

Pezeshkian calls for global action on war-related environmental damage

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian called on the international community to ensure that countries facing sanctions or military aggression are not left to shoulder the environmental costs of war and economic restrictions alone.

Addressing the leaders' summit of the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP17) in Yerevan, Armenia, on Friday, Pezeshkian condemned the devastating impact of wars of aggression on nature, describing such destruction as "ecocide, or environmental genocide," the president's official website reported.

He urged the international community to establish effective, transparent and enforceable mechanisms to protect natural heritage and biodiversity during wartime. "No country should regard nature as a silent and defenseless victim of war," he said.

Pezeshkian stressed that Iran remained committed to implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity and achieving global nature conservation goals. However, he said the country needed genuine international cooperation to carry out environmental programs and repair the damage inflicted on its ecosystems.

He pointed to the multiple challenges facing Iran,

including climate change, drought, water scarcity, desertification and dwindling natural resources on the one side, and the impact of economic sanctions and restrictions on access to technology and financial resources on the other.

Iran has also been targeted in two consecutive years by criminal wars involving the extensive use of destructive and prohibited weapons, he stressed, citing attacks on fuel storage facilities in the capital as an example.

Pezeshkian called on United Nations agencies, international financial institutions and relevant environmental and sustainable development organizations to strengthen mechanisms for mobilizing financial resources, assessing environmental damage, restoring damaged ecosystems and supporting countries affected by the environmental consequences of armed conflicts.

"Saving the planet and protecting the environment requires a range of solutions that would not impose additional burdens on developing countries but would instead provide them with the resources and opportunities needed to pursue sustainable development while safeguarding nature," he said.

Pezeshkian also described biodiversity conservation as a potential pillar of "peace diplomacy," arguing that environmental cooperation



President Masoud Pezeshkian addresses the 17th Summit of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Yerevan, Armenia, on October 16, 2026.
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could help bridge differences between nations.

Closer ties with neighbors On the sidelines of the COP17 leaders' summit, Pezeshkian also held talks with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze, emphasizing the need to strengthen regional cooperation and expand bilateral ties.

In his meeting with Pashinyan, the Iranian president called for a long-term strategic plan to deepen cooperation between the two countries in mining, trade, economic affairs, tourism and culture.

Developing such a plan, he said, could strengthen bilateral relations across various sectors and contribute

to regional stability and security.

Referring to US pressure aimed at restricting Iran's international trade, Pezeshkian said Iran could not be isolated through sanctions and would continue to maintain strong ties with the world by relying on its people and coordinating with neighboring countries. Pashinyan, for his part, said Armenia sought stability and peace in the region and was steadily expanding its relations with neighboring countries, with an emphasis on mutually beneficial development.

In his meeting with Kobakhidze, Pezeshkian likewise stressed the need to translate bilateral relations into practical cooperation,

saying the two countries should develop an action plan with a clear timetable. He described US sanctions against Iran as inhumane, unjustifiable and beyond the bounds of humanitarian principles.

Kobakhidze said Georgia's position on relations with neighboring countries was clear and that his country opposed any foreign interference in the internal affairs of other states.

"Our principles are friendship and cooperation between the two countries. We hope that, through cooperation between our foreign ministers and diplomatic services, we can reach common ground in the fields of economic affairs and tourism," he said.

Leader urges greater support for Iran's nursing community



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Iran's Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei called on health officials to give greater attention to Iran's nursing community, highlighting nurses' vital role in restoring health, instilling hope and safeguarding society's physical and mental well-being.

In a message marking the birth anniversary of Hazrat Zeinab (PBUH) and National Nurses Day on October 16, the Leader said the occasion had rightly been designated as a tribute to nurses, noting that many of Hazrat Zeinab's moral qualities and human values were reflected in the dedicated and valued nursing profession.

"The role of nurses, like that of certain other groups such as physicians, teachers and educators, clerics, and relief workers, is one of restoring life and inspiring hope. For this reason, nurses are sometimes regarded as angels of mercy," he said. Ayatollah Khamenei stressed that caring for patients requires nurses to maintain a continuous, attentive and patient presence. He said their contribution extended beyond treating physical ailments, helping ease psychological and emotional suffering and, in many cases, preventing despair from taking hold.

"At a time when the malevolent network of global arrogance seeks to inflict suffering on the great Iranian nation by imposing various restrictions on medical treatment and medicine, attention to nurses, strengthening the nursing community, and preserving and enhancing their knowledge, skills, capabilities, morale, motivation and dignity play an important role in safeguarding society's physical and mental health and security," he said. The Leader added that health officials were expected to make these priorities central to their work, in keeping with their ongoing commitment to serving the public.

IRGC chief hails wrestling triumph as testament to Iran's champion-building tradition

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Commander-in-Chief of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Ahmad Vahidi hailed Iran's U23 Greco-Roman wrestling team for winning the 2026 World Championships in Las Vegas, describing the achievement as a testament to the country's ability to produce champions who bring honor to Iran on any stage and arena.

In a congratulatory message, Vahidi said the team's emphatic victory, secured on US soil, demonstrated the capabilities, faith and determination of the country's young athletes, particularly in a country where Iran's adversaries have long



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sought to diminish the country's name and the flag of the Islamic Republic. He described the triumph as clear evidence of the enduring truth that Iran is a land that nurtures champions who raise the country's name to the highest levels

of achievement in every field.

Vahidi said the team's continued success was undoubtedly the result of scientific management, targeted planning, the commitment of coaches and technical staff, and the determination and perseverance of young athletes who, through confidence in their own abilities, had turned the rigors of training and the challenges of competition into a source of national pride.

"Our champions let their strength and merit speak for themselves on the mat and proved that Iran's name shines on the world stage through the effort, dignity and determination of its children," he said.

FM: Iran trusts Armenia to protect its interests over TRIPP

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Tehran trusts Armenia to safeguard Iran's security interests regarding the proposed transit corridor known as the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP), which is meant to link mainland Azerbaijan to its Nakhchivan exclave through Armenian territory, Armenpress reported.

TRIPP was a US-brokered framework aimed at advancing peace and connectivity in the South Caucasus, but has drawn Tehran's attention because of its potential implications for regional geopolitics, the presence of the United States near Iran's borders, and the balance of regional influence.

Iran has consistently stressed the need to preserve national sovereignty, territorial integrity and established borders in the region, warning against arrangements that could undermine its security interests. Asked at a press briefing in Yerevan on the sidelines of the leaders' summit of the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP17) whether Iran remained concerned about TRIPP and the US presence in the



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region, Araghchi said Tehran was maintaining close contact with Armenian officials.

"We have concerns about any US presence in the region and around us. But on this issue, we are in direct contact with our Armenian friends. We trust them, and we know that they will do nothing against Iran's security," he said.

Araghchi added that consultations with the Armenian authorities were continuing, pointing to recent high-level exchanges between the two countries.

"My good friend, Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan, was in Tehran, and we had good consultations. Today, our president will meet with the Armenian prime minister, perhaps for the second time in two weeks. So, we are in close contact," he said.



Brief Notice of International Tender No.1116404 First Announcement

It is hereby notified that **Esfahan Steel Company (ESCO)** intends to purchase 1,800 Ton Granulated Graphite as per the required conditions and technical specifications through two-stage international Tender. Accordingly, all the prospective bidders are kindly requested to visit ESCO's website www.esfahansteel.ir so as to obtain the tender document and upload their techno-commercial offer to ESCO's website (through Sourcing Field) no later than 09.November.2026.

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