

# Reforming int'l system on BRICS agenda

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## PERSPECTIVE EXCLUSIVE

At the conclusion of the first day of the BRICS member countries' summit in Nizhny Novgorod, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a 54-point statement. This statement covers a wide range of global issues, including regional and international developments and conflicts. Ali Bagheri, the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran, and senior diplomats from other BRICS member countries attended the summit. According to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, they reviewed and approved a statement previously discussed by the group's Sherpas (special national representatives) over the preceding three days. One section of the statement expressed deep and sincere condolences from the BRICS foreign ministers to the people and government of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the tragic passing of Ayatollah Raisi, President of Iran, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, Foreign Minister, and other companions in an aviation accident. The first day of the summit commenced with diplomats paying tribute to the late President of Iran.

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The foreign/international relations ministers of the BRICS countries emphasized their commitment to

strengthening BRICS' strategic partnership across three main areas—political and security, economic and financial, and cultural and humanitarian relations. According to the

statement, senior BRICS diplomats reaffirmed their commitment to the group's approach of mutual respect, understanding, equality, solidarity, inclusiveness, and consensus.

Additionally, they welcomed the active participation of new members and guaranteed continued support for them in the BRICS cooperation mechanisms.

## BRICS, Ukraine crisis

The statement reiterated the national positions of BRICS members on the situation in Ukraine, as previously expressed in forums such as the United Nations Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly. The members also supported proposals for mediation aimed at peacefully resolving the Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy.

## Concern over deteriorating situation in Palestine

The BRICS foreign ministers expressed deep concern about the worsening situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly the unprecedented violence in the Gaza Strip resulting from Israeli military operations, which have caused significant civilian casualties, displacement

of many Palestinians, and destruction of civilian infrastructure. The statement called for the effective implementation of relevant United Nations resolutions and UNSC Resolution 2720, and for the immediate, safe, and unimpeded delivery of essential humanitarian aid directly to

the Palestinian civilian population across the Gaza Strip. It also urged the effective implementation of UNSC Resolution 2728 for establishing a long-term and sustainable ceasefire in Gaza and the immediate and unconditional release of all civilians forcibly taken captive.



## Condemnation of Israel

The BRICS foreign ministers voiced deep concern over the intensifying attacks by the Israeli regime on Rafah, which could lead to a severe humanitarian crisis. They condemned the Israeli military operations in Rafah and their direct impact on civilian life, particularly given the high density of the Palestinian civilian population in the area and the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Rafah border crossing from the Palestinian side. The ministers also reiterated their rejection of any attempts to displace or forcibly relocate Palestinians from their land and warned of the risk of spreading instability throughout the Middle East due to escalating tensions.