

▶ Event shows China's continued efforts in easing tensions: expert

Iranian Foreign Minister to visit China upon invitation

By GT staff reporters

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran Seyyed Abbas Araghchi will visit China upon invitation on Wednesday. Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi will hold talks with him, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson announced on Tuesday, according to the official website of the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The visit is part of Tehran's broader diplomatic outreach to key partners. Araghchi's agenda includes discussions on mutual cooperation as well as regional and international issues, according to a brief statement by the Iranian Foreign Ministry, Iran's state-run Press TV reported on Tuesday.

Saudi broadcaster Al Arabiya reported on Tuesday that Araghchi is traveling to Beijing for talks, marking the diplomat's first visit to China since US and Israeli strikes sparked the most severe global oil supply shock in history.

Since the US, Israel launched strikes against Iran, China has consistently played a constructive role in deescalating the tensions, and the Iranian Foreign Minister's visit to China upon Beijing's invitation is also one of those efforts, Liu Zhongmin, a professor at the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai International Studies University, told the Global Times on Tuesday.

During his phone conversation with his Iranian counterpart on April 15, Foreign Minister Wang said that China supports sustaining the momentum of ceasefire and negotiations, which serves the fundamental interests of the Iranian people and meets the shared aspiration of regional countries and the international community, according to a release by Chinese Foreign Ministry.

During the call, Araghchi said Iranian side highly appreciates China's consistent efforts to deescalate tensions and hopes China will play an active role in promoting peace and ending the conflict, the release said.

China has focused its efforts on easing tensions between Iran and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries to prevent the further spillover and escalation of regional conflicts, Liu said.

Liu said that additionally, during this visit, the two sides may also explore cooperation in energy and other fields.

Some foreign media outlets including Anadolu Ajansi, The National, have linked the Iranian Foreign Minister's upcoming visit to China to the Strait of Hormuz situation.

Earlier on the day, Araghchi said on his X account that events in Hormuz make clear that there's no military solution to a political crisis.

Also on Tuesday, Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said via his X account that the new

equation of the Strait of Hormuz is in the process of being solidified. The security of shipping and energy transit has been jeopardized by the US and its allies through the violation of the ceasefire and the imposition of a blockade; of course, their evil will diminish, Ghalibaf said.

The US military claimed two commercial vessels safely transited the key waterway Monday under the Project Freedom initiative announced by President Trump, CBS News reported.

US President Donald Trump claimed Monday the US is engaged in a "mini war" with Iran, CBS News reported. "Our country is booming now, despite the fact that we're in a - I call it a mini war," the president claimed during a small business-focused event at the White House, per the report.

The current situation in the region is at a critical stage of whether the conflict can end. The pressing priority remains to prevent by all means a relapse in fighting, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said on April 22, in response to an inquiry regarding whether Chinese diplomacy plays a role in extending the ceasefire.

China supports relevant parties in continuing the political and diplomatic effort to resolve disputes with the aim of realizing a full and lasting ceasefire and keeping the Middle East and Gulf region peaceful and stable, Guo said.

EC recommends excluding Huawei, ZTE gears; 'overstretching' security concept: expert

By Tao Mingyang

In another move that overstretches the concept of security, the European Commission (EC) recommended that EU member states exclude Huawei and ZTE gears from their local telecom operators' connectivity infrastructure, an EC spokesperson claimed on Monday local time, according to Reuters. Chinese officials have previously vowed to take measures if Chinese firms are subject to discriminatory treatment. Chinese analysts said that the EU's move would not only increase costs for its members but also undermine China-EU cooperation.

During a briefing in Brussels, the EC spokesperson claimed that the new cybersecurity rules being approved would grant the bloc the possibility to ban the use of gears from what it claims to be "high-risk suppliers" in the EU market, Reuters reported.

The Chinese side had previously issued a clear response to the EU's attempt to revise its cybersecurity rules. A spokesperson for China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) said on April 23 that if Chinese enterprises are subjected to discriminatory treatment as a result of the EU's revision of the EU Cybersecurity Act, China will take measures in accordance with the Foreign Trade Law and regulations on industrial and supply chain security to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of its enterprises.

Ding Chun, director of the Center for European Studies at Fudan University, told the Global Times on Tuesday that despite the EC's attempt to strengthen and institutionalize restrictions on Chinese telecom products, such moves would increase costs and differences in fiscal capacity and technological development among member states make it difficult for such policies to be implemented uniformly across the bloc.

Xiang Ligang, director-general of the Zhongguancun Modern Information Consumer Application Industry Technology Alliance, noted that Europe currently has a relatively small number of 5G base stations compared with China.

Banning cost-effective and technologically advanced Chinese equipment, he said, would slow down Europe's mobile communications development and significantly drag on social efficiency and economic growth.

The EU's move would not only undermine the business environment in the bloc but would also have a negative impact on normal China-EU economic and trade cooperation, Xiang said.



The Iran-flagged tugboat Basim sails near a ship anchored in the Strait of Hormuz off Bandar Abbas in southern Iran on May 4, 2026.

Photo: VCG

China urges US to stop at once blockade and sanctions against Cuba: FM

The US' intensification of illicit and unilateral sanctions against Cuba gravely infringes on the Cuban people's right to subsistence and development and violates the basic norms in international relations. China firmly supports Cuba in safeguarding

its national sovereignty and security, and opposes interference in Cuba's internal affairs, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said on Tuesday.

The remarks were made in response to media reports that the US President signed

an executive order on May 1 to expand sanctions against Cuba, claiming Cuba continues to constitute a threat to the national security and foreign policy of the US, and that on the same day, the Cuban foreign minister said that the US' illegal and

unilateral coercive measures are reprehensible and ridiculous, and that "they will not intimidate us."

"We urge the US to stop at once the blockade and sanctions as well as coercion and pressuring of any form against

Cuba," said the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson.

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