

# Iran in a Week

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's visit to Belarus comes amid economic pressures and Israeli threats of war over Tehran's nuclear program. While the declared agenda centered on trade, investment and economic cooperation, observers believe Iran is quietly seeking military and technical backing from Minsk,

which maintains close ties with Russia. Belarus, though under US sanctions for supporting Moscow in Ukraine, remains valuable to Tehran as it faces fewer restrictions in the military sector. Its advanced air defense systems, including the S-400 and Tor-M2, along with electronic warfare tools like

SPN-30 and Groza-6, could help Iran address glaring weaknesses in its defenses — exposed during the 12-day war. If secured, such systems would significantly enhance Iran's capacity to counter potential Israeli strikes, making Belarus a strategic partner in Tehran's bid to rebuild deterrence.

## News

### Politics:



**Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Saeed Khatibzadeh:** "The snapback mechanism will squander Europe's last card."



**Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian:** "Without missiles, we would face daily bombardment like the people of Gaza."



**Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian from Yerevan:** "Entrusting Caucasus issues to external powers only deepens regional complexities."



**Reform Front leader Azar Mansouri:** "Why downplay the snapback mechanism when you know its dangers to the nation's present and future? Is there still a future left to sell?"

### Security and Military:



**Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh:** "Iran will deploy new missiles in response to any enemy adventurism."



**Sistan and Balochistan police:** Five security officers killed in a terrorist attack in Iranshahr.



**Imprisoned political activist Mostafa Tajzadeh:** "The Islamic Republic is heading toward statelessness and chaos."



**IRGC Quds Force Deputy for Coordination Brigadier General Iraj Masjedi:** "Disarming Hezbollah is an American-Zionist scheme that will never succeed."

### The Region and the World:



Austria's embassy in Tehran suspends all consular services until further notice.



UK Foreign Office adds several Iranian petrochemical and trading firms to its sanctions list.



Australia expels Iranian ambassador over anti-Jewish remarks.

### Economy:



**Iran's ambassador to Moscow Kazem Jalali:** "Iran hopes to receive Russian gas soon via Azerbaijan."



**VP of Iran-Russia Joint Chamber Rouh Ali Yekta:** "Iran's \$5 billion trade with the Eurasian Economic Union is still too small."



**Tehran MP and Agriculture Committee member Peyman Falsafi warns:** "Taleghan Dam water may not suffice for Tehran's population within 5 years."


### Society and Culture:



**Parliamentary Health Committee member Homayoun Sameh-Yah Najafabadi:** Iran faces a growing doctor shortage, warning the country will ultimately "pay in dollars."



**Head of the Department of Earthquake Engineering at the Road, Housing and Urban Development Research Center Ali Beitollahi:** "Iran ranks third worldwide in land subsidence from groundwater depletion."



**Amnesty International:** The Islamic Republic is erasing evidence of 1980s mass executions.

## Editorials

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Jahan-e Sanat Newspaper

**Reconstruction or Collapse?** Since 2011, Iran's economy has steadily deteriorated—40% inflation, near-zero growth, collapsing investment, shrinking purchasing power and huge budget deficits. Current "patchwork" policies, rising debt and acute subsidy financing risk fuel economic collapse.

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Arman Emrooz

**A New War Ahead? Talk of war is growing.** Netanyahu and Trump prioritize destabilizing Iran through sanctions, snapback and economic crises — or a sudden military strike. Direct attacks would only expose an already ongoing covert conflict.

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Etemad Newspaper

**Why No Stock Market Recovery?** Tehran's market keeps falling despite state support. Selling pressure, power outages and lack of positive news erode investor trust, while snapback fears worsen liquidity flight.

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Jahan-e Sanat Newspaper

**Hardest Days Looming. With stalled nuclear talks and threats of snapback,** Iranians fear even darker days ahead.