



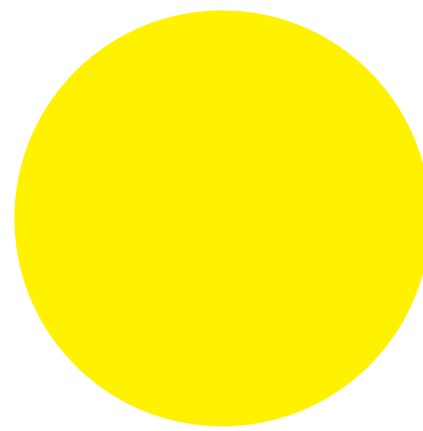
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Egypt, GCC pursue better relations with Iran

International Desk

Egypt and the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) stated that they intend to establish better relations with Iran, lauding the positive impacts of the Tehran-Riyadh rapprochement on regional stability.

The spokesman of Egypt's Foreign Ministry Ahmed Abu-Zeid told CBC News that Cairo wishes its relations with Tehran to be positive, and interactions with the Islamic Republic have never been broken off. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian also pointed

to numerous commonalities between Iran and Egypt, saying the two countries are drawing up plans to improve relations. "We set no limitation to the expansion of all-out cooperation with Egypt," he stated Tuesday, according to Press TV.

The secretary general of the GCC told Al Jazeera that all Persian Gulf countries welcomed the normalization of ties between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Jassim Mohamed Albudaiwi said they want to hold deep discussions with Iran within the framework of international conventions.

A lose-lose situation for Netanyahu

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during a period of prolonged instability and uncertain coalitions, has now become the epicenter of internal turmoil, with unprecedented levels of instability associated with it.

Over the past eight months, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's far-right coalition has been grappling with unparalleled internal and external pressure. Criticism of the cabinet's policies, particularly the controversial ju-

dicial reform bill, has even drawn protests and opposition from its staunchest supporter, the United States. These criticisms were severe enough to lead to the denial of the Prime Minister's travel permission to the United States for a meeting with the US President, marking the first time in seven months that such a meeting has been withheld.

In a surprising move, the US government extended an invitation to Isaac Herzog, the Israeli president, bypassing the prime minister.

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