

# Pezeshkian: Iran, Oman need to facilitate economic exchanges

## Sultan Haitham highlights North-South corridor's great importance Tehran, Muscat sign 18 cooperation documents

### International Desk

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian on Tuesday stressed Iran's readiness to expand cooperation with Oman in all fields, underscoring the need to facilitate economic exchanges and remove trade barriers between the two Persian Gulf countries.

Pezeshkian made the remarks in a meeting with Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said in Muscat where high-ranking officials of the two countries signed 18 cooperation documents in the fields of law, economy, politics, culture, education, health, defense, media, technology, energy and mining.

The Iranian president said Tehran is ready to step up cooperation with Oman in financial, scientific, educational, technological, and especially medical fields. Referring to limited oil and gas resources,

he said it is necessary that the merchants and industrialists of both countries look ahead, plan for future generations, and strengthen long-term economic foundations.

Pezeshkian also appreciated Oman's mediation role in Tehran's nuclear talks with the United States, which has been underway since April.

Iran and the US have so far held five rounds of negotiations in Oman and Italy to resolve a decades-old dispute over Tehran's nuclear program.

The Iranian president expressed hope that the negotiations would "lead to positive outcomes."

The Sultan of Oman, for his part, said Muscat is pursuing the negotiation process with seriousness and considers the success of Iran a success for the region.

He also called for more support for energy



Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian (Back-L) and Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said (Back-R) oversee the signing of bilateral cooperation agreements between Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (L) and Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi (R) in Muscat on May 27, 2025.

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cooperation between the two countries. Oman's Sultan said Iranian and Omani ports should expand their relations, stressing that Iran's North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is of great importance for Muscat.

"Today, Oman, without relying on oil and gas and by focusing on boosting trade exchanges, is in a favorable position," he said. The Sultan of Oman stressed that if Tehran and Muscat facilitate the activities of their business people, the two countries will



witness a significant leap in their bilateral relations.

The two presidents also stressed on expansion of security and military relations.

## FM spox says US cognizant of Iran's red lines on uranium enrichment

### Baqaei: Tehran ready for compromises to reach agreement

### International Desk

Iran is open to compromises on its nuclear program in talks with the United States, but uranium enrichment remains non-negotiable, Tehran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson told CNN, indicating Washington understands this position.

"If the intention is to make sure that Iran's nuclear program would not be weaponized, I think that's something that we could simply do," Esmail Baqaei, the spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Ministry, said in Tehran on Monday.

Asked by CNN how a compromise can be reached in talks, Baqaei said, "So many ways" without specifying.

However, he added that Iran's right to nuclear energy would have to be protected, echoing the long-standing Iranian position on talks.

"If the (US) intention is to deprive Iranians of their right to peaceful nuclear energy, I think that would be very problematic to the extent that I think it would really challenge the whole process," he added.

After US-Iran talks inched forward with the fifth round of negotiations in Rome on Friday, US President Donald Trump voiced optimism Sunday that progress was being made.

"We had some very good talks with Iran yesterday and today, and let's see what happens. But I think we could have some good news on the Iran front," Trump told reporters in New Jersey as he was preparing to return to Washington.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi called the talks "one of the most professional rounds of negotiations" yet but said the key issues were "too complicated to be resolved in two or three meetings."



The screengrab shows Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei speaking to CNN in Tehran on May 26, 2025.

While the Trump administration has been insisting on its demand that Tehran end all uranium enrichment, Baqaei said US negotiators' behavior in talks suggests a softer approach. "The fact that so far we have continued our talks means that we understand there is a certain level of understanding that Iran cannot under any circumstances give up its right to peaceful nuclear energy," he said.

Baqaei was optimistic about the chances of a US-Iranian accord, foreseeing a "win-win" for both sides. "If really there is a will, there's ways," he said. "There is not only one way, there are so many ways."

Multiple American officials told CNN last week that the US has obtained new intelligence suggesting that Israel is preparing to strike Iranian nuclear facilities even as the Trump administration pursues a diplomatic deal with Tehran.

Baqaei said Iran was resolute before the threat of unilateral Israeli mili-

tary strikes on Iran.

"Iranians would not be bowing to any sort of pressure," he said. "When it comes to using that language, Iranians will come with one voice, and we will certainly defend our national security."

Iran has promised to respond forcefully to any Israeli attack, and accused Israel's prime minister of working to undermine US diplomacy. United States Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem has said she delivered a message from Trump to Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu that the two countries should be aligned on how to approach Iran.

"President Trump specifically sent me here to have a conversation with the prime minister about how those negotiations are going and how important it is that we stay united and let this process play out," she said after a visit to Israel on Monday.

Noem said Trumps wants Netanyahu "to be on the same page with him."

## Iran, Pakistan bent on eradicating terrorism: Top general



### International Desk

Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri said on Tuesday that military forces of Iran and Pakistan are committed to eliminating terrorism on both sides of their shared border.

In a meeting with Pakistan's army chief General Asim Munir, Baqeri said the Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei views Pakistan as a strategic neighbor, adding that the level of coordination between Tehran and Islamabad regarding border control is effective and should be strengthened, as reported



Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri (R) shakes hands with Pakistan's Army Chief Asim Munir in Tehran on May 27, 2025.

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by IRNA.

The Iranian general expressed hope that the two countries' military forces would maintain defense cooperation at all levels. Munir also said that Iranian military forces have valuable experience in various areas and expressed Pakistan's interest in expanding security and defense cooperation with Iran, particularly in the fight against terrorism.



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## Qalibaf re-elected as Parliament speaker for 6th consecutive year

### National Desk

Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf on Tuesday was re-elected as Iran's Parliament speaker for the sixth consecutive year after lawmakers voted to choose members of the legislature's presiding board.

Qalibaf managed to secure 219 out of 276 votes cast by the lawmakers.

His challenger, Ahmad Rastineh, received 53 votes, while four ballots were declared

void.

The final lineup for the speakership included only Qalibaf and Rastineh after Hadi Ghavami withdrew his candidacy moments before the vote, prompting a strong objection from Rastineh.

Earlier in the day, candidates Ahmad Arya-aeinejad and Ahmad Beigdeli had also stepped aside in favor of Qalibaf.

According to parliamentary procedures, the presiding board consists of the speaker,



Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf

er, two deputy speakers, six secretaries, and three observers.

