

# Iran's parliamentary diplomacy in Geneva



Iranian parliamentary delegation, headed by Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf (front-left), attends the Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, held in Geneva, Switzerland, from July 29 to July 31, 2025.  
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**INTERVIEWS** The Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, attended by 135 countries from July 29 to July 31, 2025, in Geneva, brought together 99 nations at the highest level of representation. With the official motto, "Parliamentary Cooperation and Multilateralism in a Turbulent World; Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions for All," the conference set out a clear agenda. Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, speaker of the Iranian Parliament, accompanied by his fellow lawmakers Abbas Qodrati, Abdolhossein Hemmati, Fatemeh Jarareh, and Hakem Mamkan, took active part in the event. Qalibaf laid out Iran's stance in his speech, calling out the crimes of the Zionist regime in Gaza and their attack on Iran in June 2025, urging global parliament leaders to "take a bold stand" against those crimes during this historic moment. The two events looming over this summit were Israeli military strikes on Iranian soil the month before, and the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Palestine — particularly Gaza — which is marked by hunger, bombings, and genocide, again at the hands of Israel. Iran's active participation alongside other parliaments helped build up the discourse on resistance, global justice, support for Palestine, and a pushback against double standards in international politics. Meanwhile, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is mapping out a new course through the enhancement of parliamentary diplomacy and effective participation of national parliaments. Their goal is to take on unilateralism, bring back multilateralism, boost institutional transparency and accountability, support vulnerable groups, and advance sustainable development goals by 2030. Accordingly, Iran's parliamentary delegation's packed two-day visit not only brought about valuable achievements for the country but also broke through the silence to make the voice of oppressed peoples in Iran and Gaza heard clearly and bravely worldwide.

## Top lawmaker showcases Iran's soft power in Geneva

Abbas Qodrati, Iranian MP for Shirvan constituency, commented on the journey of the country's parliamentary delegation to Geneva: "This trip came at a time when the Zionist usurper regime and criminal America, after the 12-day war and Iran's power display, were trying to sideline Iran. But in Geneva, with global parliamentary leaders present, the voice of Iranians was shouted out loud to the world." He added that Qalibaf's meetings with his counterparts covered human rights, hu-

manitarian issues, genocide in Gaza, nuclear matters, the US attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, parliamentary relations, Muslim country cooperation, ties with neighbors, AI, and human rights abuses in Gaza — all of which sparked valuable debates. Referring to Qalibaf's candid and straightforward speech, Qodrati said it left a strong impact, showcasing Iran's soft power on the world stage. He described the parliamentary delegation's trip as a symbol of domestic unity and



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defense of Iran's rights in international arenas, where the voices of oppressed peoples were raised up and Israeli crimes laid bare, delivering a crushing blow to the Zionist regime's media and diplomatic front.

## Speaker seeks legal protections for Iranians abroad

Alaeddin Boroujerdi, member of parliament for Boroujerd constituency, regarding the Geneva summit and the Iranian parliamentary delegation's meeting with Iranians living in Switzerland, said: Our diaspora make up a significant part of the Iranian nation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran's policy is to strengthen ties with its "sons and daughters far from home — except for those who fall within the country's red lines".

The member of the Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee added: The majority of Iranians abroad carry a strong national pride, and the imposed 12-day war brought about an unprecedented unity between Iranians inside and outside the country as those abroad also showed up with their love for the homeland. Boroujerdi considered this meeting as aligned with the Islamic Republic's policies,



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stating: "Currently, the Parliament is laying down legal frameworks to support Iranians abroad by opening up access to domestic systems, addressing their legal issues, and rolling out incentives to attract investment."

## Iran convenes MPs to condemn Zionist crimes

Ahmad Fatemi, MP for Babol constituency, said that Iran's initiative in calling together parliamentary delegations from various countries was the best chance to blow the lid off the Zionist regime's crimes. "These atrocities should be called out on official global platforms." Highlighting Iran's demand from international organizations to clamp down on Zionist crimes, Fatemi stressed its importance under international law, describing Israel's actions as gross violations of fundamental international legal principles, especially "peremptory rules of human rights, genocide, and war crimes," with the Inter-



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national Court of Justice having jurisdiction. He praised Qalibaf's speech at the "Upholding International Law and the UN Charter to Ensure Global Peace and Security" meeting as very clever. "Iran's initiative to set up meetings with various parliamentary delegations deserves credit as it can help bring about parliamentary consensus against Zionist crimes," Fatemi added.



Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf holds a picture depicting Israeli atrocities at the Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 30, 2025.  
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