

Putin: Ties with Iran 'high priority' for Russia

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Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that relations with Tehran remained a "high priority" for Moscow as he met President Masoud Pezeshkian for the first time. "Bilateral cooperation is a high priority for us and relations between the two sides are moving forward well, with trade volume expanding," Putin told Pezeshkian on the sidelines of a forum in Turkmenistan's capital of Ashgabat, IRNA reported. "We work together on the international stage and our global assessments and approaches are in sync," he added. Putin also invited Pezeshkian to Russia to take part in a summit of the BRICS group of major

emerging economies – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – scheduled for October 22-24. Pezeshkian, for his part, expressed hope that Tehran and Moscow would ink a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement during his upcoming visit to Russia this month. Pezeshkian echoed Putin's stance on the two countries' growing economic ties as well as similar views on global affairs. "Our relationship with Russia is cordial and strategic," the Iranian president said, adding that "Iran and Russia have good complementary capacities that they can use to help each other." "Our stances in the world are much closer to each other than other countries," he added.

Israeli atrocities

During the meeting, Pezeshkian also touched on the developments in the region, including Israeli attacks against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. "The Zionist regime (of Israel) does not respect any international legal and humanitarian framework, and the situation in the region is critical," he said. Israel launched a military offensive against the Gaza Strip in October last year after the Palestinian resistance group Hamas carried out Operation Al-Aqsa Storm in response to the regime's decades-long campaign of bloodletting and devastation against Palestinians. Since then, more than 42,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli strikes in the coastal ter-



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian meets with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of a regional conference in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on Friday, October 11, 2024. president.ir

ritory.

Israel also intensified its attacks on Lebanon in recent weeks on the pretext of targeting Hezbollah's strongholds which has been exchanging fire with the Israeli military in support of Palestinians in Gaza since last October 2023.

Spread of extremism

Addressing a ceremony in commemoration of Turkmen poet Magtymguly Pyragy, Pezeshkian warned against the spread of extremism globally and urged Muslim countries to unite



in countering violence. "The pursuit of unity is not limited to Islamic societies alone as the need for peace, deepening brotherhood, and fostering a dialogue of consensus is a requirement for the inter-

national community today," he said. "However, many elements of unilateralism continue to disrupt the coexistence of the human society in this journey," the president added.

The ceremony in Ashgabat was attended by other regional leaders including Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari and the heads of the other Central Asian nations, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Iran FM urges collective efforts to stop Israel's atrocities



Abbas Araghchi

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi called for collective diplomatic efforts to stop the Israeli regime's atrocities against the innocent people of

Gaza and Lebanon, secure a cease-fire and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid. Araghchi made the comment in letters he sent to

his counterparts around the world on Thursday, Press TV reported. He pointed to the ongoing Israeli brutalities against ordinary people in Gaza and Lebanon, which have resulted in the death, injury and displacement of a large number of innocent individuals as well as international aid workers, and large-scale destruction of residential and public buildings. The top Iranian diplomat stated that the criminal actions of the Zionist regime pose a serious

threat to regional and global peace, and represent a clear example of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. "The unlimited impunity the Israeli regime enjoys has prompted it to expand the scope of its attacks on Lebanon, and specifically launch massive airstrikes on residential areas using US-made bunker busters," Araghchi wrote, noting that the failure of the UN Security Council to fulfill its duties has emboldened the warmongering leaders of the Zionist entity to

continue their crimes. The Iranian foreign minister also highlighted that his country's recent massive missile strikes on Israeli military positions in the occupied territories, dubbed Operation True Promise II, were carried out following weeks of self-restraint to pave the way for a ceasefire in Gaza. He underlined that the operation attests to Iran's responsibility for international peace and security. "If need be, the Islamic Republic of Iran is fully

prepared to take more and stronger defensive measures against any act of aggression, and will have no hesitation in this regard," Araghchi stressed. Also on Thursday, the Iranian foreign minister sent letters to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, voicing his grave concern over worsening humanitarian conditions in Gaza and Lebanon.

"Not only have the Israeli regime's strikes targeted peoples, places and civilian infrastructure, but also all humanitarian principles," Araghchi stated. He said international humanitarian organizations are expected to adopt effective, prompt, meaningful and appropriate measures to address the humanitarian crisis in West Asia, mobilize international assistance, and remove obstacles to the delivery of aid to the areas affected by Israeli atrocities.

Global outrage as Israeli attacks injure UN peacekeepers in Lebanon

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The United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon confirmed on Friday that its headquarters in Naqoura was hit by explosions for the second time in 48 hours, a day after Israeli forces struck the same position.

Two peacekeepers from the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) were injured after two explosions occurred close to an observation tower, the UN mission said in a statement on Friday. "This is a serious development, and UNIFIL reiterates that the safety and security of UN personnel and property must be guaranteed and that the inviolability of UN premises must be respected at all times," it added. "Any deliberate attack on peacekeepers is a grave violation of international humanitarian law." Lebanon's Ministry of Foreign Affairs earlier said the attacks were on watchtowers and



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the main UNIFIL base in Naqoura and on the Sri Lankan battalion's base. Lebanon's official National News Agency reported that artillery shelling from an Israeli Merkava tank wounded members of the Sri Lankan battalion. Speaking at a news conference in Beirut, Lebanese caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati said Israel's actions were a "denounced crime". He added that he had discussed efforts to reach a cease-fire in Lebanon with United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken. The incident sparked condemnation from European members of the

mission, the UN as well as China and Russia. Human Rights Watch on Friday called for a UN inquiry "on Israeli attacks on peacekeepers" in Lebanon. "Any targeting of UN peacekeepers by Israeli forces violates the laws of war and dangerously interferes with UNIFIL's civilian protection and aid work," HRW's Lama Fakih said. UNIFIL, which has about 10,000 peacekeepers stationed in south Lebanon, has called for a cease-fire since an escalation between Israel and Lebanese militant group Hezbollah on September 23, after a year of cross-border fire.

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INVITATION TO RENEWAL OF ONE STEP INTERNATIONAL TENDER
First Announcement
AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES COMPANY

The Agricultural Support Services Company, hereinafter will be referred as ASSC, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Jihad-Agriculture of I.R. of Iran, is considering the purchase of 3×50000±5% MTS of Granular Di Ammonium Phosphate (GDAP) through renewal of one step international tender.

All of the qualified and interested companies are invited to receive tender documents from **Saturday** dated **12/10/2024** until **Wednesday** dated **16/10/2024** (5 working days) from our purchasing committee (located at the 9th floor, no. 1, fourth alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran). The bidders are requested to submit their letters of introduction, along with remittance bill of IRI. Rials 1,200,000 to ASSC's account no. 4001039704005791 with SHEBA no. IR250100004001039704005791 at the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran through payment order of SATNA or PAYA with the 30-character identification code of 339039782263500650000000000008

The bidders are required to submit their sealed and stamped envelopes containing offers latest on **Saturday** dated **16/11/2024** (during official working hours) to our security office, located on the 8th floor. Meanwhile the meeting for the opening of the envelopes will be on **Sunday** dated **17/11/2024** at 14:00 with the presence of bidders' representatives in our purchasing committee (9th floor, no. 1, fourth alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

1- The bid bond value should be at **€ 545001** or in equal value of that in any other foreign currencies, except US dollars, based on the Telegraphic Transfer rate of the basic and essential commodities on CBI's ETS website, www.fxmarketrate.cbi.ir, on 2/10/2024 for each lot of 50000 MTS ± 5% in bank guarantee.

2- The bidders are permitted to submit the bid bond in Iranian Rial. Therefore, the value of bid bond for each lot of 50000 MTS ± 5% will be **IRR 171,900,281,075** which must be only submitted by the bidders.

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