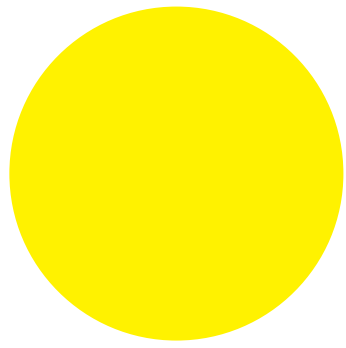


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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (L) is welcomed by his Tajik counterpart Emomali Rahmon as he arrives in Tajikistan's capital Dushanbe on January 15, 2025. president.ir

New chapter unfolding in Iran-Russia ties with strategic treaty

Cooperation to turns sanctions into opportunities



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INTERVIEW

Experts consider Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's inaugural trip to Russia a historic event, believing it will usher a new phase in relations between the two nations. On January 17, during his visit to Moscow, Pezeshkian is set to meet with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and other high-ranking officials and sign off on a comprehensive strategic cooperation treaty between the two countries.

According to the Iranian Foreign Ministry, the strategic partnership agreement has been under negotiation

between Iran and Russia for the past four years, with various drafts swapped around between the parties. The contents of the treaty were finalized this past summer and are set to be inked during this trip. The treaty covers a wide range of subjects, including economic collaboration, transportation, energy, healthcare, agriculture, joint efforts to take on shared challenges, mitigating the impact of natural disasters, combating terrorism and organized crime, renewable energy and discussions related to various modes of transportation—road, rail, air, and maritime—as well as the transfer of technical expertise in different fields.

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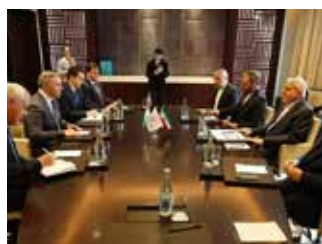
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Tehran-Moscow treaty indicative of willpower to resist coercion



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OPINION EXCLUSIVE

On January 17, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian will visit Moscow for negotiations with Vladimir Putin. A strategic agreement consisting of 47 articles is expected to be signed, covering politics, economics, energy, defense, and security. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said that the agreement would update and supplement the 2001 treaty, taking into account modern realities and challenges. For Russia, this document symbolizes the deepening of cooperation in key areas such as energy, transport infrastructure, defense, science, and technology. The inclusion of provisions on

joint work in the field of peaceful nuclear energy and cybersecurity confirms the intention of the parties to develop cooperation in high-tech areas. The agreement will be a step towards transforming Russian-Iranian relations into a full-fledged strategic alliance. Although this does not mean the creation of a formal military-political union like NATO, the document will contribute to strengthening mutual trust and coordination in international affairs. The signing of the agreement is taking place against the backdrop of Donald Trump's second presidency in the United States. In the context of a tough sanctions policy against Russia and Iran, this treaty sends a signal to Washington about the readiness of Moscow and Tehran to resist external pressure and build alternative mechanisms for interaction.

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