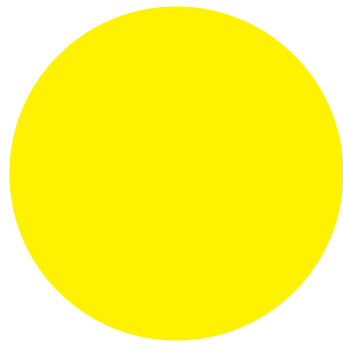


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As the presidential election was held in Venezuela under the supervision of international observers who confirmed Nicolas Maduro's victory with 52% of the vote, Western countries, led by the United States, have once again attempted to topple his legitimate government. This time, the protests against Maduro's government is orchestrated with familiar tactics but with new players. In the 2024 unrest, Maduro's rival Edmundo Gonzalez has taken center stage, replacing Juan Guaido, and Elon Musk is now backing this plot, stepping into the role previously occupied by George Soros.

Venezuela is paying a heavy price for its independence and refusal to give in to imperialist powers in a region traditionally viewed as America's backyard. For 25 years since the Bolivarian Revolution, the country has been the target of plots hatched by US spy agencies. Venezuela's support for the oppressed people of Palestine and its solidarity with Iran against US sanctions have undoubtedly made it a target for retribution. Despite the interference of Latin American countries sympathetic to Western interests and the involvement of Argentine President Javier Milei and other regional presidents and officials in Venezuela's internal affairs, no unified front formed against the legitimate Venezuelan government. While countries like Russia, China, and Iran recognized the election, others like the US, Canada, and EU member states rejected the results.

The individuals and governments stoking the street protests in Caracas and pushing for sweeping political change through a velvet revolution are determined to drag Venezuela out of the axis of resistance. It is obvious in the Venezuelan government's support for the Palestinian cause and its closure of the Israeli embassy, a decision Gonzalez has vowed to reverse if elected.

Despite such challenges and Western machinations, the Bolivarian government has prevented the unrest from spiraling out of control in Caracas.

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A supporter of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro shouts slogans during a rally in Caracas on July 31, 2024. **JUAN BARRETO/AFP**

Obstacles posed by US, Israel in Pezeshkian's foreign policy

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OPINION EXCLUSIVE

President Masoud Pezeshkian's government, like previous Iranian administrations, will strive to improve and develop relations with neighboring countries, the Muslim world, the Global South, and the powers of the Eastern bloc, particularly China, Russia, and India, and will achieve certain successes. However, as in the past, unilateral sanctions from the US will continue to pose significant obstacles for the new government in establishing extensive, safe, and transparent economic relations.

In the 45 years since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, tensions and hostilities between the US and Iran



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have been the primary dilemma of Iranian foreign policy, a challenge that the new government will also confront.

The regional situation, especially following the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, indicates that two significant challenges—the US and Israel—and the risk of a regional war at the onset of the current government are more severe than during previous administrations over the past four decades.

Tehran and Washington averted the likelihood of a vast military confrontation in 2020 when Trump's administration assassinated Iran's Major General Soleimani on Iraqi soil. However, the US move was countered by Iran's missile attack on a US military base in Iraq. The critical point was that neither the Trump administration nor Iran was inclined to persist in military conflict.

Yet, the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran is distinct for three reasons; first, it constitutes a violation of Iran's national sovereignty.

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