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## FM Araghchi: Iran Committed to Regional Diplomacy, Neighbors 'Top Priority'

TEHRAN – Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has reaffirmed Iran's commitment to regional diplomacy, emphasizing that neighboring countries remain a top priority for the Islamic Republic.

"Our neighbors are our priority," the top diplomat wrote in a post on X.

He also stated that he had met with his Omani counterpart, Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, in the Omani capital Muscat earlier to discuss key bilateral and regional issues.

"Our commitment is to diplomacy in defense of peace and stability, and I am always delighted to engage with my Omani counterpart in pursuit of these aims," he wrote.

The comments were made as Iran is further enriching its relations with its neighbors in the West Asia region, including Oman, with which the Islamic Republic has long enjoyed close ties, focusing on engaging in diplomatic efforts to de-escalate regional tensions among other things.

Araghchi's Muscat visit came amid heightened regional tensions stirred up by the Israeli regime's United States-backed genocidal atrocities in the Gaza Strip and escalated deadly aggression elsewhere throughout the region, including Syria and Lebanon.

It also coincided with the U.S.'s increased military buildup and

deadly violence targeting Yemen that has so far claimed the lives of close to 20 civilians.

Iran has been vocal in condemning both, urging stronger collective action from the regional Muslim nations to counter bellicose Israeli and American policies.

The Muscat visit, Araghchi added in his post, was a follow-up to discussions held during a recent Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) meeting in Jeddah.

The extraordinary meeting took place earlier this month on the Islamic Republic's initiative to address US President Donald Trump's earlier remarks, during which he had said Washington sought to "own" the Gaza Strip and force its two-million-plus Palestinian population out.

At the session, Iran's delegation, which was being led by the foreign minister, strongly denounced the Israeli regime's ongoing genocidal atrocities, and Washington's outright support for the aggression.

Araghchi also reiterated Iran's rejection of the so-called "two-state solution" as a supposed means to secure Palestinian rights, emphasizing during the summit that the Islamic Republic's unwavering support for the Palestinian cause of liberation from U.S.-backed Israeli occupation and aggression remained steadfast under all circumstances.

# Deputy FM Says Had Frank, Constructive Talks With Grossi



Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi (L) and the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Grossi.

TEHRAN – Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs said he had held frank and constructive talks with the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Grossi in Vienna on Monday.

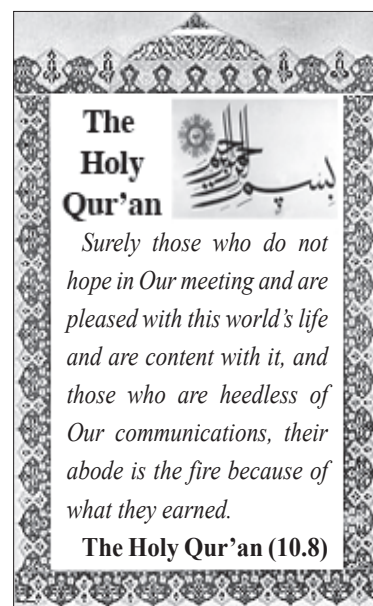
Kazem Gharibabadi wrote on his personal page on X

social network, "I had a frank and constructive conversation with the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency."

During the meeting, cooperation between Iran and the Agency, the resolution of the two outstanding issues, the security of nuclear facilities and the latest developments

surrounding the nuclear issue and the lifting of sanctions were discussed and exchanged.

The deputy Iranian foreign minister said that "Iran and the Agency have a long history of cooperation that enables them to resolve the few existing differences, provided that external political



The Holy Qur'an

Surely those who do not hope in Our meeting and are pleased with this world's life and are content with it, and those who are heedless of Our communications, their abode is the fire because of what they earned.

The Holy Qur'an (10:8)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:12
Evening (Maghreb)	18:32
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:11
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:47

pressures on the Agency are ended and the Agency also adopts an independent, technical, impartial and professional approach."

"Iran is committed to cooperating with the Agency within the framework of its safeguards obligations, while protecting its security and national interests," Gharibabadi further wrote in his post.

On Monday morning, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei announced that Gharibabadi would travel to Vienna to hold talks with officials from IAEA.

## Chairman: FATF Not on Agenda of Expediency Council

TEHRAN – Chairman of Expediency Council Ayatollah Amoli Larijani has said that Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is not on the agenda of the council.

Speaking at a meeting of the media persons on Monday, the ayatollah emphasized that the FATF is not discussed at the council at all, because, it was not referred to the council.

Ayatollah Larijani stated that Palermo and CFT are separate issues from the FATF and said that the

FATF has stipulated that Palermo and the CFT must be approved.

The FATF is not discussed at all in the council, because it was not referred to the council, he said, adding that the council only examines the CFT and Palermo, which were approved in the Parliament (Majlis) and criticized by the Guardian Council.

Earlier, a commission at the Iranian Expediency Council approved the FATF (Financial Action

Task Force)-related bills known as Palermo and CFT.

Hossein Mozaffar said that the Joint Commission of the EC has approved Iran's accession to the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Palermo, and the CFT (Countering the Financing of Terrorism) bills.

He said, "but since the EC agreement on this issue requires a three-quarters majority of votes of the members," adding that

the path to final approval of the bills will likely be bumpy.

Mozaffar further said that the final decision on Iran's membership in the FATF-related bills will be made in the next Iranian year of 1404, which will begin on March 22.

The supporters of Iranian accession to those FATF-related bills argue that accepting the conventions could ease the pressure of foreign sanctions on the country.

## Iran, Japan Discuss Efforts at Regional Peace

TEHRAN – The foreign ministers of Iran and Japan have held a telephone conversation to discuss the situation surrounding Iran, including its nuclear issue, a statement by the Japanese foreign ministry has said.

According to the statement published on the Japanese foreign ministry, Takeshi Iwaya, Minister for Foreign

Affairs of Japan, held a telephone talk with his Iranian counterpart Seyyed Abbas Araghchi on Monday.

The two ministers had a candid exchange of views on the situation surrounding Iran, including its nuclear issue.

Minister Iwaya expressed deep concern about the current situation, and while stressing

the importance of cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), pointed out that it is essential for Iran to take constructive and concrete actions in order to advance dialogue towards a peaceful resolution of the nuclear issue. Minister Iwaya also stressed the importance of dialogue and stated that Japan would continue to

make diplomatic efforts towards the peace and stability of the region.

In response, Minister Araghchi explained the Iranian side's position and efforts.

Both ministers affirmed to continue the multilayered dialogue between Japan and Iran, including at the foreign ministerial level, for the peace and stability of the region.

### Ramadhan Day-to-Day Supplications

#### 17th day

“اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي فِيهِ لِصَالِحِ الْأَعْمَالِ، وَاصْصَلِّ لِي فِيهِ الْحَوَائِجَ وَالْأَمَالَ، يَا مَنْ لَا يَحْتَاجُ إِلَى التَّفْسِيرِ وَالسُّؤَالِ، يَا عَالِمًا بِمَا فِي صُدُورِ الْعَالَمِينَ، صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَهُ الطَّاهِرِينَ.”

“O Allah, guide me towards good deeds. Grant my needs and wants. O One Who needs no reminders. O One Who is aware of what passes in the hearts of the beings.”