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DAY 70 – “JUST A LOVE TAP” – COMBAT RETURNS TO HORMUZ

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△ HIGH ALERT: US AND IRANIAN FORCES EXCHANGED FIRE IN THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ AGAIN ON THURSDAY – THE SECOND COMBAT ENGAGEMENT IN FOUR DAYS. Three US Navy guided-missile destroyers transited the Strait late Thursday under fire from Iranian missiles, drones, and fast-attack boats. CENTCOM said it “intercepted unprovoked Iranian attacks” and responded with self-defence strikes targeting Iranian military facilities responsible for the attacks – including missile and drone launch sites, command and control locations, and ISR nodes. No US assets were struck. Iran claimed the US violated the ceasefire by targeting an Iranian tanker moving from coastal waters. Trump called the exchange “just a love tap” and said Iranian drones “dropped ever so beautifully down to the Ocean, very much like a butterfly dropping to its grave.” He warned: “Just like we knocked them out again today, we’ll knock them out a lot harder, and a lot more violently, in the future, if they don’t get their Deal signed, FAST!” Despite the combat, both sides INSIST the ceasefire holds. Gen. Caine: the incidents remain “all below the threshold of restarting major combat operations.”

△ DIPLOMATIC: BUT TRUMP CLAIMS IRAN HAS “AGREED” TO THE DEAL. In remarks to reporters Thursday, Trump said Iran’s offer “basically said they will not have nuclear weapons, they are going to hand us the nuclear dust and many other things we want.” Asked if Iran has agreed: “They have agreed.” But he added: “When they agree it doesn’t mean much because the next day they forgot they agreed.” Iran has NOT confirmed agreement. Baqaei said Tehran is still reviewing “messages from the Americans relayed through Pakistani intermediaries.” The Axios MOU details have deepened: Iran would commit to NEVER seek a nuclear weapon; commit NOT to operate underground nuclear facilities; accept snap inspections by UN inspectors; and – in a stunning concession – REMOVE ITS HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM FROM THE COUNTRY (possibly to the US). The US would gradually lift sanctions and release billions in frozen funds. Both sides would lift Hormuz restrictions during a 30-day negotiation period. Talks could be held in Islamabad or Geneva. Trump visits Beijing 14–15 May. The 48-hour response window is now OPEN.

1. SITUATION SUMMARY: DAY 70 – WAR AND PEACE SIMULTANEOUSLY

The war has reached its most paradoxical moment. US forces struck Iranian military facilities on Thursday while Trump simultaneously told reporters that Iran has “agreed” to give up nuclear

weapons. CENTCOM destroyed Iranian launch sites while Witkoff and Kushner negotiate the MOU. Drones fall “like a butterfly dropping to its grave” while the two sides discuss moving enriched uranium to America. The ceasefire is technically in effect while both sides are shooting. Day 70 encapsulates the entire war: violence and diplomacy running on parallel tracks, each informing the other, neither conclusive.

The Thursday Engagement

Element	Detail
US forces	3 guided-missile destroyers transiting the Strait toward the Gulf of Oman.
Iranian attack	Multiple missiles, drones, and small boats launched at the destroyers.
US damage	“No US assets were struck.”
US response	Self-defence strikes on Iranian missile/drone launch sites, C2 locations, and ISR nodes.
Iran’s claim	US targeted an Iranian tanker in coastal waters first. “Significant damage” inflicted on US vessels. US denies.
Trump	“Just a love tap.” Drones “dropped like a butterfly dropping to its grave.”
Ceasefire status	BOTH SIDES SAY IT HOLDS. Gen. Caine: “below the threshold of restarting major combat operations.” Trump: “You’ll just have to look at one big glow coming out of Iran” if it ends.

WS Assessment: CENTCOM striking Iranian military facilities – launch sites, C2, ISR nodes – is a resumption of the kinetic campaign by another name. Calling it “self-defence” preserves the legal fiction that Epic Fury is “over.” The fact that both sides insist the ceasefire holds despite exchanging fire demonstrates that the ceasefire has evolved from a cessation of hostilities into a framework for managed escalation. Neither side wants to be the one to formally end it.

2. THE MOU: IRAN WOULD REMOVE ENRICHED URANIUM FROM THE COUNTRY

Expanded Axios Details

The MOU's nuclear provisions have been revealed in unprecedented detail:

Nuclear Commitment	Detail
No weapons	Iran commits to NEVER seek a nuclear weapon or conduct weaponisation-related activities.
Enrichment moratorium	Moratorium on nuclear enrichment.
Underground facilities	Iran commits NOT to operate underground nuclear facilities.
Inspections	Enhanced inspections regime including SNAP INSPECTIONS by UN inspectors.
Enriched uranium removal	Iran would REMOVE its highly enriched uranium from the country. An option discussed: moving the material to the US.
US sanctions	Gradual lifting of sanctions.
Frozen funds	Gradual release of billions of dollars in Iranian funds frozen globally.
Hormuz	Both sides' restrictions gradually lifted during 30-day negotiation period.
Negotiations	30-day period for detailed agreement. Could be in Islamabad or Geneva.

Trump: "They Have Agreed"

- To reporters Thursday: "It's an offer that basically said they will not have nuclear weapons, they are going to hand us the nuclear dust and many other things that we want."
- Asked if Iran agreed: "They have agreed."
- But: "When they agree it doesn't mean much because the next day they forgot they agreed."
- And: "We're dealing with different sets of leaders."

Iran: Still Reviewing

- **Baqaei:** Tehran is still reviewing "messages from the Americans relayed through Pakistani intermediaries." Will convey its response through Pakistan.
- **Axios reality check:** The White House believes Iran's leadership is divided and it may be hard to forge consensus. Some US officials remain sceptical.
- **Rubio:** "We don't have to have the actual agreement written in one day."

WS Assessment: The enriched uranium removal provision is extraordinary – if confirmed and implemented, it would be the most significant nuclear non-proliferation concession by any state since South Africa dismantled its weapons programme. Trump's claim that Iran "has agreed" appears premature given Iranian media confirming that the response has not been finalised. The 48-hour window from Wednesday's Axios report means Tehran's answer is expected today or tomorrow (Friday). Westminster Security assesses the probability of an MOU framework being agreed by the Beijing summit (14–15 May) as MODERATE TO HIGH.

3. DUBAI AND THE UAE

UAE Airspace

CNN reported that the UAE “previously declared its airspace free of threats on April 9, coinciding with the start of the US-Iran ceasefire, but it has continued intercepting attacks.”

- The UAE “has sustained more incoming fire from Iran than any other country in the past two months.”
- Schools expected to return to in-person from Sunday/Monday.

The MOU’s UAE Impact

If the MOU is signed, the UAE’s three core objectives are addressed: Hormuz gradually reopens (30-day period); the war ends; and the nuclear threat is addressed through a moratorium, inspections, and uranium removal. However, the “gradual” lifting of Hormuz restrictions and 30-day negotiation window mean full normalisation is still weeks away.

Return Guidance

Westminster Security RAISES alert from ELEVATED back to HIGH. Thursday’s combat in the Strait – US strikes on Iranian military facilities, missile and drone exchanges – demonstrates that the ceasefire is a framework for managed escalation, not a genuine cessation of hostilities. The diplomatic trajectory remains positive (MOU near-agreed, Trump claims Iran “agreed”) but the operational environment is still dangerous. Non-essential personnel: CONTINUE return planning but do NOT return until: (1) Iran formally confirms agreement on the MOU framework; (2) no further combat in the Strait for 48 hours; (3) UAE schools return to in-person. Earliest return: mid-next week if the MOU is signed and the Strait stabilises.

4. WESTMINSTER SECURITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **HIGH ALERT (raised from Elevated).** Thursday's combat engagement – US strikes on Iranian facilities, missile exchanges – demonstrates the ceasefire is a managed framework, not peace. But the MOU is the closest to a deal since the war began.
- **Non-essential personnel: CONTINUE return planning. Do not yet return.** Await Iranian formal confirmation of the MOU, 48 hours without Hormuz combat, and schools returning to in-person.
- **Essential personnel: maintain readiness.** The Strait saw combat last night. CENTCOM struck Iranian facilities. The managed escalation framework means both sides are still shooting.
- **Monitor TODAY/TOMORROW for Iran's formal MOU response.** The 48-hour window from Wednesday is now open. Tehran's answer is expected by Friday 9 May.
- **Monitor Beijing summit preparations (14–15 May).** China's Wang Yi backed Iran's nuclear formula. Trump needs a deal before he lands in Beijing.
- **Westminster Security will continue daily SITREPs and emergency updates.** This is the fifty-third edition. Day 70 of the war.

5. KEY POINTS

- **US AND IRAN EXCHANGED FIRE AGAIN IN HORMUZ ON THURSDAY.** 3 US destroyers transited under fire. CENTCOM struck Iranian launch sites, C2, and ISR nodes. No US damage. Trump: “just a love tap.” Drones fell “like a butterfly dropping to its grave.” Both sides insist the ceasefire holds.
- **TRUMP: IRAN HAS “AGREED” TO GIVE UP NUCLEAR WEAPONS.** “They will not have nuclear weapons, they are going to hand us the nuclear dust.” But Iran says it is still reviewing. The 48-hour response window is NOW OPEN. Tehran’s answer expected today or tomorrow.
- **THE MOU: IRAN WOULD REMOVE ENRICHED URANIUM FROM THE COUNTRY.** Possibly to the US. Plus: never seek a weapon, moratorium on enrichment, no underground facilities, snap UN inspections. US: gradual sanctions lifting, release frozen funds. Hormuz restrictions gradually lifted over 30 days. Talks in Islamabad or Geneva.
- **THE CEASEFIRE HAS BECOME A FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGED ESCALATION.** Both sides shoot while insisting the ceasefire holds. Gen. Caine: “below the threshold.” Trump: “you’ll just have to look at one big glow” if it ends. This is not peace. It is controlled violence.
- **UAE: “MORE INCOMING FIRE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.”** CNN assessment. UAE airspace declared “free of threats” but continued intercepting attacks. Schools returning in-person this weekend.
- **HIGH ALERT. Continue return planning. MOU response expected TODAY/FRIDAY.** The most consequential 48 hours since the Islamabad talks. If Iran confirms, the war could end before Beijing. If not, “the bombing starts at a much higher level.” Fifty-third daily edition. Day 70.

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