



Iran asks UN to act against ‘economic strangulation’ by U.S.

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Highlights

- Says reimposition of sanctions amounts to ‘aggression’
- Iran y demanded the UN’s top court to suspend U.S. nuclear-linked sanctions against Tehran, accusing Washington of plotting its “economic strangulation”.
- The Islamic Republic launched a suit at the International Court of Justice over U.S. President Donald Trump’s decision to reimpose the sanctions that had been lifted in a 2015 accord alleging breach of a 1955 treaty.
- Mr. Trump says the sanctions are needed to ensure Iran never builds a nuclear bomb. But Iran’s representative Mohsen Mohebi branded them “naked economic aggression”.
- His team of lawyers told the court in The Hague the measures were already devastating Iran’s economy and threatening the welfare of its citizens.
- The sanctions target financial transactions and imports of raw materials, cars and aircraft among other things.
- A second wave of punitive measures is due to hit Iran in early November, targeting its vital energy sector including oil exports.
- Iran’s lawyers said the sanctions would cause it “irreparable prejudice”.
- They urged the court to order the suspension of the sanctions pending a definitive ruling.

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