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- Iran's diplomatic feints come up short as economy flashes red (Iran International)

Brief Notes

IAEA–Tehran Negotiations in Vienna: Reza Najafi, the Islamic Republic's ambassador and permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, said, "Another round of meetings between the Iranian delegation and officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency initiated today in Vienna… [The talks] at the expert level… will determine the new form of cooperation between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency."

Doha Hosts Talks Between Tehran and Hamas: Yesterday, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met Hamas senior leader Khalil al-Hayya in Doha, Qatar, and promised to maintain Tehran's "principled position" of "supporting the legitimate and legal resistance of the Palestinian people against occupation until the full realization of their rights." Araghchi also called for "coordinated and comprehensive action" by Islamic countries to "halt the genocide in Gaza," expedite humanitarian aid, and seek accountability for Israeli leaders.

Tehran–EU Talks End With No Results

Yesterday, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met with EU Foreign Policy Chief Kaja Kallas in Doha to discuss the Islamic Republic's nuclear program. The talks ended with no results.

According to the Islamic Republic Foreign Ministry, Araghchi condemned the E3's move to trigger the UN snapback mechanism as "illegal and unjustified," warning it could result in UN sanctions being reimposed in late September. He emphasized the EU's responsibility, as coordinator of the JCPOA Joint Commission under UNSC Resolution 2231, to maintain diplomatic efforts.

Araghchi reiterated Tehran's commitment to diplomacy, while Kallas underlined that negotiation remains the only path to address concerns and called for the creation of more opportunities for talks. The meeting ended with no results but both sides agreed to continue negotiations in the coming weeks.

Araghchi also held separate phone calls with his counterparts from Greece, Slovenia, and Sierra Leone, all of which are current UN Security Council members. According to the Islamic Republic's Foreign Ministry, these calls focused on the E3's activation of the snapback mechanism.

Tehran Denies Statements on Probability of War

Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh has denied making remarks, attributed to him by state media, suggesting a high likelihood of war between the Islamic Republic and Israel. He clarified that his actual comments were meant to accuse Israel of "violating international norms and laws" over the past two years.

Khatibzadeh said, "The assassination of Iranian commanders is a crime, and the Zionist regime relies on terrorism in all its plans." He claimed that the Islamic Republic had already delivered a "decisive response," stressing, "Iran's response was extremely painful for the Zionist regime, and this aggression failed to achieve its objectives."

The denial comes amid heightened domestic tensions following the 12-Day War. In August, senior military adviser Yahya Rahim Safavi warned of renewed hostilities, noting the Islamic Republic was not bound by any truce with Israel or the U.S.

On the Radar

- Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in Doha. The foreign ministry reported, "In this meeting, discussions were held on strengthening Iran–Qatar bilateral relations and on regional and international developments, particularly the continuation of the genocide and crimes of the Zionist regime in occupied Palestine, as well as the necessity of serious action by regional countries and the international community to stop the genocide, prosecute the criminals, and confront the warmongering and expansionism of the Zionist regime."
- On his official X account, Abbas Araghchi accused Western powers of hypocrisy after satellite images showed new construction at Israel's Dimona nuclear site. Araghchi said, "Iran has long warned that the Western hysteria over nuclear proliferation in our region is all fluff. The issue, in their view, is not the existence—or expansion—of atomic weapon arsenals. It is about who gets to advance scientifically, even with peaceful nuclear programs." He added, "It is therefore not a surprise that there is deafening Western silence over the apparent expansion of the only nuclear weapons arsenal in our region—the nukes in the hands of their genocidal ally. The E3 and the U.S. may be in denial, but their silence is eliminating any credibility to utter anything about non-proliferation."
- Venezuela's drone program, developed through long-standing cooperation with Tehran, remains under the supervision of the Islamic Republic's specialists who reportedly control access to production facilities, preventing Venezuelan staff from entering without authorization. The revelation comes as Caracas

prepares to deploy its Islamic Republic-designed drones in response to increased U.S. counternarcotics operations and maritime presence in the region.

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