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Role: Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran (since 21 August 2024) **Age:** 63 (born 5 December 1962)
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Bio

Detail	Info
Full name	Seyyed Abbas Araghchi
Born	5 December 1962, Tehran, Iran
Education	University of Kent (PhD Political Thought)
Languages	Persian, Arabic, English
Previous roles	Chief nuclear negotiator (JCPOA 2013–2015); Ambassador to Finland (1999–2003); Ambassador to Japan (2008–2011)
Military	Served 9 years in IRGC during Iran–Iraq War

Background

A career diplomat with deep IRGC roots. Araghchi served 9 years in the IRGC during the Iran–Iraq War before joining the foreign ministry in 1989. He was Iran's **chief nuclear negotiator** under President Rouhani, leading the P5+1 talks that produced the 2015 JCPOA (Iran nuclear deal). Known as Iran's **"master negotiator"** (Reuters).

Fluent in Persian, Arabic, and English. Held a PhD in political thought from the University of Kent.

Iran War — Role & Stance

Araghchi is leading Iran's **high-level delegation** in the ongoing Doha (Qatar) negotiations — currently the most serious diplomatic push since the war began.

Key Statements & Actions (2026)

- **26 May:** Leading Iran's Doha delegation, including Parliament Speaker Ghalibaf and central bank governor — discussing Strait of Hormuz, enriched uranium stockpile, and release of frozen Iranian funds
- **25 May:** Delegation in Qatar when US strikes hit Bandar Abbas
- **Pre-war (25 Feb 2026):** Said a "historic" agreement with the US was "within reach" — just 3 days before the Feb 28 strikes started the war
- **Post-war:** Condemned US attacks as "wholly unprovoked, illegal, and illegitimate"
- **27 April:** Met with Putin in Moscow regarding Russian satellite intelligence support
- Acknowledged "good cooperation" from Russia and China, including "military cooperation"

Negotiating Positions

- Iran **will not agree** to stop enriching uranium entirely
- Iran **will not negotiate** on its ballistic missile program or proxy network — "absolutely off the table"

Reputation & Controversy

- Widely respected as a skilled diplomat who managed the JCPOA
- Reputation **damaged internationally** by role in the 2025–26 crackdown on Iranian protesters (thousands killed)
- Deflected international criticism by referencing US police violence
- **Disinvited** from 2026 World Economic Forum in Davos
- Publicly insulted Ukraine's President Zelenskyy as a "confused clown" (January 2026)
- Viewed as **pragmatic but ruthless** — willing to negotiate while overseeing severe domestic repression

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