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Deal within reach if US drops excessive demands



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So far, two rounds of talks have been held between Iran and the United States over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program. As stated by the Iranian negotiating team, the process has been moving along smoothly and is being viewed as positive and forward-leaning. The matters raised in the second round are set to be looked into by the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee during a session, with a number of Iranian negotiators in attendance. The committee will certainly keep tabs on the negotiations and maintain oversight throughout the process. Efforts in the committee will focus on ensuring that the talks stay in line with the principles and framework set by the Islamic Republic and that they serve the interests of both the state and its people.

From what can be seen, the general atmosphere of the talks has so far been constructive. The American negotiators have acted respectfully and have not taken a high-handed approach. Therefore, it seems that if things keep going in the same vein and the Americans do not press excessive demands, and if the talks stay centered on Iran's nuclear issue alone—while sanctions get lifted and Iran's uranium enrichment program is acknowledged—then reaching an agreement is certainly within the realm of possibility.

In his second term, US President Donald Trump appears to have stuck to his guns from his first presidency. However, he may now have come to the realization that the so-called "maximum pressure" and "smart sanctions" campaign has failed to bear fruit, and that negotiating with Iran is the only viable path forward.

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Iran, Russia, China bolstering alliance in West-dominated world

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Iran, Russia, and China have over the past years been expanding their cooperation in various fields from economy to military and security. The three countries are strongly critical of what they see as unilateral policies pursued by the West, especially the United States. This common view has further aligned Iran, Russia, and China, with all advocating for a new world order in which multilateralism speaks first. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi recently said his country, Russia, and China can take significant steps to promote international peace and security.

Jafar Ghanadbashi, an Iranian expert in West Asia issues, believes that Tehran, Moscow, and Beijing are capable of working towards what the foreign minister has said, as their policies are aligned, and that the trio have already boosted cooperation among themselves, which offers them great help to achieve higher goals at the international arena. The following is the full interview of Iran Daily with Ghanadbashi.

In fact, Iran, Russia, and China need to expand their cooperation both on a strategic and non-strategic level. In the economic arena, Iran, Russia, and China are looking to leverage each other's strengths, especially at a time when they, particularly China, are in a sort of economic war with the West led by the US.

In terms of economics, Iran, Russia, and China are cooperating in areas such as energy, development projects, maritime routes, as well as using ports and transit corridors. That cooperation needs to be developed further as Iran, China, and Russia are emerging as three major powers in a multipolar world that is taking shape.

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Pope Francis stands up at the end of a prayer vigil on the occasion of the Jubilee of Divine Mercy at St Peter's square in Vatican on April 2, 2016.
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Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei speaks during his weekly press conference in Tehran on April 21, 2025.
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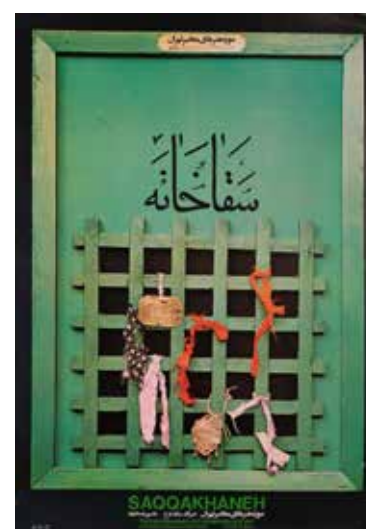
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