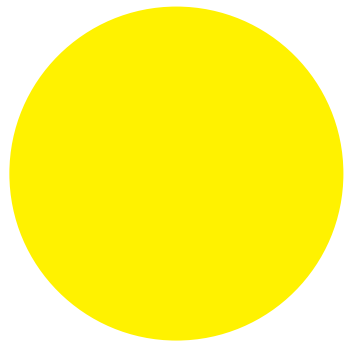


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Iranian Oil Minister Mohsen Paknejad (Standing L) and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister for Energy Affairs Hayan Abdul-Ghani al-Sawad supervise the signing of cooperation agreements at a meeting in the Iraqi capital Baghdad on April 14, 2025. Shana.ir

Talks could be win-win if US isn't staging political theater



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OPINION EXCLUSIVE

The Saturday talks between Iran and the United States in Oman are unfolding based on guidance and decisions laid down by the Leader. Once negotiations kick off, their scope quickly spills beyond the table. Media messages start to fly back and forth, and various officials and actors from both sides weigh in, shaping the course of events. As Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has noted, the talks are "going very well," but even beyond the outcome, Iran has already sent a strong message to the world that it is a nation that stands for peace and dialogue, and resolving issues,

not warmongering. The negotiations in Oman are being carried out with honor, courage, and dignity, under the skilled management of Iran's experienced diplomatic corps. Tehran has made its position crystal clear beforehand, and the Leader himself gave a firm pushback to President Donald Trump's threats, saying unequivocally that Iran is not there for photo ops or political theater. It was made clear that Iran would sit down at the negotiating table only if its interests were secured. Wherever those interests can be advanced, Iran will be present. Its negotiation team is made up of intelligent, brave, and capable professionals.

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Arab states rally behind Oman talks, eye peace over provocation

ANALYSIS

Persian Gulf Arab states are standing behind new Iran-US talks in Oman, hoping diplomacy can stop another crisis before it starts. With past wars still fresh in their minds and economies tied closely to peace, countries like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE see these talks as more than politics—they see them as a lifeline. Leaders are speaking out, warning of the risks of strikes or another war in the region. From fears of environmental disaster to the threat of being pulled into a larger conflict, their concerns are real. These countries want to protect the region, their resources, and their future. For them, peace is not just a goal—it is a need. As the talks begin, one thing is clear. Persian Gulf Arab states are watching closely. For more on this, check page 3.

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