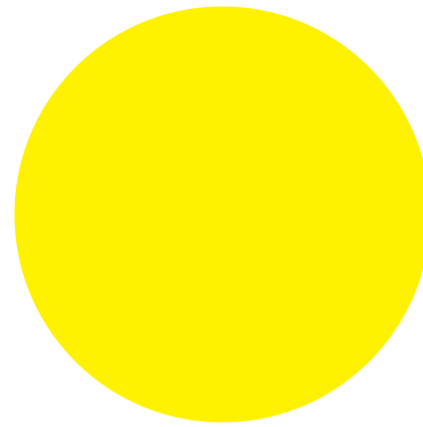




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Iran's Nahid Kiani rejoices after winning gold medal in the women's -53kg final at the World Taekwondo Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, on June 4, 2023. **WORLD TAEKWONDO**

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IAEA chief: Some progress made over recent deal with Tehran

International Desk
UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi said some progress has been made over the implementation of a recent agreement reached between the agency and Tehran. Addressing a regular meeting of the 35-member board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Monday, Grossi said "some progress has been made, but not as much as I had hoped", adding that what had been done so far was "a fraction of what we envisaged".

Iran and the IAEA agreed in March to take steps aimed at facilitating enhanced cooperation and expediting the resolution of outstanding safeguards issues. They also agreed to reconnect surveillance cameras at several nuclear sites almost a year after they were turned off. Grossi said "implementing a number of voluntary additional monitoring and verification measures" as agreed in March was "going very slow". "There is a lot more that needs to be done... We need to go faster," he told report-

ers after opening the IAEA meeting. He also said that the UN agency will "never politicize" its work in Iran, insisting after Israel's prime minister accused it of capitulating to Iranian pressure that his agency has been "very fair but firm." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's comments came after a report from the

IAEA last week said that its investigators had closed off their investigation of traces of uranium found at Marivan, near the city of Abadeh, about 525 kilometers (325 miles) southeast of Tehran. Grossi said that his agency's work is "neutral, it is impartial, it is technical." "We will always say things as they are," Grossi said.

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Iran-IAEA cooperation framework

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EXCLUSIVE

In recent days, Iran has been at the center of diplomatic discussions and regional as well as international collaboration. The activities range from the foreign minister's visit to South Africa to attend in the ministerial meeting of the "BRICS" group, to the navy commander's proposal for the establishment of a naval alliance involving Iran and regional nations such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, Bahrain, and India in the near future. Another significant development was the commencement of the quarterly meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors. All these developments shed light on Iran's role in fostering cooperation based on mutual respect. The IAEA Board of Governors' ongoing meeting, which commenced on Monday, holds particular importance as it exemplifies the successful implementation of Iran's stated strategy of exhibiting both resilience and flexibility when necessary. A focal point of the gathering is the presentation of the IAEA director general's report on the verification and inspection of Iran's nuclear activities under UN Security Council Resolution 2231. Prior to the meeting, IAEA chief Rafael Grossi's report was distributed to the 35 members of the Board of Governors, and on the first day of the meeting, Grossi himself announced positive progress in cooperation with Iran. However, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu criticized the director general's report, referring to it as a "black stain" on the agency's record.

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Iran to reopen diplomatic missions in Saudi Arabia this week



AFP

National Desk

Iran's Foreign Ministry's spokesman Nasser Kanaani said on Monday Iran will reopen its diplomatic missions in Saudi Arabia this week after seven year closure. Kanaani said that Iran's Embassy in Riyadh and its Consulate in Jeddah and its representative office to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) "will be officially reopened on Tuesday and Wednesday". A diplomatic source had earlier told AFP that the opening "will take place Tuesday at 6:00 pm local time (1500 GMT) with the presence of the newly appointed Iranian ambassador" to Saudi Arabia. Kanaani said Iran's Embassy in Riyadh and its consulate general in Jeddah have started their activities before the departure of Iranians to attend the annual Hajj pilgrimage.

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OPEC+ extends oil cuts as KSA pledges to reduce output

The influential Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known as OPEC+, on Sunday made no changes to its planned oil production cuts for this year, as coalition chair Saudi Arabia announced further voluntary declines. OPEC+ also announced in a statement that it will limit combined oil production to 40.463 million barrels per day over January-December 2024. Previously, the alliance agreed to a 2 million barrels-per-day decline in October. Some OPEC+ members also announced some voluntary drops of just over 1.6 million

barrels per day in April. Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said Sunday that all voluntary cuts, which were initially set to expire after 2023, will now be extended until the end of 2024, in comments reported by Reuters. Saudi Arabia's Energy Ministry said Riyadh will implement an additional voluntary one-month 1 million-barrel-per-day cut starting this July, which can be extended. This will bring the kingdom's total voluntary declines to 1.5 million barrels per day over the period, reining in its production to 9 million barrels. Oil prices rose following the decision.

BRICS, SCO can play major roles as unilateralism coming to end: Iranian FM

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said the era of unilateralism is coming to an end, and that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the BRICS group of countries will play major roles in the future as a new world order is emerging. Amir-Abdollahian made the remarks in a post published on his Instagram page on Sunday. He also described Friends of BRICS as friends of multilateralism. "Nowadays, all independent countries have realized that they should not rely on one political bloc in international relations," he said. He added, "The era of unilateralism is ending, and coalitions like the SCO and BRICS can have a significant

role in future partnerships." The chief Iranian diplomat highlighted that the BRICS group of countries has found an important position in international affairs due to its credibility and its efforts to address the shortcomings of the international system and promote multilateralism. "This position will be further strengthened with the accession of other regional and aligned heavyweights [to the grouping]," he added. The SCO was founded in 2001 by China, Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. The BRICS group includes five emerging economies - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.