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Iran's top negotiator trolls Trump

“Operation Trust Me Bro failed,” Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf has said, after the US president suspended efforts to guide ships through the Strait of Hormuz

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Iran's top negotiator has mocked US President Donald Trump after he abruptly suspended American efforts to guide ships through the Strait of Hormuz, adding that Washington was again spreading falsehoods about ongoing talks.

In a post on X on Wednesday, Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf ridiculed Trump with a sarcastic one-liner: “Operation Trust Me Bro



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failed. Now back to routine with Operation Fauxios.”

Ghalibaf’s comments came after Trump paused ‘Project Freedom’, an operation aimed at clearing a path through the strait for more than 1,500 commercial vessels stranded in the Persian Gulf, just two days after its start. The US president, however, insisted that the decision was made based on what he described as “*great progress*” in negotiations and a request from Pakistan.



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enrichment, the US agreeing to lift its sanctions and unfreeze billions of Iranian funds, and free transit through the Strait of Hormuz.

Axios also indicated that the White House is awaiting a response soon and could resume military action if no progress is made.

A senior Iranian official told Tasnim that Tehran has yet to officially respond to the proposal, which he said contains “*some unacceptable clauses.*”

“Today’s propaganda by American media is mainly aimed at justifying Trump’s retreat from his recent hostile action. Trump’s move was wrong from the beginning and should never have been carried out,” the source said.

The move also came after Iran claimed to have hit a US warship attempting to sail through the Strait of Hormuz – an allegation Washington has denied.

Ghalibaf’s ‘Fauxios’ pun was an apparent reference to the US outlet Axios, which previously reported that the US and Iran were making progress on a 14-point memorandum of understanding to end the conflict.

The report said the one-page document included an Iranian promise to impose a moratorium on nuclear



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The US has demanded the total dismantlement of the Iranian nuclear program and that Tehran hand over its stockpile of enriched uranium, as well as free passage through the Strait of Hormuz, which accounted for 20% of global seaborne oil trade before the US and Israel launched their attacks on Iran at the end of February.

Iran has dismissed demands to surrender enriched uranium while insisting that it has no plans to build a nuclear weapon. It has also insisted on Washington providing guarantees of non-aggression and an American military withdrawal from the Gulf.

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