Military Gains Boost Negotiating Power: Iran



Iranian Speaker Ghalibaf. photo: Al jazeera

Iran is continuing diplomatic negotiations with the United States while maintaining a firm stance, according to the country's chief negotiator and Speaker of Parliament, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf.

In an interview with the state-run broadcaster Press TV, Ghalibaf said that the foundation of the recent talks has been built on Iran's military and strategic achievements.

According to Ghalibaf, successes on the battlefield have strengthened Iran's position not only domestically but also in international negotiations. He argued that the current course of the talks differs from previous rounds because tangible achievements are now influencing diplomatic discussions.

He further stated that these military gains must be translated into a lasting agreement that safeguards Iran's national interests. Ghalibaf added that the outcome of any conflict must ultimately be reflected in legal and political arrangements, otherwise its long-term effectiveness would remain limited.

Meanwhile, new details have emerged regarding the memorandum of understanding under discussion between Iran and the United States. Reports indicate that representatives of both sides signed the agreement digitally without holding a face-to-face meeting.

The reported understanding is said to include the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. It also reportedly contains provisions for easing certain financial sanctions imposed on Iran.