

Thursday's headlines

KHORASAN: Forests in the north (Iran) being surrounded by American white butterflies

HEMAYAT: Start of 1 billion rial (\$95000) loan (to the rich for house construction

JAVAN: Protests in Britain leave 4 dead, hundreds injured, more than one thousand detained

HAMSHAHRI: British society is sick, David Cameron says

TAFAHOM: Gold coin with four different prices

KAYHAN: Unity among principlists is certain, Velayati says

SHARQ: Media should avoid damaging reputation of figures, Judiciary chief says

MELLATEMA: Ahmadinejad strongly criticizes British police's crackdown on protesters

HAMSHAHRI: Warning about water shortage in the capital (Tehran)

■ Leading articles

JAVAN, in a news report, quotes MP Hamid Reza Foladgar as saying that making changes in the electoral law is a long process that requires careful deliberation by government's representatives, lawmakers, and the Guardian Council. Foladgar said that making amendments to the law on elections would not be practical for the current Majlis and advised reformists not to make political maneuvers on the electoral law. Foladgar, a member of the Majlis Article 10 Committee tasked with handling the affairs of political parties, went on to say that reformists' slogan of "free elections" is futile because such slogans are aimed at manipulating public opinion and making the political atmosphere tense.

YOUTH JOURNALIST CLUB, in a news report, quotes Health Minister Marzieh Vahid-Dastjerdi as saying that a budget of \$3 billion from extra oil revenues, which was approved to be allocated to the Health Ministry about five months ago, has not been released to the ministry yet. "We are still waiting to receive it," Vahid-Dastjerdi said. She added, "According to the law, the president's deputies are in charge with allocating the funds to the Health Ministry, and we are seriously pursuing the issue." She went on to say that where the budget will be spent has been stipulated in the law, and if it is allotted to the ministry with delay, "we would not be able to fully carry out the activities laid out in the law."

HAMSHAHRI, in a news report, quotes Heydar Moslehi as saying that the Intelligence Ministry has found some clues about the assassination of Dariush Rezaeinejad who was shot dead by terrorists in Tehran on July 23. Asked if the Zionist regime was behind the assassination, Moslehi said that the ministry has not yet come to the conclusion that Israel had a hand in the assassination and the Israeli officials have not said anything in this regard. Elsewhere in his remarks, the intelligence minister commented on the situation in Britain, saying the violence being used against the poor in the country is the result of discrimination being practiced against them. He added that such violent action revealed the true face of the Western governments and shed light on the human rights situation in these countries.

JAVAN, in a news analysis, criticizes BBC Persian TV for twisting the truth behind the unrest gripping Britain and has drawn a comparison between its coverage of the turmoil in Britain and the political unrest that occurred after the Iranian presidential election of June 2009. The news report says that the BBC Persian service fanned the flames of unrest in Iran through blowing events out of proportion and acted as an agitator. Besides, it portrayed those who took to the streets as dissidents and said that the sedition movement's activities are fully justified. Now the rage of the Britons has engulfed the United Kingdom, an island of stability, and has compelled the country's officials to take measures to crack down on the protesters. The interesting point is that BBC Persian TV has started to use a different language, trying to depict the protesters as saboteurs who organized protests following the fatal shooting of a professional criminal. The Persian service of BBC is labeling the protestors "rioters" while it never used this term to refer to those who took to the streets of Tehran to protest the result of elections. Moreover, the website of the BBC Persian TV wrote that social networking websites, such as facebook and twitter, are to blame for the unrest in Britain, while the BBC Persian service encouraged Iranians to use these social networks during the unrest, appreciated their full coverage of the events unfolding in Iran, and described them as tools to promote democracy and freedom of speech. Now, the tools that they devised to colonize Iran are being used against them. JAVAN also says that the Leader's prediction that awakening will spread to the heart of Europe is coming true.

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This column features excerpts from news articles, editorials, and commentaries of the leading Iranian newspapers.

UK unrest is aftereffect of British colonial policies: cleric

TEHRANTIMES Political Desk TEHRAN — Ayatollah Kazem Sediqi said on Friday that the unrest in Britain have directly arisen out of the colonial policies of London.

The turmoil in Britain is the result of problems British officials created for other countries in the past, Sediqi told Tehrani worshipers in Tehran.

"Hegemonic powers hatched plots and spent money to mess (other) countries up and today these incidents are the upshot of their conspiracies," he added.

Nobody thought that Britain, which was itself a hegemonic power, gets entangled in massive protests



caused by public outrage, he noted.

He went on to say, "Incidents and current developments in England are an indication of the collapse of the West world."

■ **Famine in Somali**

Sediqi also pointed to severe famine and drought in Somalia, and criticized the U.S. for its double standards toward the country. The ayatollah said the U.S. has exploited many resources in Africa but so far has not provided any humanitarian aid to the famine-stricken country.

He also thanked the Iranian nation for sending aid to Somalia, saying these humane measures should continue.

Basij ready to send peacekeeping force to Britain: commander

Britain is paying for its atrocities

TEHRANTIMES Political Desk TEHRAN — Basij Commander Mohammad Reza Naqdi has said that the Basij Force is ready to send peacekeepers to Britain to prevent the British police from using violence to put down the "deprived" people's protest movement.

"If the United Nation General Assembly approves, the Basij organization is ready to dispatch a number of its Ashura and Alzahra battalions to London, Liverpool, and Birmingham to act as a peacekeeping force and a buffer between repressive

forces of the royal regime and the British people... and fulfill their duty as a deterrent force against the use of violence," Naqdi said as the British government is trying to contain the unrest gripping Britain through tightened security measures.

He also strongly criticized the UN Security Council for neglecting its duty and throwing its weight behind Britain's "arrogant government."

"The so-called UN Security Council is not expected to defend the deprived British people because its function is only supporting arrogant (powers) and

adopting resolutions against freedom-seekers," he said.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the Basij commander described the British government's record as appalling and said, "The history of the British royal regime is full of colonialistic atrocities, aggressions, mass killings, and cases of provoking discord and turning the countries against each other."

"Popular uprisings are the result of the great mistakes of the British royal regime and more serious consequences are awaiting this regime," he stated.

"It is just the beginning, the British

regime should pay for perpetrating massacres in Africa, waging wars and causing bloodshed in the subcontinent, carrying out atrocities in China, engineering the fall of the Ottoman Empire, and provoking sectarian conflicts among Muslims," he said.

In addition, Naqdi praised the Supreme Leader for predicting that the awaking will spread to the heart of Europe and said the British people's movement could not be completely suppressed because it is a quest for justice and is not a political movement or ethnic strife.

Iran ready to help Lebanon in oil, gas exploration, envoy tells Mikati

TEHRANTIMES Political Desk TEHRAN — If the Lebanese government wishes, Iran will be ready to assist the country in exploring oil and gas, Iranian Ambassador to Beirut Ghazanfar Roknabadi said in a recent meeting with Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati.

Roknabadi said Iran is ready to cooperate with Lebanon in all spheres including oil and gas exploration operations, water and

electricity development projects, and dam-building.

After the meeting, Roknabadi said a joint Iran-Lebanon economic commission is scheduled to be established in about 20 days in Beirut.

■ **Assassinations are signs of Zionists' desperation**

In a separate meeting with the top Iranian diplomat in Beirut, Lebanese Interior Minister Marwan Charbel said the Zionist regime's

assassinations of Iranian scientists are indicative of this regime's weakness and desperation.

Iran has pointed a finger of blame at the Zionist regime for the assassinations of the scientists.

On January 10, 2011, the Iranian Intelligence Ministry issued a statement, announcing that the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad was behind the assassination of nuclear scientist Masoud Ali-Mohammadi in 2010.

■ **Lebanese interior minister invited to visit Iran**

Charbel also said Lebanon is keen to have closer ties with Iran and develop relations in all areas.

In the meeting Roknabadi submitted the written message of Iranian Interior Minister Mostafa Mohammad-Najjar to Charbel, inviting him to take a trip to Tehran.

Charbel also invited Mohammad-Najjar to make a reciprocal visit to Lebanon.

Four criminals on death row in over sexual assaults

TEHRANTIMES Political Desk ISFAHAN — Four people have been sentenced to death in Iran for sexually assaulting six women in Khomeini Shahr, Isfahan Province.

On May 24, some people entered an orchard in Khomeini Shahr overnight, beat eight men and six women there, then held the men captive and

transported the women to another orchard where they were sexually assaulted by four of the criminals.

The court condemned people will be hanged in a public place in Khomeini Shahr in the near future.

The rest, based on the severity of their crimes, will be jailed or will receive lashes.

MP urges pro-Syria front against U.S.

A senior member of Iran's Majlis (parliament) has called on regional countries to create a front against the persisting U.S. interference in Syrian affairs.

"The arrogant powers, led by the U.S., have been taken aback by the recent developments in the Middle East

and North Africa. They never thought such incidents could take place for their allies, including Egypt," said Hossein Ebrahimi, the deputy chairman of the Majlis Committee on National Security and Foreign Policy, quoted by IRNA on Wednesday.

(Source: Press TV)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA, ALL INDIAN NATIONALS IN IRAN ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY ON MONDAY, 15TH AUGUST 2011 AT 10:00 HOURS AT THE EMBASSY PREMISES.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Larijani's message submitted to Omani parliament speaker

Speaker says Majlis election should not eclipse economy

Iran-Turkey trade increases by %80: ambassador

Leaders of pyramid scheme firm arrested

MP Esmail Kosari submitted the message of Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani to the chairman of Omani Majlis A'Shura in Muscat late on Thursday. During the meeting with Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed al Isa'ee, Kosari discussed inter-parliamentary relationship and submitted the message of the Iranian Majlis speaker to him. In the message Larijani has invited al Isa'ee to attend the 5th international conference in support of Palestinian Intifada which is scheduled to be held in Tehran in early October.

Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani has said that people's economic problems should not be overshadowed by political groups' struggle for the March parliamentary election. He said that if disputes between various political groups become the country's dominant issue, economic problems and people's main concerns will be ignored. He added the officials should know that developing the country is the best approach to repel the enemies' propaganda campaign.

The value of trade between Tehran and Ankara increased by 80 percent during the first five months of the year 2011 compared to the corresponding period last year, Iranian Ambassador to Turkey Bahman Hosseinpour said at Tehran's Embassy in Ankara on Wednesday. The value of trade between the two countries has surpassed \$6.3 billion, he said, adding it is predicted that Iran-Turkey trade will exceed \$13 billion by the end of the year 2011.

In a recent operation in Tehran, a network affiliated with the illegal Gold Quest pyramid investment company was identified and forced to discontinue operations, the Mehr News Agency reported on Friday. The security forces also arrested four leaders and about 50 members of the network. The swindlers cheated the members out of large sums of money.