

Iran Embassy Urges Indian Media to Cease "Fake News" Against Tehran



The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in New Delhi has issued a strong cautionary statement to Indian media outlets, urging them to "refrain from spreading fake and fabricated news against Tehran." The diplomatic mission's call, made via a press statement on Monday, July 28, 2025, emphasizes the importance of journalistic integrity and the preservation of the long-standing bilateral relationship between India and Iran.

The embassy's statement, posted on its official X (formerly Twitter) handle (@Iran_in_India), highlighted that "certain Indian news outlets, including some well-known media, have published baseless reports disrespecting Iran and its great leadership." The communique further warned that such "irresponsible reporting not only undermines public confidence but also severely damages the professional reputation of these media institutions among their audiences." While acknowledging freedom of expression and the public's right to information, the embassy appealed to Indian media to "rely on credible and impartial sources and to refrain from spreading sensationalist and inaccurate content regarding Iran."

This comes amidst recent instances where the Iranian Embassy has actively refuted what it terms as misinformation. On July 12, 2025, the embassy had specifically warned about fake social media accounts impersonating official Iranian entities, allegedly attempting to disrupt diplomatic ties with India. These fraudulent accounts were found to be disseminating false claims, including assertions that Iran was reconsidering the Chabahar Port agreement with India due to alleged U.S. military activities, claims the embassy firmly denied as baseless. Some of these fake profiles even carried blue verification ticks, misleading users about their authenticity.

Investigations suggested some of these accounts originated from Karachi, Pakistan, indicating a coordinated effort to sow discord.

The recent statement also referenced Iran's military confrontation with Israel, underscoring the role of Iran's top leadership. It stated that "The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, as Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Armed Forces, successfully guided the military operations during the 'twelve-day imposed war' waged by the Zionist regime against Iran, in which the Islamic Republic of Iran was able to inflict a heavy defeat on the Zionist regime."

The Iranian Embassy concluded its message by stating it "expects that the Indian media will uphold journalistic integrity, avoid participating in external propaganda efforts, and contribute to strengthening the historical ties of friendship and mutual respect between the peoples of two great civilizational states." This proactive stance by the Iranian diplomatic mission reflects its concern over the potential impact of misinformation on its relationship with India, a partnership historically marked by cooperation on various fronts.