

# *Iran calls for solidarity against pandemic, condemns U.S. sanctions*

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Tehran, May 19 (RHC)-- Iran has called for global solidarity against the pandemic, but said that unilateral sanctions are "inhumane" and causing "unnecessary suffering and pain" for its people.

"The U.S. must be held to account for its intensifying unilateral sanctions against Iran and other affected nations," Saeed Namaki, Iran's health minister, said in an address to the WHO's annual assembly being held online.

Alex Azar, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, addressed the two-day forum, but refused to respond to Iran's denunciations.

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