
US -Iran ceasefire– India gives direction , others follow; Pakistan is just a messenger



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Pakistan is on the airwaves and newspapers as a nation that is seeking its relevance through its playing the game of America and Iran , it has exchanged notes- peace plans back and forth , and may be able to host first round of talks in Islamabad tomorrow (April 10 or April 11, 2026) , its investment and promotion in export of cross-border terrorism is also being read side by side .Time will tell shape of the geopolitical landscape , at the moment Pakistan's bid to play as a peacemaker is fraught with many dangers. As the ceasefire violations are taking place , will Pakistan share the responsibility if talks fail to take a right direction . Time will tell that.

Yet there is a need to serve reminder to some of the skeptics bending over backwards to hail Pakistan as the new frontline diplomatic player for it saved the day for the world at a critical juncture , hours before the US President Donald Trump was to carry out his threat of making a “ whole civilization to die “ on Tuesday night, his self-proclaimed deadline to ensure that Iran opens Strait of Hormuz and give up everything that was sovereign to the nation . True, as it is, the whole world was on edge , waiting for America's next move . The US had deployed all its military might to do something spectacularly devastating in the region , and at that time any breather would have been welcome /

By Trump's own admission , the whole ceasefire plan came into being only because of China. Pakistan was a front only . That is the role to which America has used Pakistan quite often . Remember the war against Soviet Union in Afghanistan in 1980s and then the war on terror in the post 9/11 era . So this was nothing new .

Does it really have implications for India ? The answer lies in both yes and no. Yes, because the war in West Asia had been affecting the world's supply chain , especially energy , fertilizers - the world is a global village and it cannot remain unaffected by any development in any part of the world. The closure of Strait of Hormuz, through which one fifth of the oil and gas supplies to the world passes , made things difficult for the world . India , too was affected .

Since early Wednesday morning , something extraordinary is in circulation with regard to two-week ceasefire announced by the U S and Iran to find a way to 39-day-long conflict in West Asia, questioning where is India and its role . This aspect has been highlighted by few sections within the country , as if the Pakistan's mediatory role has captured the world and India has been left huffing and puffing . Far from that . India is pursuing its definitive course with its persistent faith in dialogue and diplomacy .

Secondly , because India is emerging superpower and has its stakes in all parts of the conflict. The ongoing conflict, which has been put on a pause between the US and Iran, Israel is having its own thoughts on this not aligned with Washington - Tehran's line of thinking. There is a serious difference of opinion on the nature of the talking points for the dialogue between the two sides .

First of all , India is a votary of world peace and stability . This message was conveyed to the world leaders, including President Trump of the US, and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian . Prime Minister Narendra Modi was very clear on two points, during his conversation with the parties involved in the conflict , including Gulf states that were hit by Iranian missiles and drones in retaliation to American-Israeli attacks on its critical infrastructure and the leadership- Tehran lost its top religious and military leadership during the conflict from the day one - February 28. India also had to take into account the safety of its citizens working or living in the Gulf States . There are more more than 10 million Indians residing or working in these countries, it was worried about the safety of its citizens. India reminded the world leaders of these two critical aspects .

India's overall messaging has to be understood both in near and far terms . The Modi government's prime focus was on putting the dialogue and diplomacy to use to bring about an end to the West Asian conflict , not because it affected the world in more than one ways , also because of its long-term losses and sufferings for the humanity India's voice was heard .

As any psychologist and international affairs expert will tell that certain decisions are taken because the statesmanship is respected . That's precisely what happened .Prime Minister Modi's word was listened to and acted upon by Trump and Iranian President . The statesmen provide direction , they don't become mediators . Their word is mediation with a direction .

India was never in contest with any country, leave alone Pakistan , in playing a mediatory role in this conflict . It wanted the countries to understand the devastation that war was causing and the only way out was to sit across the table . It succeeded in convincing the world leaders about its ideas which have been echoed by many other .Some of those who have advanced the theories that Pakistan was trusted for mediation and not India suffer from some kind of amnesia . India's interests are aligned with the whole of the world and it has its own economy, diplomatic values and standing that makes it global leader in voicing the concerns over wars and offering direction how to undo that . Mediators have to exchange the notes . The global leaders don't do that.

Modi's prime interest is in world peace , and the peace in this particular episode will come because of the understanding and commitments that Iran and America make in their agreements . This is not at the behest of the mediator in question , but because of the willingness driven by the world mood against the war, and anti-war protests in the US and Israel, and Iran was also watching depletion of its energy resources at the hands of the military attacks by America-Israel combination .

Finally , Pakistan will have to understand , if it hasn't understood already , that its interest lies in shedding terrorism and making itself relevant . Its relevance will not come through mediation or becoming messenger between the warring sides , but by saying good bye to terrorism once and for all. That's what India has been telling Pakistan time and again.

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