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An injured child sits next to a woman at al-Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza City following Israeli bombardment on the Hassan Salameh and al-Nassr schools housing displaced Palestinians on August 4, 2024.

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Reactions to Iran's new cabinet: Responsible friendship or hasty acts



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OPINION EXCLUSIVE

Following a period of anticipation, speculation, and individual and collective consultations through novel yet ambiguous mechanisms that held some promise, President Masoud Pezeshkian finally unveiled his proposed cabinet to parliament. The reactions to the appointees and the political makeup of the cabinet from various individuals and political factions were not entirely unexpected. In my view, while these critical reactions serve as constructive and instructive

warnings for the president's future path and choices of statesmen, they also signal a continued commitment to civil participation. However, I find the subsequent actions by certain influential figures to be unrealistic, provocative, and somewhat rash.

As an expert of political science who has advocated for voter turnout as a path toward Iran's emancipation, enduring reproaches along the way, I have consistently made two key points in my speeches and writings since the day after Pezeshkian's victory:

Firstly, I have emphasized that Pezeshkian's cabinet will undoubtedly spring surprises, but we must not let these surprises deter us. Page 7 >

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Efforts underway to link Gaza cease-fire to Iran's response to Israel

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According to various media outlets, the Qatari capital of Doha is the hotspot for talks aimed at brokering a cease-fire deal between the Israeli regime and Hamas. Delegations from Qatar, Egypt, and the United States are in attendance, putting negotiations into high gear. The urgency of a cease-fire was also a hot topic at the UN Security Council session on Wednesday. Rosemary DiCarlo, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, pointed to Israel's recent strike on the Al-Tab'e'en school in the Al-Daraj neighborhood as a stark reminder of why a cease-fire in Gaza is of the essence. Meanwhile, CNN, quoting an informed Israeli source, reported that US officials have given their Israeli counterparts a heads-up

that it's high time to hammer out an agreement to stave off a regional war.

The reference by American officials to averting a regional war alludes to Iran's response to Israel following the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, the head of Hamas's political bureau, in Tehran. In the past few days, after Tehran's official announcement of the necessity to punish Israel, concerns have grown about a new war in the region or the escalation of the Gaza war. Extensive consultations have also been held by officials from various countries with officials in Tehran to persuade Iran to exercise restraint. In light of these developments, the European troika—the UK, France, and Germany—issued a joint statement calling on Iran and its allies to lay off any attacks that could ratchet up regional tensions. Page 8 >