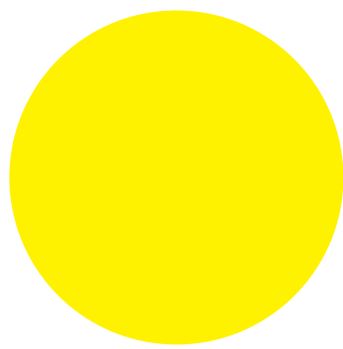


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**Fruit of Turkmen Leader's poetic talent in Pezeshkian's hand**

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**OPINION EXCLUSIVE**

One of the most important topics in international relations is the issue of neighboring countries and related matters. This is because neighboring countries, as they are geographically intertwined, not only influence each other politically, culturally, and security-wise but also play a role in shaping their shared destiny. Given its vast territory and location, the Islamic Republic of Iran neighbors several regional subsystems, including West Asia and the Persian Gulf, Eurasia and the Caucasus, South Asia, Central Asia, and the Indian Subcontinent, with Central Asia being one of the most significant. Turkmenistan serves as the link between Iran and Central Asia, making Tehran-Ashgabat relationship of utmost importance.

In the past two decades or so, under the leadership of Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow, the national leader of Turkmenistan and the Chairman of the People's Council of Turkmenistan, the country has become a safe, secure, stable, and developing nation, positively impacting its neighbors. There is no doubt that the borders between Iran and Turkmenistan are the most secure and stable compared to the Islamic Republic's other neighboring countries. What is notable about Turkmenistan's leadership is that Despite regional and international pressure, Turkmenistan has never allowed itself to become a base for rivals of Iran, thanks to its rational foreign policy based on good neighborliness and respect for sovereign countries.

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Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (A) meets with National Leader of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow (C) and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian after the signing of four cooperation documents, in Tehran, Iran, on August 28, 2024.

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