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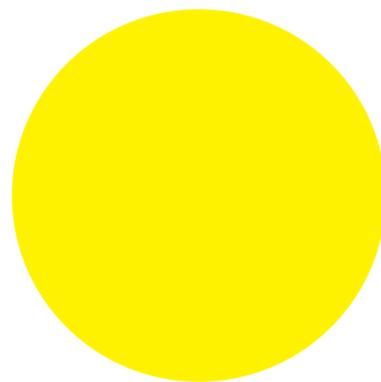
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### Sheikh Tamim's visit for JCPOA, Palestine

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#### OPINION

Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani visited Tehran and met with senior Iranian officials following a recent trip by President Raisi to Doha. The Qatari emir usually travels to Tehran when a new government takes office in Iran to explore ways for further cooperation and discuss regional issues in a gesture signaling Doha's readiness to consolidate relations. However, this time the visit comes amid paused talks in Vienna over the revival of Iran's nuclear deal and heightened tensions in Palestine.

The Vienna talks on the removal of sanctions and the US return to the JCPOA has hit a deadlock over Washington's refusal to lift the sanctions imposed by Trump.

The Qatari emir, as a mediator who has cordial relations with Tehran, can play a role in this regard. In fact, one of the goals of his visit was to express Qatar's readiness to cooperate with Iran in resolving JCPOA-related issues. Iran's position on the JCPOA is clear; it is based on cooperation to solve problems but in a practical way, not just on paper, without implementation.

The impasse in the Vienna talks has not been caused by Iran; therefore, Sheikh Tamim's visit cannot do any good in this regard. The gridlock should be broken in Washington and the European capitals. The Qatari emir was apparently convinced during this trip that Iran is quite determined to adhere to the Vienna talks, and that the American side must be convinced to stick to the terms agreed to in the course of negotiations. Moreover, there was no sign that Sheikh Tamim was carrying a message from the Americans to the authorities in Tehran. But what can be understood from the remarks of European and American leaders is that they do not want the case to be closed.

# Reliable outcome possible on Iran nuclear deal: FM

EU top diplomat says stalled talks 'reopen'

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Iran and the European Union on Friday harbored hope that stalled talks in Vienna over the revival of the 2015 nuclear deal, known as the JCPOA, would reach an agreement, after a trip to Tehran by the EU coordinator to the negotiations this week. Iranian Foreign Minister

Hossein Amir Abdollahian said on Twitter that the discussions between Iran's chief negotiator Ali Baqeri Kani and EU envoy Enrique Mora "were another opportunity to focus on initiatives to resolve the remaining issues." "A good and reliable outcome is within reach if US makes its decision & adheres to its commitments,"

he tweeted. "Contacts will continue." The EU's foreign policy chief said on Friday that he believed there had been enough progress during consultations between Mora and Iranian officials in Tehran to relaunch the Vienna talks after a two-month hiatus, adding that a final deal was within reach. Speaking as Mora arrived

back in Europe, Josep Borrell said Iran's response had been "positive enough", Reuters reported. "It has gone better than expected - the negotiations were stalled, and now they have been reopened," Borrell told reporters on the sidelines of a G7 meeting in Germany. "That means there is the prospective of reaching a

final agreement," he added. Talks to resurrect the JCPOA have been on hold since March, over the US refusal to meet Iran's key demands including the removal of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) from its list of designated "terrorist" organizations.



Iran's top nuclear negotiator Ali Baqeri Kani (R) meets EU political director Enrique Mora during a visit to Tehran.

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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said dialogue among regional countries was the best solution to regional problems, without any interference of "foreign factors".

"The issues of Yemen and



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (L) talks to Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani (R), in a meeting also attended by Iranian President Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi in Tehran on May 12, 2022.

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## Leader: Regional problems solvable via dialogue without foreign interference

Syria can be also solved through dialogue. Of course, dialogue should not be undertaken from a weak position at a time that the opposite parties, mostly the United States and others, rely on military and financial power," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a Thursday meeting with the visiting Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, during which the Leader called for increased political and economic cooper-

ation between the two countries, Press TV reported. Ayatollah Khamenei stressed that management of the region does not need any meddling by foreign parties, adding, "Wherever Zionists go, they foment corruption and can give no power or concession to [regional] countries." "Therefore, we, as regional countries, must boost our relations as much as we can through common

thinking and cooperation," he said. Confirming the Qatari emir's remarks in which he condemned Israeli crimes, the Leader described decades-long oppression of the Palestinian people by "evil Zionists" as a bitter reality and a blow to the Islamic world and the Arab world. "In the face of these crimes, the Islamic Republic of Iran expects the Arab world to take explicit political action," Ayatollah

Khamenei noted. Referring to Israeli attacks on the restive Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of the occupied Al-Quds, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The support offered by some Arab countries to Palestinian people in that case did not even match up to [the support offered by] some European [countries] and they took no [decisive] position. Even now, they are still acting like that."

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