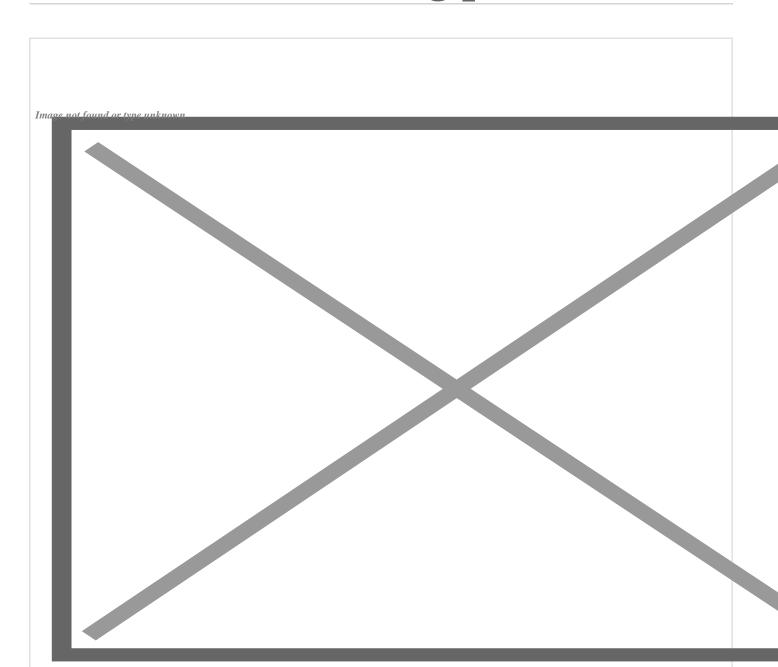
Iranian foreign minister calls on Muslims to foster unity to counter Israel's destabilizing plots



The combo photo shows Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi (R) and his Turkish counterpart

Hakan Fidan.

Tehran, August 25 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi says Muslim countries, particularly Iran and Turkey, should hold more consultations to counter the Israeli regime's destabilizing moves in the region.

In a phone call with Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Hakan Fidan on Saturday, Araqchi said West Asia faces intensification of crises and the Israeli regime's moves to cause more tension and spread instability across the region.

He underscored the importance of improving relations between Iran and Turkey and expressed his country's readiness to boost constructive talks aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation in all fields.

Fidan, for his part, extended his congratulations to Araqchi over his appointment as new Iranian foreign minister and said Turkey is prepared to continue political consultations with Iran with the purpose of enhancing relations.

The Turkish foreign minister said his country is keen to cooperate with Iran on leading regional and international developments, particularly the ongoing tensions in the West Asia region.

Iran pursues 'strategic' view to Latin America: Araqchi

In a phone conversation with Venezuela's Foreign Minister Yvan Gil Pinto on Saturday, Araqchi said Iran continues to pursue a "strategic" view to the Latin American countries.

The top Iranian diplomat added that Venezuela has a special position in the Islamic Republic's foreign policy. He pointed to Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's congratulations to his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro on his victory in the presidential election and condemned any act of intervention in the Latin America's internal affairs.

The Venezuelan foreign minister, for his part, expressed hope that both Tehran and Caracas will pursue the implementation of the agreements and documents aimed at bolstering cooperation.

Araqchi and Pinto expressed the two countries' readiness to exchange high-level delegations and continue talks in order to advance issues on the agenda of relations and find new areas of cooperation.

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