

Answer to Question

The Current Reality in Iran and the Renewed Strikes Between It and America

(Translated)

Question:

[With the exchange of strikes between America and Iran for the second time in two days, the Revolutionary Guard (IRGC) stated in a statement today, Sunday, that (the violation of the ceasefire by the United States contravenes Article 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on June 18th between Trump and Masoud Pezeshkian). In response, Trump threatened a return to war, writing in a post on his Truth Social platform earlier today: "There may come a point when we are no longer able to be reasonable, and will be forced to militarily complete the job that we very successfully started..." The US military announced on Saturday night that it had carried out airstrikes on targets on Qeshm Island, hours after Iran targeted an oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz... [Al-Arabiya.net, 28/6/2026]. Trump, along with his crony Netanyahu, had launched an attack on Iran on 28/2/2026, during which the Supreme Leader and about forty senior officials were killed, and significant damage was inflicted. Despite this, Iran signed a memorandum of understanding with Trump on 18/6/2026, to establish peace between them, as if the bloodshed and destruction had never occurred! As for the rest of the Muslims, whether near or far from Iran, they watch what is happening as if they are neutral parties between Iran and America, or rather, closer to America! How long will Muslims remain divided, buffeted by the winds of the kafir (disbelieving) colonizers, after they were once the masters of the world, spreading light and justice?

I ask you for an answer that clarifies the reality of these events. And how can this Ummah return to being alive and dignified? Thank you.

Answer:

To answer the questions above, we will review the reality of events and the return of the Ummah, alive and dignified. And Allah is the One from whom help is sought:

First: The Reality of Events:

1- On 17/6/2026, Bloomberg published a draft of the 14-point memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the United States and Iran. Its content was identical to what the semi-official Iranian news agency Mehr reported on 14/6/2026, citing a source close to the Iranian negotiating team. Then came the unexpected signing of the memorandum suddenly between Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and his American counterpart, Trump, at the Palace of Versailles in France on the sidelines of the G7 Summit on 18/6/2026. Although the signing was scheduled to take place in Switzerland, the tyrant Trump wanted to remind Muslims of the Treaty of Versailles after World War I, which led to the demise of the Khilafah (Caliphate), the state of the Muslims, and shattered their unity. It is as if, by choosing the Palace of Versailles, which previously altered the course of history by abolishing the Khilafah, Trump is trying to market himself as a leader who makes history in the footsteps of his predecessors! And so, the memorandum was signed remotely, electronically, at the Palace of Versailles, under the supervision of the mediator between the two parties, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Thus, it was declared to have officially entered into force. This took place between America and Iran, despite the fact that America, along with its "crony Netanyahu", had launched a surprise military operation at the end of last February targeting the regime's top political and military leaders, most notably the Supreme Leader, the ultimate decision-maker. The war was initially planned to last four days, but it lasted for forty days, failing to achieve its objective of overthrowing the current regime or installing agent leaders to transform Iran from a state orbiting America into an agent state. Iran's 47 years of orbiting America had emboldened America to seek to make it an agent (subordinate) state, especially as America began to push it out of areas where it had previously been permitted to operate in, such as Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, and Yemen.

However, this situation led some in Iran to consider independence from the regime. The Revolutionary Guard (IRGC) played a significant role in this, as we explained in our "Answer to a Question" issued on 3/6/2026. We stated: (...as happened in Venezuela when US forces kidnapped its president, and his vice president and her entourage surrendered to America. However, this did not happen in Iran after the assassination of its Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, and some of the regime's leaders. The Revolutionary Guard stood firm and decided to confront this aggression and attack the enemies... seeking independence from America, unlike the political faction, which desires to engage with America and work with it as a satellite state, at least, rather than a subordinate state...). The Revolutionary Guard's steadfastness, strength, and influence stemmed from its prior involvement in selecting the new Supreme Leader, Mojtaba. He supported them and relied on them to maintain his rule. He did not approve of the memorandum of understanding and peace with the US after they assassinated his father, the previous Supreme Leader, and a number of officials.

2- However, this changed after the political leadership in Iran (the President, the Speaker of Parliament, and the Foreign Minister) managed to convince the Supreme Leader that the Memorandum of Understanding was in Iran's best interest. The President exerted considerable effort in this regard, and subsequently, the Supreme Leader's written approval was published on the X platform and other social media pages on 18/6/2026. In it, he stated: "I, as a matter of principle, held a different view; however, out of the commitment that the esteemed president—as the head of the Supreme National Security Council—gave to me on his own behalf and on behalf of the other members regarding the safeguarding of the rights of the Iranian nation and the Resistance Front, and his explicit acceptance of that responsibility, I granted my permission." It was as if he was holding the president of his country and other officials accountable for any negative consequences for Iran resulting from the agreement. Thus, the Memorandum was signed, and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian declared on the X platform on 18/6/2026, following the signing: " This is a historical document and a message from a powerful Iran: Peace will be realized in the shadow of mutual respect. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always been committed and steadfast to global peace while preserving its dignity and independence, as well as to progress and regional cooperation."

The Revolutionary Guard's voice then fell silent in obedience to the Supreme Leader. Iranian parliament member Mohammad Manan Raisi revealed the Supreme Leader's position at a gathering of his supporters, declaring his opposition to the memorandum: (Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei asked the members of the Supreme National Security Council to respond to these questions 'related to the memorandum of understanding' separately, and unusually, he stipulated the approval of 75% of its members for the memorandum to be ratified. Only one member of the National Security Council opposed it, while the rest voted in favor. It cannot be said that the Supreme Leader accepted the agreement with complete satisfaction, but he cannot be considered opposed to it either (Iran International, 18/6/2026)). Their approval, with one exception, of the memorandum of understanding and their readiness to sign a final agreement with America indicate that this paves the way for their country's return to its former status as a satellite state, unlike the previous opinion of the Revolutionary Guard advocating for independence!3- Thus, the political wing gained the upper hand whose ultimate goal was for Iran to return to its former orbit within America's sphere of influence, like Turkey, rather than becoming an agent state like Egypt, Syria, and other regional countries. Consequently, the political wing of the government took the lead in events and negotiations, while the Revolutionary Guard retreated somewhat. I say somewhat because the IRGC's influence hasn't been completely extinguished; it remains at odds with the political faction. For example, Iranian television announced on Friday the establishment of a communication line with the US regarding the Strait of Hormuz. (Al-Arabiya, 26/6/2026). However, the Revolutionary Guard denied this: (Revolutionary Guard spokesman Hossein Mohebbi denied on Friday evening what he described as claims by US officials about the establishment of a hotline between Iran and the United States concerning the Strait of Hormuz, asserting that it was pure fabrication. Earlier on Friday, Press TV had reported the establishment of a communication line between Iran and the United States regarding the Strait of Hormuz. (Al-Araby Al-Jadeed, 26/6/2026)). Furthermore, the Revolutionary Guard responded to US attacks on Iran's eastern coast: (Sepah News published a statement from the Revolutionary Guard: "The United States had launched an attack on Iranian coasts, prompting a response in which the

Revolutionary Guard Navy bombed US military positions in the region. The statement accused Washington of violating its commitments under the memorandum of understanding signed between the two parties." (Al Jazeera, 26/6/2026).

4- Signing the Memorandum of Understanding meant Iran's acceptance of a permanent ceasefire with its aggressors and its pledge not to fight them. The first clause of the Memorandum of Understanding states that they will "declare the immediate and permanent termination of military operations on all fronts, including in Lebanon, and undertake from now on not to initiate any war or any military operation against each other, and to refrain from the threat or use of force against each other..." This means that Iran has abandoned its resistance against America, which attacked it, killed its senior leaders, and destroyed its nuclear and vital facilities. Although the second clause stipulates non-interference in internal affairs, the other clauses of the agreement contradict this. For example, Article 8 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Iran states: [The Islamic Republic of Iran reaffirms that it shall not procure or develop nuclear weapons. The United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran have agreed to resolve the disposition of stockpiled enriched material, pursuant to a mechanism that will be mutually agreed upon... (Al-Sharq, 18/6/2026)]. Sky News reported on 24/6/2026: [US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that Iran would not be allowed to possess nuclear weapons, indicating that Iran was not in a good position to negotiate while its military and capabilities were being destroyed. Trump added that nuclear inspectors would be on the ground in Iran in due course]. Simply stating this constitutes interference.

Furthermore, Article 6 provides America with an avenue to interfere in Iran's affairs, as it stipulates that "The United States of America undertakes with regional partners to develop a definitive, mutually agreed plan with at least \$300 billion for the reconstruction and economic development of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The mechanism for the implementation of this plan will be finalized as part of a final deal within 60 days." This is not only an avenue for interference, but something even worse!

5- Despite all this, the agreement is manipulated with terms. On one hand, it could be interpreted as serving Iran's interests, while on the other, it could be interpreted as serving America's interests. In other words, it is fraught with problems, and its sixty-day timeframe may not be sufficient to resolve them, leading to an extension. This includes issues such as lifting the embargo and opening the Strait of Hormuz.

[Iran warned against what it considered "vague arrangements" regarding passage through the Strait of Hormuz, given its status as a littoral state... (Sky News, 26/6/2026)]. This ambiguity was further highlighted in the clashes between Iran and America today: (The Revolutionary Guard stated in a statement on Sunday that "the US violation of the ceasefire contravenes Article 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding and will lead to a complete halt in the negotiation process. It also claimed that the arrangements necessary to control navigation in the Strait of Hormuz are in Iran's hands, according to the Memorandum of Understanding signed on June 18 between Trump and Masoud Pezeshkian" (Al-Arabiya.net, 28/6/2026)). **The memorandum also stipulates** that (The United States of America further undertakes to remove its forces from the proximity of the Islamic Republic of Iran within 30 days after the final deal). It should be noted that Iran had previously demanded the withdrawal of US forces from the entire region, and for America to release \$12 billion of frozen Iranian funds on the condition that they be used to purchase American agricultural and food products! Trump's Vice President, Vance, told reporters at a press conference on Monday that "the released frozen Iranian assets would be allocated to "buy American soy, American corn, and American wheat for the benefit of the Iranian people" (Al-Arabiya, 25/6/2026)). Iran has denied this. Ghalibaf asserted on Thursday (that the US claim that Tehran would use the unfrozen assets to purchase American agricultural products was false. (Al-Arabiya, 25/6/2026)). Then came the final agreement's ratification by the UN Security Council! One side interprets this as Iran's inability to renege on its commitment, while another sees it as a guarantee of US adherence, as if it weren't in its interest! Furthermore, Reuters reported on 18/6/2026, citing an informed source, that a reconstruction and development fund, stipulated in the memorandum of understanding, exists. The report stated that "the fund's objective is to create an economic incentive to reach a final agreement between Tehran and Washington, and this fund will only be established upon the signing of the final agreement." This is a deceptive ploy to entice Iran

to continue negotiations until the final agreement is signed, while awaiting a fund that will do more harm than good! All these are ambiguous and vaguely worded clauses!

6- Trump realizes that he has failed to achieve his objectives through military action and has been shocked by the resistance of the Revolutionary Guard to his aggression. Reality is now putting pressure on Trump, who has lost much in this war he launched. His prestige has plummeted, and trust in him has weakened worldwide, even within the United States and among his own party and supporters. This will undoubtedly affect the midterm congressional elections in November and subsequently the general elections two years later. Articles 4 and 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding, which pertain to the Strait of Hormuz, are indirectly linked to the US midterm congressional elections. As is well known, Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the US imposition of a naval blockade on it—a waterway through which one-fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas passes—have paralyzed maritime traffic, resulting in a sharp rise in fuel and gas prices, which has naturally been followed by a parallel increase in food prices.

This automatically impacts the midterm elections, which is why Trump was keen to sign the agreement with Iran to restore traffic flow through the Strait of Hormuz. Reopening the Strait would quickly lower global oil prices. Thus, Trump found his opportunity in negotiations and the Memorandum of Understanding to land a negotiated victory he couldn't achieve through military aggression! When the Revolutionary Guard stood against him with its heroic resistance, he found refuge within the political establishment (the President, the Speaker of Parliament, and the Foreign Minister). These figures played a major role in persuading the Supreme Leader to accept the negotiations and the Memorandum of Understanding, thereby silencing the Revolutionary Guard. America's eagerness to reach an agreement with Iran is underscored by Article 3, which states: "The United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Iran commit to negotiating and achieving the final deal in maximum 60 days, extendable with mutual consent." Even if an extension is required! After America failed with the military option to change the regime into a subordinate state, it showed a strong desire to negotiate and reach a final agreement and accepted its return to being a satellite state as it was, after voices emerged calling for complete independence from America, especially from the Revolutionary Guard. Trump considered this a victory and the political wing, especially the president, facilitated it for him! Iran's readiness to negotiate and then sign a final agreement, with its view that America did not achieve its goals towards it through war, means its return to square one as a satellite state.

7- After that, following the signing of the agreement, Trump attempted to improve relations with Iran and Muslims in general. On the one hand, Trump mentioned in an interview with the American news website Axios on 19/6/2026, "...and I sadly hurt the other Ayatollah This came after the Supreme Leader's approval of the memorandum of understanding, as if he were thanking him. On the other hand, he pretended to be pressuring the Jewish entity while they were acting at his behest in their wars and peace negotiations! Trump publicly rebuked Netanyahu, stating in Evian, France, at a press conference on the sidelines of the G7 summit on 16/6/2026: "I'm not happy with the way 'Israel' is handling themselves with Lebanon...Bibi has to be more responsible with respect to Lebanon... Without me there would be no Israel..." (Al Jazeera,16/6/2026). His deputy, Vance, said at a press conference: (If I was in the cabinet of the 'Israeli' government, I might not be attacking the only powerful ally that I have anywhere left in the entire world... Two-thirds of the defensive weapons that have protected your homeland have been built by American hands and paid for by American tax dollars" (New York Times, 18/6/2026)).

Trump and his deputy's statement would be true if they were being honest, but how can it be when the Jewish entity only acts with America's backing in its aggression against Palestine, Lebanon, and everywhere else?! The Jewish entity is too insignificant to be considered on its own, as Allah (swt) says: ﴿لَنْ يَضُرُّوكُمْ إِلَّا أَذًى وَإِنْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ يُؤَلُّوكُمْ الْأَدْبَارَ ثُمَّ لَا يُنصَرُونَ﴾ **"They can never inflict harm on you, except a little annoyance. But if they meet you in battle, they will flee and they will have no helpers"** [Aal-i-Imran: 111]. The Jewish entity has no inherent strength except through divine support and human backing. They severed their connection with Allah since the time of their prophets, leaving them with only human support! America supports them in their aggression against Lebanon and what they call the buffer zone. Trump is behind their aggression and the continued existence of their entity, as evidenced by his statements mentioned earlier. May Allah

(swt) fight them! How they are deluded! They still occupy parts of Lebanon and bombard Lebanese areas with American weapons, justified by American claims of self-defense!

8- This is the reality of events in brief, and Trump should not have been given through negotiations what he could not take through war, especially since Iran is not a small or weak country. It has the power to withstand a long war, defeat America, and expel it from the region in humiliation, just as it was expelled from Afghanistan in 2021. Then it will finally become independent in its policies, neither remaining a satellite state nor falling to the level of a client state. With a vast land area of 1.6 million square kilometers, diverse terrain including mountains, deserts, valleys, and a coastline, a population of approximately 90 million, and strategic importance, Iran possesses borders with numerous countries, providing access points against any potential blockade. It has energy resources such as oil and gas, as well as other natural resources, and the capacity to provide for its own food supply thanks to its ample arable land. It also has military industries capable of producing weapons for self-defense, such as long-range missiles and drones, all of which can be further developed, along with civilian industries. Indeed, Iran has nuclear capabilities. When Trump withdrew from the 2015 nuclear agreement in 2018, Iran was able to enrich uranium to approximately 60%, reaching around 440 kg, a significant increase from the 3.67% limit stipulated in the 2015 agreement.

Therefore, signing a memorandum of understanding and then beginning negotiations to finalize its terms is a major concession! It saves America, which lost the battle and became embroiled in a war that lasted over four months. However, the Iranian political leadership lacked genuine will and principled resolve, they even stood against the Revolutionary Guard when it sought independence from American influence and was prepared to sacrifice itself to repel American aggression and its crony, the Jewish entity. Instead, the president of the republic signed the memorandum, granting Trump what he couldn't achieve through war!

Secondly: As for how the Muslim Ummah will return to being alive and honorable after this humiliation in which it lives, the matter is not unknown, but it is written in the Book of Allah, Al-Qawi Al Aziz, and in the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (saw), the truthful and trustworthy; a Khilafah for the Muslims that rules them according to what Allah (swt) has revealed. ﴿وَأَنْ أَحْكَمَ بَيْنَهُمْ﴾ بما أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَاحْذَرْهُمْ أَنْ يَفْتِنُوكَ عَنْ بَعْضِ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُصِيبَهُمْ بِبَعْضِ ذُنُوبِهِمْ ﴿وَإِنْ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ النَّاسِ لَفَاسِقُونَ﴾ **“And judge between them ‘O Prophet’ by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their desires. And beware, so they do not lure you away from some of what Allah has revealed to you. If they turn away ‘from Allah’s judgment’, then know that it is Allah’s Will to repay them for some of their sins, and that many people are indeed rebellious”** [Al-Ma’idah: 49]. And a Caliph who will fight with them in the cause of Allah; narrated by Muslim, on the authority of Abu Hurairah, on the authority of the Prophet (saw), that He (saw) said: «إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتِلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيَنْتَقَى بِهِ» **“The Imam is but a shield behind whom people fight and by whom they are protected.”**

Long centuries spoke of the greatness of the Islamic state, the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly-Guided Caliphate), and the pride and justice of the Muslims. They supported Allah (swt) by ruling according to what He (swt) revealed, and He (swt) supported them. When their state was destroyed by the conspiracies of the kafir colonizers and their agents in Muslim countries, the Muslims became humiliated, disgraced, and lived in miserable conditions. ﴿وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ﴾ **“But whoever turns away from My Reminder will certainly have a miserable life”** [Ta-Ha: 124].

But this will not last long, Allah willing, for the Khilafah will return, by Allah's true promise, ﴿وَعَدَ﴾ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ **“Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors in the land, as He did with those before them; and will surely establish for them their faith which He has chosen for them; and will indeed change their fear into security—‘provided that’ they worship Me, associating nothing with Me. But whoever disbelieves after this ‘promise’, it is they who will be the rebellious”** [An-Nur: 55].

And the glad-tiding of His Messenger (saw) will be rewarded after this coercive ruling in which we live. Ahmad narrated... on the authority of Hudhayfah, who said: The Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «... ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مُلْكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ، ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا، ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَى مِنْهَاجِ النَّبِيِّ. ثُمَّ سَكَتَ»... Then there will be oppressive rule (ملكا جبرية) for as long as Allah wills, then he will remove it when He wills, and then there will be *Khilafah* upon the Prophetic method. Then he (saw) was silent.”

The *Khilafah* will return, Allah (swt) willing, and Allah's victory is for those who support His (swt) Deen - a promise from Allah (swt). ﴿وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ﴾ “Allah will certainly help those who stand up for Him. Allah is truly All-Powerful, Almighty” [Al-Hajj: 40].

However, Allah Almighty decreed that victory would not descend upon us from the heavens, carried to us by His angels, and that He would establish a *Khilafah* for us while we sit idly by. Rather, we must work, strive, and exert ourselves, seeking truthfulness and sincerity in our actions, and we would be reassured by Allah's promise of succession for those who believed and did good deeds. Thus, with these two things: belief and good deeds, ﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ...﴾ “Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors in the land” [An-Nur: 55].

All of this is evident in the life of the Messenger of Allah (saw), how He (saw) acted and how he endured harm... until the victory of Allah (swt) came to him; Allah granted him victory, and this is the way of Allah (swt). ﴿سُنَّةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّةِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا﴾ “This is Allah's way, already long established in the past. And you will find no change in Allah's way” [Al-Fath: 23].

This is how the Messenger of Allah (saw), acted, and this is how his Companions (ra) followed his example. This is how we must be, and Allah's victory will surely come, by His permission, and may it be soon.

This is what will save the Ummah, restore its glory, strengthen its power, and make its enemies think a thousand times before attacking it. This is only possible with the return of the *Khilafah*, so that the earth may shine with its goodness and justice. Just as the *Khilafah* ended the arrogance of the Caesars and the Chosroes, so too will it end the arrogance of their followers, such as the tyrant Trump and his ilk among the kafir colonizers. ﴿وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ * بَنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ﴾ “And on that day the believers will rejoice * at the victory willed by Allah. He gives victory to whoever He wills. For He is the Almighty, Most Merciful” [Ar-Rum: 4-5].

﴿إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرَى لِمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ قَلْبٌ أَوْ أَلْقَى السَّمْعَ وَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ﴾

“Surely in this is a reminder for whoever has a 'mindful' heart and lends an attentive ear.” [Qaf: 37]

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