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**Tehran-Moscow ties remain on track**



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The presidents of Iran and Russia met for the first time since the new Iranian government took office in August on the sidelines of an international conference in Turkmenistan, where they held talks and emphasized the importance of bilateral and regional cooperation. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the current state of relations and underscored the need to further develop ties.

Over the years, Iran-Russia relations have evolved to the point where changes in government have not significantly impacted their policies toward each other. The two countries collaborate on various key issues, including regional and international files, technical, military, and security cooperation. Moreover, both nations are subject to Western sanctions, which has created a fertile ground for expanding Tehran-Moscow cooperation.

The meeting between Masoud Pezeshkian and Vladimir Putin is a case in point, as the new Iranian government has made it clear from the outset that it will continue the Islamic Republic's overall foreign policy. Pezeshkian has repeatedly said that Iran will not forget its friends in times of hardship, specifically mentioning Russia and China.

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (l) shakes hands with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of a regional forum in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on October 11, 2024. [president.ir](http://president.ir)

## Putin: Ties with Iran 'high priority' for Russia