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## **BEIJING EXTENDS SUPPORT TO IRAN AMID CONFLICT WITH US AHEAD OF TRUMP'S CHINA TRIP**

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China on Wednesday extended support to Iran amid the conflict with the US as Beijing prepares to host US President Donald Trump next week.

China supports Iran in safeguarding its national sovereignty and security and appreciates Iran's willingness to seek a political solution through diplomatic channels, Foreign Minister Wang Yi told his Iranian counterpart Abbas Araghchi during a meeting in Beijing.

He added that a complete cessation of hostilities is imperative while restarting the conflict is unacceptable, and persisting in negotiations is particularly important," according to a statement from China's Foreign Ministry.

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