Iran's FM calls **UN inaction** on Gaza 'catastrophe of diplomacy of the century'









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as part of any deal.

