



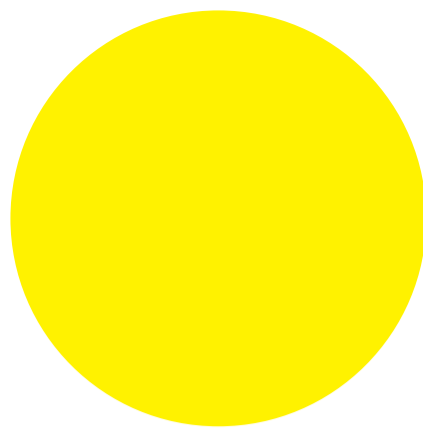
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## Iran, IAEA Stress Cooperation

Raeisi urges IAEA not to be affected by political powers



### Iran-IAEA interaction basis



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The visit of Rafuel Grossi, the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), to Iran, seems to have yielded fruitful results, as indicated by the available information.

Prior to Grossi's visit, his deputy had already negotiated and reached an agreement with the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) in Tehran, which paved the way for Grossi's diplomatic visit to the country. It appears that the IAEA and Iran have established a framework for continued cooperation, and this is expected to have a positive impact on future endeavors.

Regarding nuclear safeguards, Iran has certain obligations to the IAEA, and in turn, the IAEA has certain obligations to Iran. As long as this understanding remains within the technical and legal framework, there should be no issues. However, when political considerations creep in, challenges can arise. As per the IAEA's statute, the director-general is mandated to approach matters with impartiality and non-political objectivity, though this is not always the case.

Nonetheless, it seems that during the latest diplomatic mission, both sides have been able to find a viable solution for collaboration, much like the successful "modality" approach in 2007 when the IAEA had posed six critical questions to Iran, and the Islamic Republic had provided comprehensive answers. Page 2 >

### Iran's mining exports top \$11b in 11 months



#### Economic Desk

Iran's mining industry has shown significant growth in exports, generating \$11.1 billion in revenue during the first 11 months of the Iranian calendar year (starting from March 21).

Although there was a five percent decrease in the value of exports compared with the same period in its preceding year, the industry managed to ship 43.8 million tons of various products, marking a four percent increase in weight.

Steel products, representing 46.8% of total exports, accounted for the largest share, valued at \$5.2 billion. Copper and downstream products, other mineral commodities, aluminum products, and iron ore followed as the next largest export categories. Additionally, \$317 million worth of cement products were also exported during this period. Page 8 >

#### Political Desk

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) issued a joint statement at the end of the Tehran visit by the agency's director general on Saturday, specifying the terms of their future cooperation and interaction. IAEA Director General Rafuel Grossi arrived in Tehran on Friday on a two-day visit and met Iranian

President Ebrahim Raeisi, as well as Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and AEOI President Mohammad Eslami, according to [aeoi.org.ir](http://aeoi.org.ir).

These high-level meetings addressed the importance of taking steps in order to facilitate enhanced cooperation, to expedite as appropriate the resolution of outstanding safeguards issues. Both sides recognize that such positive engagements can pave the way for wider

agreements among state parties.

In their statements, the two sides agreed on the following issues:

1. Interactions between the IAEA and Iran will be carried out in a spirit of collaboration, and in full conformity with the competences of the IAEA and the rights and obligations of Iran, based on the comprehensive safeguards agreement.

2. Regarding the outstand-

ing safeguards issues related to the three locations, Iran expressed its readiness to continue its cooperation and provide further information and access to address the outstanding safeguards issues.

3. Iran, on a voluntary basis will allow the IAEA to implement further appropriate verification and monitoring activities. Modalities will be agreed between the two sides in the course of a technical meeting which will

take place soon in Tehran.

#### Raeisi urges impartiality

In his meeting with Grossi, the Iranian president called on the IAEA to adopt a completely professional approach toward Tehran's peaceful nuclear program and refrain from letting political powers, which only seek to achieve their objectives, affect its activities. Page 2 >



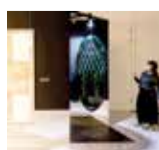
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### European countries urge Israel to halt settlement expansion

#### International Desk

Six European countries issued a joint statement to condemn Israel's plan to construct over 7,000 new settler units in the occupied West Bank.

Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Poland, and Spain called for the immediate halt of Israel's illegal expansion of settlements and the reversal of the legalization of settlement outposts.

The international community regards all Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Al-Quds as illegal under international law. The United Nations Security Council

has passed several resolutions denouncing Israel's settlement activities in the occupied territories.

The European statement came in the wake of an attack by hundreds of armed Israeli settlers on the village of Huwara and surrounding areas. The settlers set fire to dozens of houses and cars, resulting in the death of one Palestinian and injuring at least 390 others. The European Union's envoy to Palestine has called for accountability and justice for the perpetrators. The attack was reportedly in retaliation for the killing of two Israeli brothers by a Palestinian fighter in Huwara.

### France's nuclear output hit by strike at EDF

A labor strike at EDF, a major French utility, impeded France's nuclear energy output, according to data released by the company.

The rolling walkout, which started on Friday, has resulted in a decrease of about 2.1 gigawatts of nuclear plant electricity output capacity – equivalent to the output of two reactors – according to the data.

The strike has affected the production of four nuclear reactors at the Tricastin power plant and the second reactor at Flamanville, as per EDF data.

President Emmanuel Macron has resolved to execute alterations to elevate the minimum retirement age



from 62 to 64, notwithstanding nationwide protests and strikes. The laborers at EDF commenced their walkout much before the scheduled strike on March 7, when the unions have announced that France will come to a halt in dissent of the reforms.