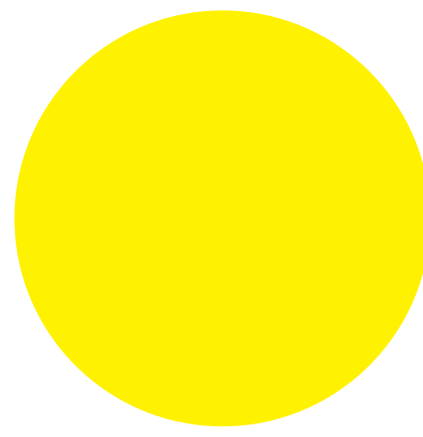


**International Desk** Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei said the enemies plotted to dismantle the Islamic Revolution through a maneuver akin to the 1953 Iranian coup d'état, only to find their schemes successfully countered by Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC). Making the remarks in a meeting with the Supreme Assembly of Commanders of the IRGC in Tehran on Thursday, he noted that this is the root cause of the enemies' grudge against the elite force, according to Press TV. [Page 2 >](#)



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Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (L.) holds talks with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on August 18, 2023. [mfa.gov.ir](#)

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### Russia, Brazil explore Iran's membership in BRICS

The president of Russia and the foreign minister of Brazil talked with their Iranian counterparts, highlighting what the Asian country could add to BRICS if its application for membership is accepted in the bloc's upcoming summit in South Africa. In a telephone conversation on Thursday, Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin discussed ways to promote bilateral cooperation in various fields, specifically in the energy sector and trade. Also, the Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira said Brazil and Iran have significant economic and trade capacities, and expressed the Brazilian government's interest in the expansion of ties with Iran. [REUTERS](#)



### 'Iranophobia' no longer functioning

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**OPINION EXCLUSIVE**

Iran's Foreign Minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, reciprocated his Saudi counterpart's recent visit to Tehran with a journey to the kingdom. During this visit, the FM engaged in discussions with Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan in the capital city of Riyadh and subsequently held an important meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Jeddah. Farhan's recent visit to Iran, following years of severed ties, marked a significant thaw in the political relations between two prominent Muslim nations of the Middle East. Now, with Amir-Abdollahian visiting Saudi Arabia, the trajectory continues, underscoring the ongoing trend of diplomatic re-engagement. [Page 7 >](#)