Iran would continue to be suspended, a statement released on Friday said, with "the exception of FATF calling upon members and urging all jurisdictions to require increased supervisory examination for branches and subsidiaries of financial institutions based in Iran, in line with the February 2019 Public Statement."

(With inputs from Suhansi Haidar in New Delhi)

## No renegotiation of Brexit, says EU

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
BRUSSELS

The European Union (EU)'s top leaders on Friday fired a Brexit warning to whoever wins the battle to become the next British Prime Minister, saying the divorce deal could not be changed.

Boris Johnson will face Jeremy Hunt in a run-off vote to decide who takes on the tricky task of piloting the country's departure from the EU. Both say they want to renegotiate the deal.

European Council president Donald Tusk said the bloc would remain "very precise and also patient".

"Maybe the process of



European Council president Donald Tusk. \*REUTERS

Brexit will be even more exciting than before because of some personal decisions in London but nothing has changed when it comes to our position," Mr. Tusk told reporters after a summit of EU leaders in Brussels.

He said that all remaining

27 EU leaders were adamant there could be no changes to the near 600-page legal accord struck in November last year.

"We are open for talks when it comes to the declaration on the future U.K.-EU relations if the position of the U.K. were to evolve, but the withdrawal agreement is not open for renegotiation," said Mr. Tusk.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the head of the European Commission, said there was nothing to add because leaders "repeatedly and unanimously there will be no renegotiation of the withdrawal agreement".

## ELSEWHERE



### 30 killed in Indonesia matchstick factory blaze

JAKARTA At least 30 people, including several children, were killed when a fire ripped through a private home that operated as a matchstick factory in Indonesia on Friday, said officials. Binjai police chief Nugroho Tri Nuryanto said a gas canister explosion may have set off the blaze. AFP

### Foetus found in S. Africa plane's toilet

JOHANNESBURG Cleaners found an abandoned fetus blocking the toilet of an plane in South Africa on Friday, the domestic FlySafair airline said, prompting the offloading of passengers and a police investigation. The fetus was discovered by cleaning staff as the plane was being prepared and passengers boarded for an early morning flight from Durban to Johannesburg. AFP

## India placed on 'Tier 2' in human trafficking report

U.S. seeks amendment to Penal Code

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WASHINGTON

The U.S. State Department has released its 2019 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report, highlighting the need for action against domestic trafficking. India continued to be placed in Tier 2 on the country trafficking scale.

The 2019 report highlights the national nature of trafficking: in 77% of the cases, victims are trafficked within their own countries of residence, rather than across borders. Victims of sex trafficking were more likely to be trafficked across borders while victims of forced labour were typically exploited within their own countries, the report says, citing International Labour Organisation (ILO) data.

## Three categories

The report categorises countries into three groups based on the Trafficking Vic-

tims Protection Act (TVPA), U.S. legislation enacted in 2000. The categorisation is based on efforts to meet minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking.

India was placed (i.e., remained) in Tier 2, which comprises "countries whose governments do not fully meet the TVPA's minimum standards but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards."

The recommendations for India include amending the definition of trafficking in Section 370 of the Penal Code to "include forced labour trafficking and ensure that force, fraud, or coercion are not required to prove a child sex trafficking offence," and to establish Anti-Human Trafficking Units in all districts with funding and clear mandates.

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