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India, Iran Agree on 'Next Steps' in Cooperation

NEW DELHI (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has praised India and Pakistan's efforts to prevent the escalation of tensions.

In a phone call with Pakistani Foreign Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar on Thursday, Araghchi discussed the latest security developments in South Asia.

Araghchi traveled to India following a one-day visit to Pakistan, where he engaged in discussions with senior officials.

Tensions between India and Pakistan have escalated following a deadly terror attack in Indian-administered Kashmir on April 22, which resulted in the deaths of 26 civilians, predominantly Hindu tourists.

Pakistan has denied any involvement and has called for an impartial international investigation.

Referencing his discussions with Indian officials, Araghchi emphasized the importance of both parties' efforts to prevent further escalation and reduce tensions.

Ishaq Dar, for his part, outlined the current regional situation and explained his country's position. He stated that Pakistan seeks no escalation of tensions with India.

In his meeting with India's Minister of External Affairs Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on Thursday, Araghchi highlighted the importance of stability and security in the South Asian region for Iran and the world.

He expressed hope that recent tensions in the area will be resolved through foresight and responsible determination by the involved parties.

The two sides underscored the necessity of cooperation and assistance to reduce tensions, protect peace and stability, and prevent

the escalation of conflicts and disputes.

In a post on his X account on Thursday, Jaishankar wrote that Iran and India did a "comprehensive review of our bilateral cooperation and agreed on next steps in many domains."

He added that they held wide-ranging discussions on regional and global developments.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei told IRNA that the foreign minister's visit to India came as part of Iran's regular consultations with neighboring and friendly countries, aimed at discussing bilateral issues, regional developments, and international affairs.

"This visit, marking Dr. Araghchi's first official trip to India as foreign minister, holds particular significance as it took place during a critical period coinciding with security developments in South Asia," he said.

Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, announced that during the 20th India-Iran Joint Committee meeting, the foreign ministers of Iran and India witnessed the exchange of MoU on implementation of the bilateral agreement on customs cooperation and the MoU on medical products regulation.

Araghchi also met with the Indian President Droupadi Murmu and both sides highlighted the diverse capacities and multifaceted aspects of Iran-India relations across various sectors, reaffirming the two nations' determination to deepen bilateral ties.

They also expressed readiness to expand cooperation in agriculture, transportation, communications, energy, healthcare, and science and technology.

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Embassy in Vatican Congratulates Election of New Pope

ROME (Dispatches) -- Iran's Embassy at the Vatican has congratulated the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as the leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

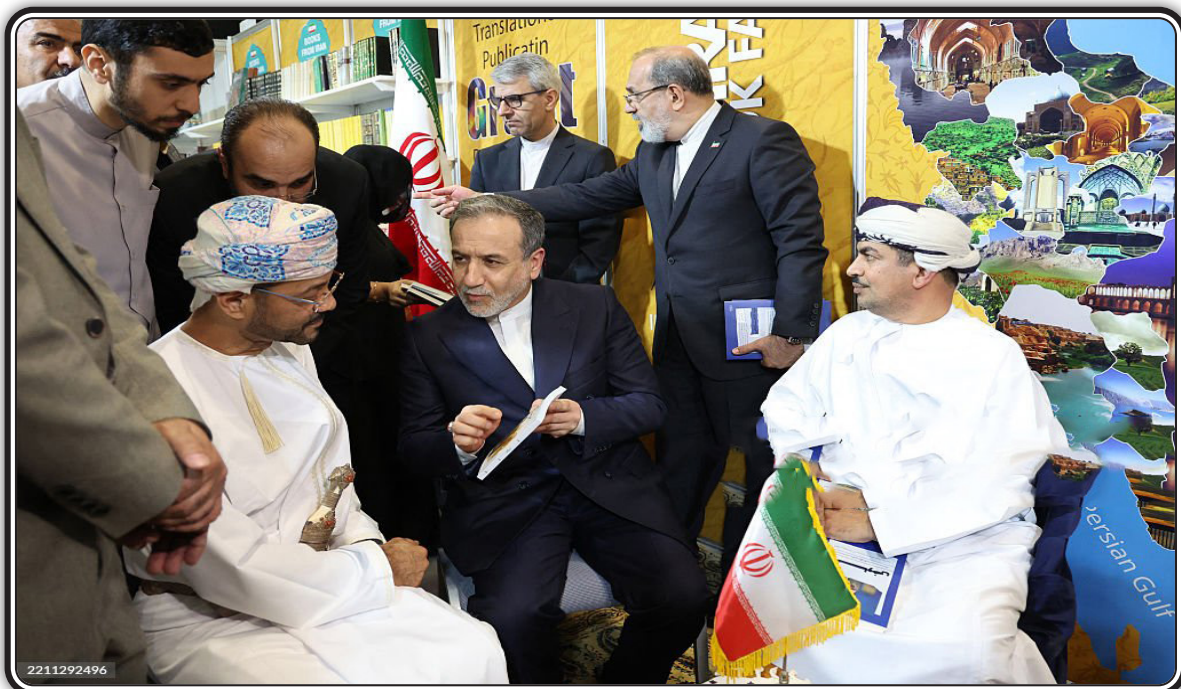
The embassy voiced hope that during the leadership of the new pope, "we will witness broad efforts toward dialogue, interfaith rapprochement, the promotion of peace, social justice, and the eradication of oppression in the world".

Pope Leo XIV, born Rob-

ert Francis Prevost in Chicago in 1955, was elected on May 8, 2025, becoming the first American and first Augustinian to lead the Catholic Church.

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FM Araghchi Visits Saudi Arabia, Qatar for Talks



Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (C) speaks to Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi (L) at the Muscat International Book fair on April 25, 2025.

TEHRAN -- Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi will visit Saudi Arabia and Qatar on Saturday, a ministry spokesperson said amid reports that Tehran and Washington may hold a new round of indirect talks.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei made the announcement on Friday, saying Araghchi's planned trips are in line with the Islamic Republic's "principled policy of continuous reinforcement of relations with its neighbors."

"The foreign minister will travel to Riyadh on Saturday to meet and hold talks with high-ranking Saudi officials," Baghaei said.

Araghchi, he added, will also head to Doha on Saturday evening to participate in the Iran-Arab World Dialogue Summit.

The remarks came after American news website Axios reported that a fourth round of Iran-U.S. indirect negotiations is expected to take place in the Omani capital of Muscat on Sunday.

The meeting had initially been

scheduled for May 3, but it was postponed due to "logistical and technical reasons".

The two sides have already held three rounds of indirect talks, mediated by Oman, on Tehran's nuclear program and the removal of U.S. sanctions.

The nuclear diplomacy has unsettled Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is pushing Trump to consider a military option against Iran.

Axios said Trump met Israeli strategic affairs minister Ron Dermer at the White House and discussed the indirect Iran-U.S. talks and the genocidal war on Gaza.

On Friday, Araghchi rejected reports about an alleged secret nuclear site, saying they are supplied by the terrorist cult Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) on Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's order in a bid to sabotage indirect talks between Tehran and Washington.

Araghchi made the remarks in an X post after Fox News released

what it claimed to be satellite imagery of a previously undisclosed nuclear facility in Iran's Semnan Province.

Araghchi said Netanyahu is using "Saddam's Iranian henchmen" under his policy of dictating what President Donald Trump must do with regard to the Islamic Republic in a desperate attempt to sabotage Iran's talks with the U.S.

"Like clockwork, more Very Scary Satellite Images are being circulated as Iran-U.S. indirect nuclear talks are set to resume," he said.

"With his credibility in tatters and exposed as a saboteur, Netanyahu—under his 'Determining What @realdonaldtrump Can & Cannot Do' policy—is turning to both old and new sock puppets. This time, he is using Saddam's Iranian henchmen. They may come cheap, but hiring a literal cult only conveys utter desperation."

Earlier on Friday, the Iranian mission to the United Nations rejected the report as "absurd".

"The modus operandi of the ter-

Iranian PhD Student in U.S. Forced to Self-Deport

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — An Iranian mechanical engineering student at the University of Alabama has decided to self-deport after six weeks in a Louisiana detention center despite the government dropping a charge behind his initial arrest, his lawyer and fiancée said.

Alireza Doroudi was detained by immigration officials in March as part of President Donald Trump's widespread immigration crackdown and has been held at a facility in Jena, Louisiana, over 300 miles (480 kilometers) from where he lived with his fiancée in Alabama.

At the time the State Department said Doroudi posed "significant national security concerns."

Doroudi's lawyer, David Rozas, said the government has not offered any evidence to support that claim, however.

Doroudi's visa was revoked in June 2023. Officials did not give a reason and ignored numerous inquiries from him that year, according to his fiancée, Sama Ebrahimi Bajgani.

Back then the University of Alabama advised Doroudi that he was legally allowed to stay but would not be allowed to re-enter if he left, Bajgani added.

This spring the government filed two charges against Doroudi to

justify deporting him, saying his visa was revoked and he was not "in status" as a student, Rozas said.

On Thursday a U.S. government attorney withdrew the first of those and said the visa revocation was "prudent," meaning it would not go into effect until after he leaves the country — in line with what the university told Doroudi earlier.

Rozas said he has submitted evidence disputing the remaining accusation, that he is not an active student.

A State Department spokesperson declined to comment on the case, including Rozas' characterization of the initial arrest as an error.

The judge in the case, Maithe Gonzalez, gave both sides until the end of May to refile motions and denied Doroudi's request to re-determine eligibility for bond. Doroudi decided to give up rather than continue to fight deportation.

"He told me that if they let him to go out, there was a good chance that he would have fought his case for the sake of other students and for the sake of himself," Bajgani said afterward by phone. "They just want to make him tired so he can deport himself."

Bajgani, who drove 11 hours round-trip to attend the hourlong hearing, echoed Rozas' confusion

about why Doroudi was targeted for deportation, saying he has no criminal record, entered the country legally and was not politically outspoken like other students who have been targeted.

She affectionately described her fiancé as a "nerd" and "a really big thinker" who spent long days in the lab and enjoys anime. He does not deserve what happened to him, she said, and now the life they built in Alabama is over.

"I am not happy about the whole thing that happened to us, and I need time to grieve for what I am going to put behind and leave," Bajgani said. "All the dreams, friendships and dreams we had with each other."

In a letter to Bajgani from behind bars in April, Doroudi called his detention a "pure injustice."

"I didn't cause any trouble in this country," he said. "I didn't enter illegally. I followed all the legal paths."

Rozas said he has not seen such a case in his 21 years as an immigration attorney. He accused authorities of denying his client due process and forcing him to choose between indefinite detention and self-deporting.

"I'm absolutely devastated," Rozas said, "and I think it's a travesty of justice."

The Holy Qur'an

And what will be the thought of those who forge lies against Allah on the day of resurrection? Most surely Allah is the Lord of grace towards men, but most of them do not give thanks.

The Holy Qur'an (10.60)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:01
Evening (Maghreb)	19:18
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:03
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:27

rorist cult known as the MKO demonstrates that it—in a desperate pursuit of recognition—furnishes fabricated reports, disguised as so-called intelligence findings, to Western intelligence services, including those of the United States," it said in a statement published on X.

"However, once such agencies come to discern the utter unreliability of the absurd reports churned out by the MKO terrorist cult, it then seeks out its next clientele among Western media outlets, aiming to exploit those platforms in order to ride the tide of media momentum."

The notorious MKO group has a dismal history of perpetrating terrorist attacks against Iranian civilians and officials and killing around 12,000 people since the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Security Chief: Iran's Red Lines Clear in Talks With U.S.

TEHRAN -- Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Akbar Ahmadian said Thursday the Islamic Republic's red lines are quite clear in indirect talks with the U.S., stressing that everything depends on the U.S. behavior.

Speaking during a gathering of senior commanders of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) here, Ahmadian said the results of the ongoing negotiations with Washington are unpredictable.

"As for the content and outcome of the negotiations, nothing can be predicted; of course, our red lines are entirely clear, and everything depends on the U.S.'s behavior and the circumstances," he said.

Iran and the U.S. have so far held three rounds of Oman-mediated talks on a replacement for the 2015 nuclear deal. The fourth round had initially been scheduled for May 3 in the Italian capital, but it was postponed due to what Oman described as "technical and logistical" reasons.

Both sides have so far described their indirect talks as generally productive, including the last round, which was billed as a "constructive" process.

"Just as direct negotiations under conditions of coercion and threat are unwise and dishonorable, negotiations under equal conditions and free from threats and coercion are rational and honorable," Ahmadian stressed.