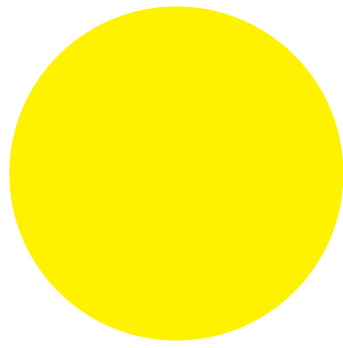


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A woman carries a child as Palestinians flee with their belongings from Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip on August 16, 2024.

People expect Parliament to cooperate with new government

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OPINION

The ball is now in Parliament's court as it gears up to review and vote on the proposed ministers of Iran's new government. In the wake of the unveiling of President Masoud Pezeshkian's 19-member cabinet, a mix of reactions from supporters and critics has given way to anticipation ahead of the crucial parliamentary votes, likely to take place next Wednesday. With the proposed cabinet's diverse composition and the president's emphasis on national cooperation to tackle domestic and foreign challeng-

es, there's a palpable sense of public expectation for Parliament to set aside partisan politics and facilitate a smooth vote of confidence for the incoming ministers.

Right from the outset of his election campaign, Pezeshkian championed an interactive approach, both domestically and on the global stage. He has consistently argued that the root of many longstanding issues lies in political discord and the absence of a national consensus on critical matters. As such, he believes that resolving these deep-seated problems and propelling Iran toward progress hinges on forging consensus among political factions and pillars of power in the Islamic Republic. Page 7 >

Iranian, Russian artists awarded at 'Patterns of Friendship' festival

The winners of the first joint painting festival between Iranian and Russian artists, titled 'Patterns of Friendship,' were awarded in a ceremony at the Academy of Watercolor and Fine Arts of Sergey Andriyaka in Moscow on Wednesday. 8 >

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US hopes Gaza cease-fire could prevent Iran's retaliation

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PERSPECTIVE

Qatar-hosted negotiations started on Thursday with the aim of achieving a cease-fire in Gaza—a goal that has so far remained elusive. The US hopes that such an agreement could prevent Iran from launching attacks on Israel and potentially avoid a broader conflict. The US, along with Qatari and Egyptian mediators, has invited Israel and Hamas to engage in talks with the goal of ending the conflict, which has resulted in over 40,000

deaths, according to Gaza's Ministry of Health. Earlier negotiations stalled after Israel, ignoring Iran's national security concerns, assassinated Ismail Haniyeh, the head of Hamas's political bureau in Tehran. Following the targeted killings of Ismail Haniyeh and Hezbollah commander Fuad al-Shukri by Israel, resistance groups carried out several attacks on key Israeli military and non-military installations, causing damage to infrastructure in multiple Israeli cities. Meanwhile, Iran has been closely monitoring Israel's aggressive behavior and is assessing the possibility of launching an attack on Israel. Page 8 >