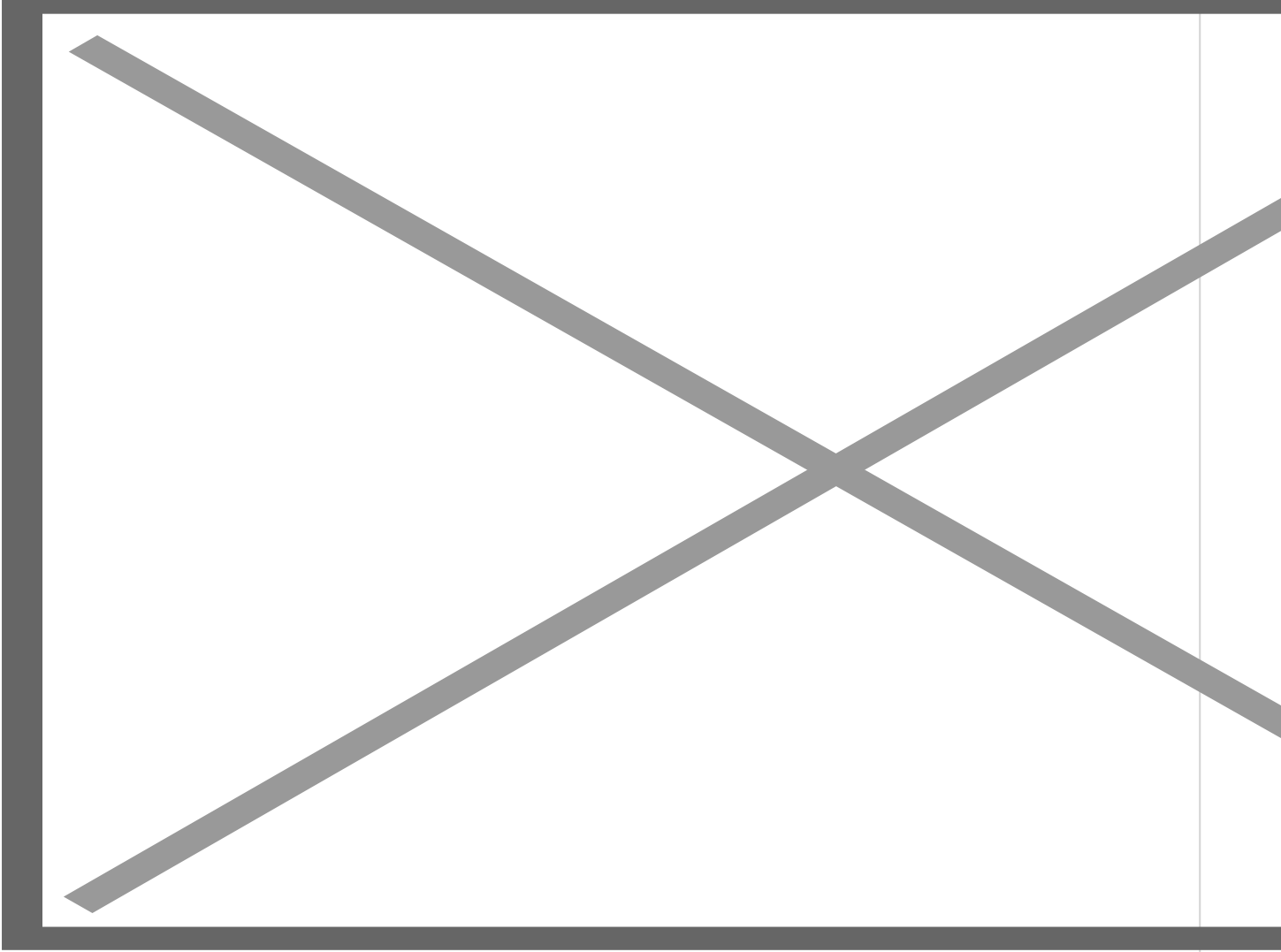


In Damascus, Iranian foreign minister pledges full-fledged support for Syria in anti-terror fight

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (L) and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad meet in Damascus on December 1, 2024. (Photo by Iran's Foreign Ministry)

Damascus, December 1 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says Tehran will insist on its principled stance to fully support the Syrian government, nation and army in the fight against terrorism and safeguard regional security and stability.

Araghchi, who arrived in Damascus at the head of a diplomatic delegation, made the remark in a meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus on Sunday.

The meeting came a few days after terror outfits led by the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) launched their largest assault in Syria in years and took control of parts of the country's second-biggest city, Aleppo, and advanced southward toward the city of Hama.

The Syrian army announced later that it thwarted the large-scale terrorist operations through a preemptive strike.

The Iranian minister conveyed warm greetings from Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and President Masoud Pezeshkian to the Syrian president and nation. He said the recent terror acts in Syria are part of a plot hatched by enemies of stability and security in the region.

Such incidents also expose that the terrorists' sinister goals are in line with those of the United States and the Israeli regime which seek to spread warmongering and insecurity in the region and make up for the Zionists' failures in the face of the resistance front, he added.

The top Iranian diplomat expressed confidence that Syria, like in the past, will also this time manage to defeat terrorist groups. He reaffirmed Iran's full support for Syria to counter acts of aggression by the Israeli regime and terrorist groups.

Speaking to reporters before his departure, the Iranian foreign minister said Iran makes no distinction between the Israeli regime and the Takfiri terrorists.

"We believe that following the Israeli regime's failures, the enemy is trying to implement its sinister goals of spreading insecurity in the region via these same terrorist groups," the top Iranian diplomat emphasized.

The Syrian president expressed his appreciation for the support of the Iranian government and nation and sent his greetings to Ayatollah Khamenei and President Pezeshkian.

Assad commended Iran's strong stance on support for the stability and security of the countries in the region, particularly Syria, in their battle against the vicious phenomenon of terrorism.

He urged all regional countries to make all-out efforts to eradicate terrorism, saying only the enemies of Muslim countries, especially the Israeli regime, are benefiting from the scourge.

Assad hailed the Iranian foreign minister's meaningful visit to Syria under the current sensitive circumstances which shows Iran's message of support for the countries of the resistance front in the face of the Israeli regime.

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