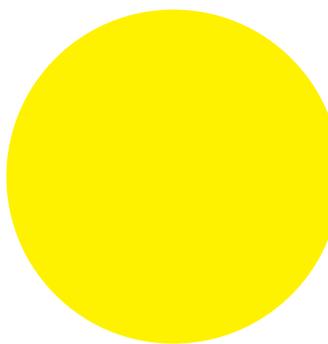


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### The rise of modern international order

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#### OPINION

All international orders are made up of multiple political units. Whether these units are empires, city-states, or nation-states, the key feature that distinguishes international from domestic politics is that, in the international sphere, political units are forced to coexist in the absence of an overarching authority. This means that the discipline of International Relations is fundamentally concerned with the issue of 'political multiplicity'. Its guiding question is how order can be generated in an environment that is fragmented rather than unified.

Political multiplicity, though, is only part of the story. Although international relations is a fragmented space, this does not stop political units from interacting with each other. These interactions are what make up international orders: regularized practices of exchange between political units.

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**In a letter to UN chief: Iran warns US against any miscalculation of resorting to military aggression**



A general view of the UN Security Council

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Iran's UN envoy urged the United Nations to warn the United States against any miscalculation of resorting to military aggression against the Islamic Republic over recent protests in the country.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Security Council's President Samuel Zbogar on Tuesday, Amir Saeid Iravani said that recent threats by the US President Donald Trump against Iran are in

violation of international norms and regulations. He added that the meddlesome statements by Trump are obviously inciting violence in Iran. Since the beginning of protests in Iran on December 28, US President Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened Tehran with military attack over its response to the riots in the country during which an unknown number of security forces and protesters have lost their lives. Instigated by expressions of

support on behalf of US president as well as Zionist-relied instructions, armed groups and individuals in various cities, including the capital Tehran, turned the protests into violent clashes by dispatching firearms and Molotov cocktails to streets, claiming innocent lives and destroying and setting on fire an assortment of economic centers, religious and public sites, buses, and urban amenities. Iravani said that Trump's reckless comments clearly provoke political instability

and threaten Iran's sovereignty, territorial integrity and national security. Iran's envoy added that the US president's call for "taking over of institutions" in Iran "must be understood as an integral component of a broader regime-change policy pursued through the so-called maximum pressure campaign, the escalation of unlawful unilateral sanctions, deliberate social and economic destabilization, the systematic spread of insecurity, and the incitement of young people to return to diplomacy.

the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran".

He also warned that the US and the Israeli regime are directly responsible for the deaths of innocent Iranian citizens, particularly the youth, in the recent unrest. Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, had earlier expressed concern about recent rhetorics by the US president against Tehran in the wake of nationwide economic protests in Iran, calling on both sides to return to diplomacy.

