

# *Pezeshkian:* Iran will not kneel to Trump's pressure

## Nation celebrates 46th anniversary of Islamic Revolution

### International Desk

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Monday that the United States will not be able to bring the Islamic establishment and the nation to their knees with its adversarial plots.

Pezeshkian made the remarks while addressing a crowd of people marking the 46th anniversary of the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Tehran on Monday.

"I firmly believe that if we join hands and stand together, we will be able to solve all of the country's problems with the help and support of the people, and America could dream of being able to bring this nation and establishment to their knees with its conspiracies."

Referring to a recent move by the US President Donald Trump to restore his maximum pressure policy against Iran earlier this month, Pezeshkian said, "He says, 'we want to talk,' and... (then) he signs in a memorandum all the conspiracies to bring our revolution to its knees," Pezeshkian told the crowd which had gathered in the capital's Azadi Square to celebrate the victory of

the Islamic Revolution which toppled the Western-backed Pahlavi dynasty.

There have been hopes of revival of negotiations between Iran and the US over Iran's nuclear program but Trump's reimposition of maximum pressure on Iran and recent remarks by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei about talks with the US have dashed any hopes for such negotiations.

As he signed the order instructing US departments to design new sanctions against Iran on February 4, Trump voiced optimism for a "deal with Iran and everybody can live together."

During his first term, which ended in 2021, Trump had pursued a policy of "maximum pressure" against Iran, an approach he has restored since returning to office.

Trump pulled Washington out of the 2015 nuclear deal, torpedoing an agreement that had given Iran sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its atomic program.

On Friday, Ayatollah Khamenei said that talks with the US were "not smart, wise, or honorable."

"Negotiating with America is neither smart, wise, or honorable. It will not solve any of our problems. The reason? Experience!" Ayatollah Khamenei said. Meanwhile, Pezeshkian warned on Monday that the enemies and ill-wishers seek to sow discord in Iran and instill the belief of Iran's weakness in the minds of the people and pretend that today is "the best time to harm the country."

"However, they are unaware that, under the leadership of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and with the constant presence and sacrifices of the [Iranian] people, they will take all these dreams and wishes to grave," he emphasized. He said Iran has powerfully resisted bullying and will stand up to conspiracies aimed at sowing discord and division.

Pezeshkian said Iran has never sought to wage a war against any country and would never bow to the enemies.

He added that the enemies are afraid of Iran's unity and coherence, noting that Iranians would be able to solve all of the problems if they forge national

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian delivers a speech in Tehran's iconic Azadi Square on the occasion of the 46th anniversary of Iran's Islamic Revolution, on February 10, 2025.

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unity. On Monday, millions of Iranians from all walks of life took to the streets across the country to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. From the sprawling metropolis of Teh-

ran to the remotest villages, citizens participated in mass marches, carrying banners, waving the national flag, and chanting slogans echoing the indelible legacy of the Revolution that overthrew the United States-backed tyrannical Pahlavi monarchy.

## Iranian, Turkish intel chiefs discuss Syria, Palestine, fight against terrorism



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During a rare visit to Tehran, Head of the Turkish Intelligence Organization Ibrahim Kalin held talks with his Iranian counterpart to discuss the fight against "terror" groups and the situation in Syria.

Kalin met with Iran's Intelligence Minister Esmail Khatib and the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council Ali Akbar Ahmadian.

They discussed the fight against terror organizations, especially the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militant group and Daesh terrorist group, common threats, the situation in Syria, the Gaza cease-fire and developments in the Palestinian issue," Anadolu News Agency said.

Few details of the meetings have been released. In another development, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan spoke by phone with his Iranian counterpart Ab-

bas Araghchi, discussing bilateral issues and "the situation in Palestine."

Araghchi said several countries strongly oppose the forced displacement of Palestinians from Gaza, adding that the plot would be a continuation of the Israeli regime's genocide in Palestine.

He urged Muslim countries to adopt a "firm and unified" stance to counter the plan and called for an immediate meeting of the foreign ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to address the issue.

Fidan also stressed the need for continued support by all Muslim countries for the rights of the Palestinian people and welcomed the proposal by the Iranian foreign minister to hold an OIC emergency meeting.

The two neighboring countries maintain great economic, political and security relations.

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## Iran warns about US-Israel 'dangerous plot' to relocate Gazans

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warned about "a dangerous plot" hatched by the United States and the Israeli regime to relocate Palestinians from the Gaza Strip.

In a phone conversation with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday, Araghchi condemned the plan as a threat to international peace and security. Araghchi urged the United Nations, particularly its Security Council, to adopt a "firm and clear" position against the US-Israeli plan.

"The proposal to forcibly relocate Palestinians violates all principles and standards of international law and the United Nations Charter, and, in fact, complements the Israeli regime's plan for genocide and the eradication of Palestine," he said.

Referring to his consultations with the foreign ministers of Arab and



Antonio Guterres



Abbas Araghchi

Muslim countries about Israel's plan, the Iranian foreign minister said that the firm condemnation of the plan by Islamic countries reflects the widespread concern regarding the continued gross violation of the rights of the Palestinian people and the continuation of their genocide in another way.

On February 6, the US President Donald Trump in a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced his plan to seize Gaza and relocate its residents to other countries such as Egypt and Jordan.

Trump on Monday said he is "committed to buying and owning" the Gaza Strip and relocating the two million Palestinians living there, despite global condemnation of the plan.

He told reporters that he might allow Middle East countries to be involved in rebuilding parts of the territory and that he would make sure the Palestinian refugees would "live beautifully."

Both the Palestinian Authority and the Hamas resistance group reiterated that Palestinian land was "not for sale."

## Tehran-Riyadh relations will not relapse: *Iran's envoy*

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Iran's ambassador to Saudi Arabia said relations between the two countries are growing on a daily basis, stressing that Tehran-Riyadh relations will not relapse.

Alireza Enayati in an interview with Saudi newspaper Okaz said that relations between the two countries have returned to the level they previously had. Over the past two years, Iran and Saudi Arabia have been able to make many

achievements in the political, economic, commercial and cultural fields.

Back in 2023, Iran and Saudi Arabia reached an agreement in the Chinese capital to restore their diplomatic ties seven years after their relations broke off over several issues.

## Joining FATF key ...

Thus, considering FATF membership is vital and its rejection in Iran could have consequences.

Iran's restrictions hinder revenue repatriation from exports, even from friendly neighbors. Investors face challenges due to money transfer limitations and Iranian students abroad struggle with fund exchanges and managing their finances. These issues stem from misconceptions and a misguided perspective among some in Iran about FATF, leading to self-imposed sanctions.

Iran's support for the Resistance Front and the oppressed against injustice is unwavering. However, joining FATF does not contradict this stance, as Iran's backing is mostly advisory in nature.

Secondary sanctions, designed to pressure countries, companies, or individuals that engage economically with sanctioned nations, aim to restrict their global market access and disrupt their international cooperation. These sanctions have deterred many companies from investing in Iran.

Nevertheless, some firms from China, Russia and Persian Gulf Arab countries as well as Iranian expatriates are ready to brave US sanctions to invest in Iran, lured by potential returns. But they are deterred due to Iran's non-membership in FATF which disables them from conducting banking transactions.

They require a conducive environment for their investments, including seamless financial transactions. Thus, Iran's decision-making must carefully weigh national interests and well-being when it comes to FATF membership.