

Saudi defense minister delivers King Salman's message to Ayatollah Khamenei

Hostile Motives Against Iran-Saudi Ties Must Be Overcome: Leader



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Iran, Saudi Arabia could serve as model for regional cooperation: Pezeshkian

TEHRAN – Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian emphasized the potential of Iran and Saudi Arabia to serve as a model for regional cooperation during a meeting with Saudi Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman on Thursday evening in Tehran.

The meeting, which took place shortly after the Saudi minister's arrival, was aimed at discussing regional developments and enhancing bilateral relations.

In his address, Pezeshkian underscored the shared religious, cultural, and historical ties between Islamic countries and highlighted the need for greater unity among them. "We consider you our brothers, and since the beginning of this administration, we have worked to strengthen ties between Islamic nations," he stated. He went on to explain that a united Islamic world could work towards ending the human tragedies, such as those occurring in Gaza, by confronting external forces like the Zionist regime.

Pezeshkian reiterated that Iran is fully committed to expanding its relations with Saudi Arabia across all sectors and extending this cooperation to other Islamic nations.

Tehran-Riyadh axis against Israel's genocide

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TEHRAN – "Years ago, right where you are sitting now, your uncle, King Abdullah, was seated. I told him that we see close relations with Saudi Arabia as beneficial for ourselves. If you also see it as beneficial for yourselves, these ties can grow stronger."

These words, spoken during the recent meeting between the special envoy of the Saudi Crown Prince and the Leader of the Islamic Revolution in Tehran—where a message from Mohammed bin Salman was delivered to Ayatollah Khamenei—should be considered one of the pivotal events influencing shifts in the security order of the West Asian region. This event could mark the beginning of Riyadh's "region-centric" approach to West Asian security.

Nearly two decades have passed since Ayatollah Khamenei addressed these words to the Saudi king—twenty years during which Riyadh chose to outsource its security umbrella to transregional powers, particularly the United States, rather than focusing on a strategy of "regional security by regional countries."

Saudi defense minister's Tehran visit signals strategic realignment in Persian Gulf

By Xavier Villar

MADRID – Saudi Arabia's Defense Minister, Khalid bin Salman, landed in Tehran this week on an official visit that further cements the ongoing diplomatic thaw between the two principal powers of the Persian Gulf.

The reception—marked by full military honors and led by the Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, Major General Mohammad Bagheri—symbolized the mutual willingness of both capitals to institutionalize a new phase of strategic dialogue.

The visit, made at the invitation of General Bagheri, includes a series of high-level meetings with senior Iranian political and security officials. According to official Iranian sources, the talks center on deepening defense cooperation, enhancing regional stability, and coordinating efforts against terrorism—fields where, after years of confrontation, Tehran and Riyadh appear increasingly aligned in their recognition of shared interests.

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Rubio blames Iran for JCPOA collapse, overlooks U.S. withdrawal from the deal

TEHRAN – Marco Rubio, the U.S. Secretary of State, has said European nations need to make a decision on whether to reinstate sanctions against Iran, accusing Tehran of not complying with the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

Following talks with his European counterparts in Paris on Thursday, Rubio claimed, "They must make a crucial decision soon regarding the reactivation of sanctions, as Iran has clearly exited the current deal." ► Page 2

Iran, India seek closer agricultural ties at BRICS summit

TEHRAN – Iran and India have called for expanded cooperation in agriculture during a meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS agriculture ministers' summit in Brazil, underscoring their shared commitment to food security and sustainable development.

Iran's Agriculture Minister Gholamreza Nouri Ghezleh met with his Indian counterpart, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in Brasilia, where he stressed the need to activate the Iran-India Joint Agricultural Committee and deepen collaboration on food security, biotechnology, and agricultural research. ► Page 4

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Iran FM discusses bilateral cooperation, regional issues in Moscow

MOSCOW – Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi made a two-day visit to Moscow on Thursday with the primary aim of delivering a letter from Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

On the sidelines of a ceremony marking Army Day in Iran, Araghchi briefed reporters on his earlier meeting with Putin. ► Page 2

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Pezeshkian praises Iran's armed forces on National Army Day

TEHRAN – Iran celebrated its National Army Day on Friday with a series of military parades across Tehran and other provinces, showcasing the country's defense capabilities and achievements.

President Masoud Pezeshkian, who attended the event in Tehran alongside senior government and military officials, praised the Iranian armed forces for their "strength and preparedness" and for achieving "self-sufficiency" in military production. ► Page 2

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