

Pezeshkain says Iran, Oman to ink Hormuz shipping route deal on Monday

Muscat meeting key step toward regional security: *Spox*

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkain said that Tehran and Muscat will sign an agreement on a joint shipping route through the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, during a meeting attended by Persian Gulf Arab foreign ministers.

"This week, on Monday, the foreign ministers of the Arab countries will meet in Muscat to sign an agreement establishing a joint route between Oman and Iran in the Strait of Hormuz and to notify the International Maritime Organization of the agreement," Pezeshkain said in an interview with the Indian broadcaster India Today published on Saturday.

Iran closed the energy chokepoint days after a American-Israeli aggression against the country on February 28.

In June, Tehran and Washington agreed on a 60-day reopening period as part of a Pakistan-mediated memorandum

of understanding, but American violations forced Tehran to shut the waterway again.

Since the closure of the conduit, Iran and Oman, which sit on either side of the strait, have held several rounds of negotiations to regulate transit through the waterway. They have now reached an agreement on arrangements for transit through the strait from which a fifth of the world's oil and gas is exported.

"The countries whose territories were used to launch attacks against us by the US will also attend this meeting," Pezeshkain said.

He underlined that the Islamic Republic will reopen the strait when the US ends its blockade and attacks on Iran.

His remarks came a day after Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said that Oman would host the regional ministerial meeting, with the participation of eight states bordering the Persian Gulf.



Vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, as seen from Musandam, Oman, on August 3, 2026.

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Baqaei said the meeting would discuss regional issues and the outcome of Iranian-Omani talks on designating safe routes for commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz.

In an interview with Al Mayadeen, Baqaei described the Monday meeting as a key step toward securing stability and security in the Persian Gulf.

Baqaei said the decision to hold the meeting is the result of a process shaped by major events over the past six months.

He said Iran had consistently sought to build trust and cooperation among regional countries to strengthen peace and stability, while keeping the region



free from "harmful and divisive intervention by outside actors".

The spokesman called the initiative to bring together the foreign ministers of the Persian Gulf littoral states an im-

portant development and expressed hope that it would pave the way for greater understanding among regional countries and help bolster shared regional security.

Persian Gulf region needs no 'gendarme': *Iranian president*



Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkain (R) meets with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in India, on September 12, 2026.

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Khaled bin Mohamed Al Nahyan whose country hosts several US military bases from which the American military attacked Iran. The president separately met with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali.

"The presence of America in the region has not been a source of salvation but a factor in bloodshed," he said during the meeting.

The president called for greater economic and financial cooperation among BRICS members, saying stronger ties could contribute to the development of member states.

Pezeshkain and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed a range of issues during a meeting on Friday. They stressed their keenness to enhance cooperation between Tehran and New Delhi.

Pezeshkain emphasized that Iran attaches great importance to the expansion of relations among BRICS member states in all fields, particularly in the economic and financial spheres.

the "friendly and brotherly countries" to become enemies.

Iran's Armed Forces launched retaliatory attacks on US military bases in the regional countries after the US and Israel attacked Iran in late February and killed thousands of Iranians.

"They attacked our country without any reason; they martyred our Leader, children, commanders and scientists," Pezeshkain said.

He pointed to the strikes launched from neighboring countries, noting that Iran had "no choice but to defend the country" and strike military bases used in the attacks.

Pezeshkain also held a meeting with UAE Crown Prince Sheikh

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President Masoud Pezeshkain on Saturday rejected any foreign interference in regional security, saying that, "We do not need a gendarme in the region" amid the United States' war on Iran.

Speaking during a meeting with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on the sidelines of a BRICS summit in India on Saturday, Pezeshkain underlined that the territorial integrity and security of the region can only be ensured by its own countries.

Pezeshkain said Iran has no problem with its Muslim neighbors, but it is the United States that wants

Army, IRGC chiefs vow to maintain unity after crushing 'terrorist powers'

Chief Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Ahmad Vahidi said the Army and the IRGC, as two major anti-American powers, dealt a crushing blow to "terrorist powers" in the recent wars, stressing that Iran's military realities are being revealed on the battlefield.

Vahidi made the remarks in a joint meeting with Army Commander Major General Amir Hatami on Saturday to review the latest situation on the battlefields, according to the IRGC public relations office, Press TV reported.

He said the unity achieved at the national level was the greatest outcome of the recent war and enemy threats, adding that unprecedented unity, intelligence, and operational synergy among Iran's armed and law enforcement forces have been among the important factors behind the victory. Vahidi praised the performance of the Army in the recent wars, saying the fighting spirit and patriotism of its commanders and forces have recorded "brilliant pages of manhood and self-sacrifice" in Iran's history.

The IRGC commander also said the military capabilities of the Islamic Republic of Iran Army were beyond what the enemy had imagined, adding that the enemy witnessed its mistaken assessments of the Army's capabilities on the battlefield. For his part, Hatami said the IRGC has



Chief Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Major General Ahmad Vahidi (C) meets with Army Commander Major General Amir Hatami (R) on September 12, 2026.

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been one of the main pillars of Iran's national power, security, and deterrence for more than four decades and has remained at the forefront of defending the country's independence and security.

He emphasized that the unity and coordination between the Army and the IRGC constituted a strong pillar of national security and a key to strengthening Iran's national security and power.

"During the recent imposed wars and our resistance to the demands of the enemies, we once again proved that we will not bargain over our national interests," Hatami said.

China's Xi urges BRICS to take on peacemaking role in Middle East war

Chinese President Xi Jinping urged the BRICS bloc to be a peacemaker in the Middle East conflict, in an address to a summit of member countries in New Delhi on Saturday.

China will work with other BRICS members in that role, as the war "does not serve the common interests of the international community", state-run CCTV quoted Xi as saying. BRICS groups Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran and



the United Arab Emirates.

It was set up in 2009 to

challenge a world order dominated by the United States and its Western

allies. Together, its members account for more than 40% of the world's population and almost a quarter of the global economy.

The Chinese leader called the bloc a "leading group" in the Global South and a model of self-reliance among emerging and developing countries that should promote innovation-driven development. He said China would assume the BRICS chairmanship next year, and host the 19th BRICS summit, according to CCTV.



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