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Upcoming trilateral meeting drives China's diplomatic push on Iran-US conflict

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INTERVIEW EXCLUSIVE

China, which has so far refrained from direct involvement in the Iran-US conflict, has taken a more active role in recent weeks, with several meetings held between Iranian and Chinese officials. Meanwhile, the leaders of China, the United States and Russia are expected to meet in Shenzhen this week, with the Iran conflict reportedly among the key topics on the agenda. Speaking to Iran Daily, Professor Hongda Fan, an expert on China-Middle East affairs, said the intensive diplomatic efforts to mediate the Iran-US conflict in recent weeks appear to be, at least in part, preparations for the trilateral meeting in Shenzhen. However, he cautioned that without compromises from both sides, peace would remain elusive.



Hongda Fan

IRAN DAILY: **How do you assess senior Iranian security official Ali Bagheri Kani's recent visit to Beijing and his talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, particularly at a time when the region is facing serious security challenges and diplomatic efforts to end the war remain uncertain? What were the main objectives of this meeting, and what political message was China seeking to convey by reaffirming its support for Iran's sovereignty, security and territorial integrity?**

FAN: In my view, Beijing is intensifying its efforts to mediate conflicts in the Middle East, and the reception of Ali Bagheri Kani is one such example. While explicitly supporting Iran's sovereignty, security, and territorial integrity, Beijing has also clearly called for resolving conflicts through diplomatic means and preventing any further escalation of hostilities. This has been Beijing's consistent stance. Moving forward, any party that disregards diplomatic channels or instigates military strikes will face criticism from Beijing.

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