

Ahead of Oman Talks, Pezeshkian Says Iran Will Not Cede Its Achievements



President Masoud Pezeshkian tours an exhibition showcasing achievements in Iran's nuclear industry, accompanied by Mohammad Eslami, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, on April 9, 2025.

Iranian FM convenes with Algerian intellectuals, calls for Islamic solidarity on Palestine

TEHRAN – During a two-day visit to Algeria, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi reinforced Tehran's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and addressing critical international issues, including Palestine's liberation and indirect negotiations on Iran's peaceful nuclear program.

The visit, marked by high-level diplomatic consultations, underscored Algeria and Iran's historical alignment on anti-colonial struggles and mutual support in global forums.

In a Tuesday meeting with Algerian intellectuals, cultural figures, and media representatives, Araghchi articulated the principles of Iran's foreign policy stances.

He condemned the "80-year occupation of Palestine" and the Israeli regime's "colonial project to erase the Palestinian nation," which has intensified over the past 17 months through "unprecedented genocide in Gaza and the West Bank." ▶ Page 2

Iran calls Tehran-Moscow-Beijing nuclear talks 'productive'

TEHRAN —Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs has announced that the senior experts from Iran, Russia, and China convened in Moscow on Tuesday for a productive round of technical and expert-level discussions focused on the future of nuclear negotiations, sanctions relief, and the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2231.

Kazem Gharibabadi made the remarks via his official X account, noting that the session followed recent agreements made between deputy foreign ministers during talks in Beijing.

According to Gharibabadi, the three sides exchanged views and proposals concerning the path forward, reaffirming their commitment to maintaining close trilateral coordination on the matter.

"Iran remains firmly committed to diplomacy and will continue consultations with all relevant parties," he emphasized. ▶ Page 2

Iran, Azerbaijan sign bilingual MOU at 16th joint economic committee meeting

TEHRAN – Iran and Azerbaijan signed Persian and Azeri versions of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Tuesday during the 16th Joint Economic Committee meeting, co-chaired by Iran's Minister of Transport and Urban Development and Azerbaijan's Deputy Prime Minister.

According to the Ministry of Transport and Urban Development, the meeting between Iranian Minister Farzaneh Sadegh and Azerbaijan's Deputy Prime Minister Shahin Mustafayev focused on reviewing bilateral projects and cooperation in economic, transport, trade, energy, and banking sectors.

The two sides also finalized agreements and action plans to be highlighted during the upcoming visit of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian to Azerbaijan.

The signed Persian and Azeri texts of the memorandum were appended to the English version of the MOU, which had been previously signed in Tehran in February 2025.

As part of her official visit, Minister Sadegh is also scheduled to inspect joint transport infrastructure projects between the two countries. ▶ Page 4

Geagea is standing against Aoun and Salam

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT — Despite having four ministers in the Lebanese cabinet, Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea is waging a "battle" against President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam to secure major gains ahead of the upcoming parliamentary elections and to avoid being treated as a non-partisan party in any domestic or regional settlement.

We recall that Geagea believed he deserved the post of president not only because of his far-right Christian popular base but also because he had complied with the Western-Arab guardianship over Lebanon.

Geagea preferred someone as president who shared his anti-Hezbollah vision, such as Fouad Makhzoumi or Ashraf Rifi to form the government.

Obviously, Geagea succeeded in alienating his Christian opponents, particularly the Free Patriotic and the Marada movements, as he has maintained key portfolios, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, believing this would help him finally undermine the Shiite communities, Hezbollah, and Amal.

Pricey war, minimal gains in Yemen

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Yemeni forces have launched new, advanced military operations as American media shifts focus to the mounting costs of America's bombing campaign.

American outlets say President Donald Trump's military campaign against Yemen has cost nearly \$1 billion in less than three weeks.

According to sources cited by CNN, the bombing campaign that began on March 15 and killed scores of civilians, has had limited success in weakening the capabilities of the Yemeni Armed Forces.

Officials from the Pentagon's Joint Staff, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, and the State Department acknowledged to Congress that Yemeni forces have continued to fortify bunkers and maintain underground weapons stockpiles.

U.S. media reports indicate that these tactics resemble those used during the year-long strikes carried out under the Biden administration.

Musk vs. Navarro: Economic turmoil and political dispute

By Sahar Dadjoo

TEHRAN – By April 9, the United States faced significant political and economic turbulence due to a heated dispute between Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Peter Navarro, a senior trade adviser to President Donald Trump. The conflict, rooted in Trump's assertive tariff policies, revealed internal discord within the administration, raised concerns about its economic approach, and ignited extensive discussions about the potential effects on both domestic and international economies.

The feud between Musk and Navarro was sparked by Trump's announcement of sweeping tariffs on imports from over 180 countries, including rates as high as 104% on Chinese goods and 20% on European Union products. Navarro, a staunch advocate for these tariffs, argued they would revitalize U.S. manufacturing and reduce trade deficits. Musk, a proponent of free trade, strongly opposed the policies, leading to a public clash.

On April 7, Navarro dismissed Musk's calls for a "zero-tariff" policy on CNBC, labeling Tesla as a "car assembler" reliant on imported parts.

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"With Al-Aqsa Storm: From Beginning to Final Victory" photo exhibition opens in Tehran

By Samaneh Aboutalebi

TEHRAN- The photo exhibition titled "With Al-Aqsa Storm: From Beginning to Final Victory" was officially opened in Gallery No. 1 of the Iran Photographers House in Tehran on Tuesday.

The exhibition features a collection of images captured by diverse media photographers who have been covering events in occupied Palestine since the onset of Operation Al-Aqsa Storm.

Organized by the Iran Photographers House, affiliated with the Art Bureau, the exhibition has been launched in honor of Revolutionary Art Week, which commenced on Wednesday. ▶ Page 8



Tehran protest condemns Israel's 'unprecedented bloodbath' in Gaza, decries global silence

TEHRAN – Thousands gathered in Tehran's Palestine Square on Wednesday to protest the Israeli regime's ongoing atrocities in Gaza, condemning its "unprecedented genocide" and repeated ceasefire violations.

The rally highlighted Tel Aviv's "crimes against humanity," including the killing of civilians, attacks on UN-monitored clinics, and destruction of critical infrastructure like Gaza's desalination plants.

"The Zionist regime has turned Gaza into a graveyard for women and children," read a statement from protesters, citing Rafah's razed heritage and starvation.

They condemned global inaction: "Which criminal caused such bloodshed in 10 days?" Highlighting Iran's solidarity, they noted al-Quds Day rallies as proof, urging the world to "awaken to this moral catastrophe."