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Role: 72nd US Secretary of State (since January 2025); also acting National Security Advisor (since May 2025) **Age:** 55 (born 28 May 1971) **Last updated:** 26 May 2026

Bio

Detail	Info
Full name	Marco Antonio Rubio
Born	28 May 1971, Miami, Florida
Education	University of Florida (BA); University of Miami (JD)
Cuban-American	Parents fled Cuba in 1956 under Batista
Previous roles	US Senator for Florida (2011–2025); Speaker Florida House (2006–2008); 2016 presidential candidate
Confirmation	Confirmed 99-0 by the Senate

Iran War — Role & Stance

Rubio is the **lead US diplomat** in the Iran conflict, holding an unprecedented dual role as Secretary of State and acting National Security Advisor — the first since Henry Kissinger (1973–1975). He has been described as the "Secretary of Everything."

- **Shuttle diplomacy:** Riyadh (Ukraine-Russia talks with Lavrov), Islamabad (ceasefire negotiations), Jaipur/New Delhi, and Doha
- **Known as a hawk** on foreign policy (China, Cuba, Venezuela, Iran)

- Defended Operation Midnight Hammer (June 2025 US strikes on Iranian nuclear sites)
- Expressed support for anti-government protests in Iran (January 2026)

Recent Statements (May 2026)

- **26 May (Jaipur, India):** Deal could take "a few days" — cited talks in Qatar on "specific language in the initial document." Said: "The president's expressed his desire to make it. He's either going to make a good deal or no deal."
 - **26 May (on Strait of Hormuz):** "The straits have to be open one way or the other... What's happening there is unlawful, it's illegal, it's unsustainable for the world, it's unacceptable."
 - **24 May (New Delhi):** US has a "pretty solid" proposal on the table; Trump won't make a bad deal
 - **Earlier:** "Iran's leadership is the problem, not its people" — war goals included degrading Iranian military capabilities and ensuring Iran does not control the Strait of Hormuz
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Key Characteristics

- **Widely seen as one of the most competent** and least controversial members of Trump's second-term cabinet
 - **Bipartisan respect** — confirmed 99-0
 - **Unprecedented dual role** — State + NSA — consolidation of foreign policy power unusual in modern US history
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Twitter/X Discussion

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Reddit Discussion

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