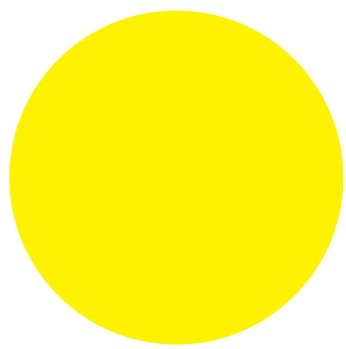


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Iran should negotiate with US, European talks won't lift sanctions

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OPINION

The world today has undergone serious shake-up. The global relations of two decades ago no longer prevail and things have changed. High-ranking Iranian officials are surely aware of the extent of these shifts, as global issues have created new polarizations. In the long-term foreign policy of the United States, all positions have undergone transformations. For instance, the Persian Gulf no longer holds the role it had for many years. On the other hand, China, Russia and Middle Eastern countries have turned the tables. Iran needs to factor in these twists and turns and negotiate accordingly. Incoming US President Donald Trump is dead set against wars anywhere in the world.

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Archbishop of the Armenian Diocese of Tehran heads a mass at the Saint Sarkis Cathedral in the Iranian capital to celebrate the Armenian Christmas, on January 6, 2025. AFP



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Strengthening nat'l media to ensure Iranians receive reliable narratives

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OPINION EXCLUSIVE

Iranians should receive their primary narratives on various domestic and global issues from the national media. To achieve this, the national media must operate in a way that establishes it as the main and credible source of news and programming, thereby preventing an environment that drives people towards foreign media outlets. This initiative not only enhances public trust in the media but also preserves the integrity of information and accurate representations of reality. The recent launch of Persian-language television channels by foreign governments, such as the TRT network in Turkey, underscores a significant media

concern for us. Naturally, in the international arena, all countries pursue their national interests beyond their borders, and Turkey, too, has specific objectives in introducing a Persian-language channel. The broadcasts of foreign networks within our borders have unique influences, especially those that produce content tailored to our language and culture. The establishment of such networks by various countries is certainly not without intention; they primarily target specific audiences to present their narratives and steer public opinion in their direction. Consequently, we must respond to these cultural and media maneuvers by initiating channels in other languages. We are committed to pursuing this goal and possess the necessary media and broadcasting capacities to counteract these influences.

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