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Trump warns Iran of 'bad things' if no deal made, sets deadline of 10-15 days

President Donald Trump warned Iran on Thursday it must make a deal over its nuclear program or "really bad things" will happen, and set a deadline of 10 to 15 days, drawing a threat from Tehran to retaliate against U. S. bases in the region if attacked.



Iran says draft nuclear plan to be ready in 'next two, three days'

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has said that Tehran would be ready to submit its plan for a nuclear agreement to the United States in the coming days, after President Donald Trump threatened military action.

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Faith over Finances: The Cost of Ramzan for Families in Pakistan

In Pakistan, Ramzan holds great importance both culturally and religiously. However, the cost of observing Ramzan for families in Pakistan can sometimes be overwhelming, especially for those already struggling financially. The challenges faced by families in Pakistan who prioritize faith over finances during the holy month of Ramzan.

Ramzan is a month of spiritual reflection, prayer and fasting for Muslims. In Pakistan, the month of Ramzan brings about a sense of community, charity and devotion to religious practices. The significance of this month is deeply ingrained in the cultural fabric of Pakistani society, with mosques being filled with worshippers, businesses altering their working hours and families coming together for Iftar (the evening meal to break the fast).

Another factor that contributes to the overwhelming nature of Ramzan for families in Pakistan is the need to balance religious observance with daily responsibilities. Many individuals have to juggle work, household chores, and caring for children alongside fasting and engaging in additional prayers during the month. This can lead to fatigue, stress, and a sense of overwhelm as families try to fulfill their religious duties while also meeting their everyday commitments.

During Ramzan, there is a surge in the demand for certain food items, leading to price hikes in the market. Families often find themselves paying more for basic groceries and essential items, making it difficult to manage their daily expenses. Additionally, the tradition of giving zakat (charity) and sadaqah (voluntary donations) during Ramzan adds to the financial burden on families who are struggling to make ends meet.

In Pakistani society, customs and traditions can

put families under immense strain emotionally and financially. For families praying in poverty or financial hardships, the burden of meeting these social expectations can be overwhelming.

The aspect of faith during Ramzan cannot be understated, as it provides a sense of purpose, spiritual fulfillment, and moral guidance to many Pakistanis. The teachings of Islam emphasize compassion, empathy and charity which are exemplified through the acts of generosity and benevolence that characterize the month of Ramzan. The act of giving is highly encouraged during this time, as Muslims are reminded of the importance of sharing their blessings with those less fortunate.

While faith is paramount for many Pakistanis during Ramzan, the aspect cannot be ignored. Families are often torn between upholding their religious duties and managing their financial obligations. Some families may sacrifice basic necessities to ensure they can observe Ramzan properly, while others may struggle to strike a balance between faith and finances.

Despite the emphasis on faith and religious observances during Ramzan, it is essential to acknowledge the socioeconomic challenges and disparities that persist in Pakistani society. The country grapples with issues such as poverty, food insecurity, lack of access to basic amenities and unequal distribution of resources. These challenges are exacerbated during Ramzan, as the cost of living rises, and many disadvantaged individuals struggle to make ends meet.

The poverty rate in Pakistan stands at around 24%, with a significant portion of the population living below the poverty line. During Ramzan the demand for essential goods such as food, beverages and clothing increases, leading to inflation

and financial strain for many families. In addition, marginalized communities, including daily wage earners, laborers, and street vendors, face heightened vulnerabilities during this time, as they grapple with limited resources and unstable livelihoods. Pakistani society's humanitarian issues come to the forefront during Ramzan. While many individuals and organizations engage in philanthropic efforts and charitable activities, there remains a pressing need for sustained support and interventions to address the root causes of poverty, hunger, and social injustice. The concept of Zakat, or obligatory charity in Islam, serves as a reminder of the importance of uplifting the marginalized and vulnerable members of society.

Several NGOs, charities and community-based organizations in Pakistan run initiatives and campaigns during Ramzan to provide food aid, clothing, healthcare services and educational support those in need. These efforts aim to alleviate the suffering of disadvantaged individuals and families, promote social cohesion and foster a culture of compassion and solidarity. However, the scale and scope of humanitarian challenges require collective actions, sustain long-term investments in social welfare programs and poverty alleviation strategies.

Ramzan teaches that faith, patience, and generosity matter more than material abundance. Families learn to focus on gratitude, self-discipline, and caring for others, even when money is tight. In this way, the challenges of Ramzan in Pakistan also become lessons in resilience and compassion. Ultimately the month reminds everyone that true blessings are measured not by the richness of meals, but by the strength of family, faith, and community. Even in difficult times, Pakistani families continue to celebrate Ramzan with devotion, humility and hope.

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