
IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN PAKISTAN FOR THREE-DAY VISIT

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Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif is in Pakistan for talks with the Pakistani leadership during his three-day visit.

Zarif, who arrived early Monday morning, received a warm welcome by senior officials of the Foreign Ministry at Islamabad airport. The Iranian foreign minister is heading a 30-member delegation, which will hold talks on several bilateral issues. During the meetings, the Iranian delegation will discuss matters pertaining to trade, energy, culture, people to people contacts besides discussing other matters of mutual interest. Zarif is also expected to hold meetings with President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi. He will also hold meetings with the Pakistani leadership and address a think tank on mutual relations of Pakistan and Iran.

Trade between Iran, Pak witnesses 50% increase

While addressing the Pak-Iran Business Forum on Monday, the Iranian foreign minister shared that there has been a 50 per cent increase in trade between Pakistan and Iran since last year. Together, we can move towards free trade agreement, he shared, adding that Pakistan and Iran are leading Muslim countries in different industries. Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif also weighed in on the topic and remarked that the trade activity between Pakistan and Iran has increased in the past two years. Trade with Iran has increased by USD1 billion, said Pakistans foreign minister. Zarif also remarked that extremism and terrorism spread due to poverty.

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