

Bibi Wants Trump to Enforce Limit on Iran's Missiles, No Help to Proxies

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Tel Aviv: Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wants US President Donald Trump to expand the scope of high-stakes nuclear talks with Iran. The negotiations resumed last week against the backdrop of an American military buildup.

Israel has long called for Iran to cease all uranium enrichment, dial back its ballistic missile program and cut ties to militant groups across the region. Iran has always rejected those demands, saying it would only accept some limits on its nuclear program in return for sanctions relief.

It's unclear if Iran's bloody crackdown on mass protests last month, or the movement of major US military assets to the region, has made Iran's leaders more open to compromise, or if Trump is interested in broadening the already difficult negotiations.



Iran is up to America to decide to act independently of the pressures and destructive influences that are detrimental to the region," said Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Bagheri in a weekly press briefing.

"The Zionist regime has repeatedly used a saboteur strategy that it opposes any diplomatic process in our region that leads to peace."

IN ELECTION YEAR

Meeting with Trump gives Netanyahu an opportunity to bolster his standing at home

On Friday, "The Prime Minister believes that any negotiations must include limiting ballistic missiles and ending support for the Iranian axis," Netanyahu's office said over the weekend, referring to Iran-backed militant groups like the Palestinian Hamas and Lebanon's Hezbollah.

Years of nuclear talks have made little progress since Trump scrapped a 2015 agreement with Iran, who will be in Washington through Wednesday, has spent his decade-long political career pushing for stronger U.S. action towards Iran.

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"UP TO US TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY"

Meanwhile, Iran on Tuesday, warned of "destructive" influence on diplomacy ahead of Netanyahu's visit.

Iran Official in Oman Amid US Nuclear Talks

Dubai: A top Iranian security official traveled on Tuesday to Oman, the west Asia sulfonate now mediating talks between Tehran and Washington over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program aimed at halting a possible American strike.

All Larjani, a former Iranian parliament speaker who now serves as the secretary to the country's Supreme National Security Council, likely carried Iran's response to the initial round of indirect talks held last week in Muscat.

Larjani's entourage shared photos of him meeting with Oman's Foreign Minister Badr al-Busaidi.

Iran has in the past communicated its positions in writing when dealing with the Americans. Iranian media had said Larjani would deliver an important message on the trip.

Larjani also met with Oman's Sultan Haith bin Zayed for nearly three hours, the state-run RNA news agency reported. Neither Iran nor Oman offered any details on what had been discussed in Larjani's meetings.

Larjani was later to travel to Qatar, which hosts a major U.S. military installation. Iran attacked in June after the U.S. bombed Iranian nuclear sites during the 12-day Iran-Israel war.

Iran and the U.S. held nuclear talks last week in Oman. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, speaking to reporters, said that the diplomats at a summit in Tehran, signaled that Iran would stick to its position that it must be able to enrich uranium. AP

9.5B Trips China's Lunar New Year Travel Could Shatter Records

Beijing: Liu Zhiguan was waiting for a 30-plus hour train journey to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, some 2,000 kilometers from Beijing, where he works in construction.

His one of the hundreds of millions expected to travel to their hometowns as part of the world's largest movement of humanity, or "chunyun," as it's called in China, ahead of the Lunar New Year on Feb. 17.

"Things feel worse this year than last. The economy is bad and it's getting harder to make money," he said.

Liu chose a slower train to save money: a high-speed train would take 11 hours but costs more than twice as much. Nonetheless, he chose to make the 30-hour journey to be home for the festival, the one-time of year workers across the country take breaks and spend time with their loved ones.

China's government estimates that 9.5 billion trips will be made during the 40 day-period around the festival, a record high, according to information from the National Development and Reform Commission.

Some 540 million of those trips will be made via train, the Lunar New Year festival is a precious time. A train station in Beijing, passengers were crowded in the waiting areas with large bags and suitcases as they waited for their trains. Others snacked on instant noodles, an easy snack as stations provide hot water for free.

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and 95 million by air.

The rest will be on the road. In a country where workers are expected to put in long hours — including on weekends — and get few days of annual leave, the Lunar New Year festival is a precious time.

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PBoC Vows Financial Aid to Boost Demand

Beijing: China's central bank said on Tuesday it will step up financial support to boost domestic demand, as industrial overcapacity and lackluster consumption weigh on business confidence and dampen the outlook for growth.

The economy is stable but still faces challenges, such as "supply being strong while demand being weak," the People's Bank of China said in its fourth-quarter monetary policy implementation report.

Chinese policymakers have repeatedly pledged to boost domestic consumption to tackle the imbalance between supply and demand. Growth in China's retail sales, a gauge for consumer confidence, lagged behind overall GDP expansion in 2024 and the country's export-driven growth faces uncertainties in a volatile geopolitical environment.

The central bank said it would guide financial institutions to strengthen support for domestic demand, and guide private capital to participate in expanding consumption and investment to jointly stabilize growth. It also pledged to direct more financial resources to support expanding services consumption.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Outstanding amount mentioned as per demand notice	Description of the Immovable Secured Assets	Date and Time of e-auction	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amt	Date & Time of Inspection / EMD	Name and Contact No. of Authorized Officer/ Nodal Assistant
1.	M/s Atal Iron Works (Firm/Borrower) 2. Shri. Brij Mohan Puri (Partner/Borrower) 3. Shri. Ram Mohan Puri (Partner/Borrower) 4. Shri. Urmila Devi Mishra (Mortgagor/Guarantor)	Rs. 21,88,767/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Only) Plus applicable interest/penal charges/additional charges w.e.f. 01.11.2023	All that piece and parcel of immovable property Residential Plot measuring 83.64 sqmt. Situated at Mauza Kasba Etawah (Gandhi Nagar), Etawah, Etawah in the state of Uttar Pradesh and which is bounded as follows: East: Plot of Hakim Singh, West: Gali; North: House of Sultan Singh, South: Gali together with all and singular the structures and erections thereon, both present and future.	16.03.2025 From 11:00 am to 11:00 am	Rs. 32,28,000/- Rs. 10,00,00/-	13.03.2025 during banking hours only. 14.03.2025 by 6.00 p.m.	Richa Awasthi (7905314386) Sumant Prasad (989898355)
2.	M/s Naran Enterprises (Borrower) 3. Shri. Shishir Mishra (Proprietor/Borrower/Guarantor) 4. Shri. Urmila Devi Mishra (Mortgagor/Guarantor)	Rs. 14,43,998/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Only) Plus applicable interest/penal charges/additional charges w.e.f. 02.10.2017	All that piece and parcel of immovable property of House No. J-2/12 Road, West: House No. 2, 11/12 Road, East: 9/15 Mt. Road, West: House No. 12, North: House No. 14, South: 12 Mt. Road together with all and singular the structures and erections thereon, both present and future.	16.03.2025 From 11:00 am to 11:00 am	Rs. 83,70,000/- Rs. 6,37,000/-	13.03.2025 during banking hours only. 14.03.2025 by 6.00 p.m.	Sureel Kr. Tanuja (9392312473) Sumant Prasad (989898355)
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EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
(All amounts are in INR Lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

Sr. No.	Particulars	For the quarter ended			For the nine months ended			Year ended
		December 31, 2025 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2025 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2024 (Audited)	December 31, 2025 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2024 (Audited)	March 31, 2025 (Audited)	
1	Total Income from Operations	43,054.64	41,789.40	38,044.72	1,22,750.65	1,07,420.32	1,45,956.97	
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and Extraordinary Items)	11,238.61	11,665.43	8,900.77	32,739.53	25,047.59	34,096.49	
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and Extraordinary Items)	11,238.61	11,665.43	8,900.77	32,739.53	25,047.59	34,096.49	
4	Share of net profit of associate accounted using equity method	4,421.56	4,594.49	3,896.63	13,152.79	11,236.72	15,018.05	
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and Extraordinary Items)	11,944.57	12,217.92	9,650.44	34,852.22	27,360.75	36,947.32	
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	11,944.57	12,217.92	9,650.44	34,852.22	27,360.75	36,947.32	
7	Paid-up equity share capital including redeemable preference shares	2,38,058.63	2,38,058.63	2,38,058.63	2,38,058.63	2,38,058.63	2,38,058.63	
8	Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves)	1,58,653.25	1,46,814.60	1,15,408.75	1,58,653.25	1,15,408.75	1,24,998.18	
9	Securities Premium Account	16,872.55	16,872.55	16,872.55	16,872.55	16,872.55	16,872.55	
10	Net Worth	3,96,711.88	3,84,873.23	3,53,465.38	3,96,711.88	3,53,465.38	3,63,056.81	
11	Paid-up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	15,09,376.39	15,06,768.63	13,41,347.01	15,09,376.39	13,41,347.01	13,41,347.01	
12	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
13	Debt Equity Ratio	3.80	3.91	3.79	3.80	3.79	3.68	
14	Earnings per share (of ₹ 10 each) (for continuing and discontinuing operations) (not annualised)	Basic (₹)	0.50	0.51	0.41	1.46	1.15	
15	Capital Redemption Reserve/ Debenture Redemption Reserve	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	

Notes:

- The above is an extract of detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results is available on www.aseeminfra.in and www.sebi.gov.in. The above financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- The aforesaid consolidated financial results of the Company have been subjected to limited review by Joint Statutory Auditors and were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the meetings held on February 9, 2026.
- The Company has been assigned credit ratings as mentioned below.

Instruments	Nature	Credit Rating Agency	Rating Assigned
Non-convertible debentures	Long Term Instrument	CARE	AA+ Positive
Non-convertible debentures	Long Term Instrument	CRISIL / ICRA / India Ratings	AA+ Stable
Long-term fund-based/Non-fund based bank lines	Long Term Instrument	CARE / ICRA	AA+ Positive
Long-term fund-based/Non-fund based bank lines	Long Term Instrument	ICRA	AA+ Stable
Short-term fund-based/Non-fund based bank lines	Short Term Instrument	CARE / ICRA	A1+
Commercial Paper	Short Term Instrument	CARE / CRISIL / India Ratings	AA+
Market linked debenture	Long Term Instrument	ICRA	AA+ PP-MLD (Stable)
Subordinate bonds	Long Term Instrument	ICRA	AA+ Stable
Subordinate debt	Long Term Instrument	CARE	AA+ Positive

4. The figures for previous period/year have been regrouped wherever required, to correspond with those of the current period.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Aseem Infrastructure Finance Limited
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Director
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Starmor to Lose 3rd Wicket With Wormald Set to Quit

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer is set to lose a third senior official from his government within days amid expectations that Cabinet Secretary Chris Wormald is preparing to resign, people familiar with the matter said.

Wormald was appointed to his role as the UK's top civil servant little over a year ago, making his tenure the shortest on record.

His departure is likely to be welcomed by many in the governing Labour Party and present an opportunity to bring in a more effective replacement, rather than a sign of further instability for Starmer's administration, government officials told Bloomberg, speaking on condition of anonymity in order to air their private views.

Wormald's departure would follow those of Starmer's chief of staff, Morgan McSwiney, and his communications adviser, Tim Allan, who quit the posts in a tumultuous 48 hours that saw the government on the brink of collapse on Monday.

That outcome was deferred when the PM secured the public support of each member of his cabinet on Monday afternoon as well as that of former deputy prime minister Angela Rayner, who is seen as one of his potential successors. Starmer followed that up with

a well-received speech to his party's Members of Parliament that saw him further shore up his position.

Nonetheless, Wormald's expected exit soon after the departures of McSwiney and Allan underscores persistent questions about Starmer's judgment. His 19-month old government has seen a series of high-profile exits after short periods, most notably the premiership of his predecessor, Boris Johnson, who left the role just three months after the general election.

When he appointed Wormald in 2024, Starmer drew criticism for the "fundamental re-wiring of the British state." That raised eyebrows because Wormald, a former health department official, was a cabinet minister. Angela Rayner, who has been in the role for three decades and was not seen as someone who was likely to

shake up the system.

Starmer will now need to make a series of senior appointments to his political and civil service teams that will shape his ability to navigate the coming weeks. While he appeared to have stabilized his position on Monday, Labour members of parliament said he may still face a challenge after a parliamentary by-election later this month or following the local elections in May.

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