

# Pezeshkian: Boost in ties with Asian states a 'priority'

Tokyo ready to help JCPOA revival: *Japan's PM*

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Iran's president-elect said further development of ties with Asian countries, especially Japan, is one of the priorities of his government's foreign policy, expressing hope for expansion of relations between Iran and Japan. Masoud Pezeshkian made the remarks in a phone conversation with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Monday. Referring to the 95-year-old "diplomatic and friendly relations" between the two nations, Pezeshkian expressed hope that Tehran and Tokyo would strengthen their relations by expansion of economic and trade ties. Both sides also talked about the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement from which the

United States unilaterally withdrew and illegally reimposed sanctions against Iran. The Japanese prime minister expressed hope for the revival of the deal, saying that the international community and Japan expect more from Pezeshkian's administration for effective interaction with the world in this regard. Referring to his country's good relations with both Tehran and Washington, Kishida announced Tokyo's readiness to play a constructive role to revive the agreement, also known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Pezeshkian told the Japanese prime minister that it was the US that withdrew from the landmark agreement. However, he said, Iran has always been ready



Fumio Kishida



Masoud Pezeshkian

for any dialogue to secure the rights of the Iranian nation. Pezeshkian and Kishida

also exchanged their views on the situation in the region, especially in Gaza, with Kishida expressing his

high hopes for Iran to play a more effective role toward regional peace and stability. Kishida described the on-

going crisis in Gaza as the most import challenge facing the international community, saying that Japan will continue its diplomatic efforts to establish a ceasefire and provide assistance to the Palestinians in Gaza, as well as prevent the spread of conflict to the region. Iran's president-elect called for Japan, as a rotating member of the UN Security Council and the G-7, to make more efforts to exert pressure on the Israeli regime and its supporters to stop the war on Gaza. Israel's strikes have killed more than 39,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip since October 7 when the Hamas resistance group launched an operation on the occupied territories, which claimed the lived of more than 1,100 people.

## Iran breaks monopoly in nuclear products, services: *AEOI chief*



The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said the country has managed to break the monopoly in the nuclear industry as its homegrown products and services are nowadays traded in the global market. Mohammad Eslami made the remarks in an interview with the Khamenei.ir website, which was published on Monday, Press TV reported.

"The capabilities of the Islamic Republic of Iran in nuclear technology have broken the monopoly in this sector, so that our services and products are present in the world's markets, with some of them being exported to several countries," he said. Eslami also noted that Iran has the capacity to export radiopharmaceuticals to different countries, adding that the country is also exporting heavy water and its derivatives. Iranian researchers have succeeded in producing stable isotopes that are strategic, expensive, and of high quality. He further said that Iran received requests for cooperation after holding the 1st International Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology with the participation of 22 countries back in May. Over the past years, Iran has recorded many achievements in its peaceful nuclear energy program in defiance of US sanctions as well as hurdles created by the West. As one of the first signatories to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Iran has also been closely cooperating with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

## Palestinian factions agree to form unity government



Palestinian factions including Hamas and Fatah agreed to end their divisions and form an interim national unity government during negotiations in China that ended on Tuesday, China's Foreign Ministry said. The Beijing Declaration was signed at the closing ceremony of a reconciliation dialogue among 14 Palestinian factions held in China's capital from July 21-23, according to the readout, Reuters reported. The meeting was held amid attempts by international mediators to reach a cease-fire deal for Gaza,

with one of the sticking points being the "day-after" plan - how the Hamas-run Gaza will be governed once the war that began on Oct. 7 ends. Senior Hamas official Husam Badran said the most important point of the Beijing Declaration was to form a Palestinian national unity government to manage the affairs of Palestinians. "This creates a formidable barrier against all regional and international interventions that seek to impose realities against our people's interests in managing Palestinian affairs

post-war," Badran said. Badran said the national unity government would manage the affairs of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, oversee reconstruction, and prepare conditions for elections. Currently Hamas runs Gaza and Fatah forms the backbone of the Palestinian Authority, which has limited control in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Details of the agreement did not set out a time-frame for forming a new government. In March, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who heads Fatah, appointed a new government led by one of his close aides, Mohammad Mustafa. The agreement further demonstrates Beijing's growing influence in the Middle East, after it brokered a breakthrough peace deal between Saudi Arabia and Iran last year.

"The core achievement is to make it clear that the Palestine Liberation Organization is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi said during the closing ceremony, according to the readout. "China sincerely hopes that the Palestinian factions will achieve Palestinian independence at an early date on the basis of internal reconciliation, and is willing to strengthen communication and coordination with relevant parties to jointly work to implement the Beijing Declaration reached today." The most "prominent highlight" was the agreement on forming an interim national reconciliation government around the post-war governance of Gaza, Wang said, adding that the international community should support efforts to form an interim Palestinian government to control Gaza and the West Bank.

## Belgian youth applaud Leader's support for Palestine

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A group of Belgian youth responded to a recent letter from the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, praising his resolute rebuttal of the Israeli regime's atrocities and his courageous support for Palestinians. "We are profoundly moved by your impassioned plea for justice, for the relentless pursuit of truth, as well as your unwavering commitment to the Palestinian cause and the oppressed across the globe. Your recent resolute rebuttal of the criminal aggression by Israel and the ongoing genocide unfolding in Gaza stands as an admirable example of courage and determination," the letter read. The youth expressed their deep gratitude to Ayatollah Khamenei for his letter. "Your words resonated deep within us, the youth of Europe and North America, and we applaud your valiance in addressing these pivotal matters with candor and conviction." The youth said they observe daily pro-Palestinian protests across the world. In these days, the movement of European and American students to support Palestine is gaining momentum, and several campuses are involved in the United States and Europe. The Belgian youth said the move testifies to the new awareness of Western youth in the face of such injustices in the world. In a letter to western students supporting the Palestinian people, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "You are now standing on the right side of history." The Leader called the students part of the resistance front that have ushered in a dignified struggle.

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## Iran slams Israel participation in Paris Olympics

Iran condemned on Tuesday the "reception and protection" of Israeli athletes at the Olympic games in Paris, demanding their exclusion over Israel's months-long genocidal war against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip. Israel's delegation, which headed to France on Monday ahead of Friday's opening ceremony, is being tightly protected in the French capital amid growing international outrage over the high civilian casualty toll and unfolding humanitarian crisis in Gaza. "Announcing the recep-

tion and protection of the apartheid terrorist Zionist regime's delegation means giving legitimacy to the child killers," Iran's Foreign Ministry said in a post on X. "They do not deserve to be present at the Paris Olympics because of the war against the innocent people of Gaza," it added, calling on organizers to ban Israel. Israel's offensive on Gaza has killed at least 39,090 people in Gaza, mostly civilians, according to figures from the territory's health ministry. Iran does not recognize Israel and prohibits all con-

tact between Iranian and Israeli athletes. In February, Iran's football federation asked the

sport's governing body, FIFA, to suspend its Israeli counterpart over the war in Gaza.

