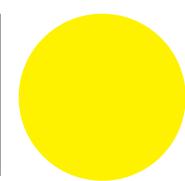
Leader extols Iran's performance at Paris **Olympics**





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After French President Emmanuel Macron expressed his desire to strengthen ties and cooperation with Masoud Pezeshkian in a phone call, European Council President Charles Michel has also conveyed the willingness of European countries to enhance relations with Tehran in a phone conversation with the Iranian President.

Recent developments suggest that Europe is leaning toward fostering stronger ties with Iran. In a phone call with Masoud Pezeshkian, French President Emmanuel Macron conveyed his desire to bolster cooperation between France and Iran. The sentiment was further emphasized by European Council President Charles Michel, who, in a conversation with the Iranian president, expressed the willingness of European nations to enhance relations with Tehran.

During their phone conversation on Sunday evening, Pezeshkian and Michel spoke about various topics, including Iran-Europe relations, initiatives on restarting talks for the revival of the 2015 nuclear deal (JCPOA), and the crisis caused by the Zionist regime's atrocities in the Gaza Strip, as well as Israel's terrorist activities in the region.

Pezeshkian said that the double standards employed by the US and certain Western nations had only served to embolden the Zionist regime in perpetuating terror and committing crimes in Gaza and beyond, thereby further jeopardizing regional and global peace and security.

In response to Michel's willingness to resume negotiations on the JCPOA, Pezeshkian underscored the importance of trust and ensuring mutual interests as the bedrock of any enduring agreement.

"If both sides fulfill their commitments and establish trust, we can not only resuscitate the nuclear agreement but also discuss other subjects of mutual concern.," Pezeshkian said.

Michel expressed his optimism for the resumption of meaningful engagement between Iran and the European

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Pezeshkian, VP defend new 'crossparty' cabinet lineup

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and his First Vice-President Mohammadreza Aref defended the new cabinet lineup after the proposed list of minsters came under criticism. Pezeshkian submitted the list of his

new cabinet members to Parliament on Sunday, less than two weeks after he was sworn in before the country's legislators.