Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on Saturday defended the planned expansion of the country's air defense system, citing its need to counter threats from China.

"We are expanding our air defense system, in particular the air defense system of Indochina, to deal with the threats that are posed by China," he said during a joint press conference with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Lee said the expansion is aimed at protecting Singapore's airspace, which he said is not only for the country's own defense but also for the region.

"We have to ensure that our airspace is secure and that we can defend ourselves," he added.

Singapore, which has a long history of conflicts with China, is under pressure to expand its defense capabilities to keep up with the growing power of its neighbor.

"What we're doing is to ensure that we can defend ourselves and our allies," Lee said.

Singapore has been increasing its military spending in recent years as it seeks to assert its influence in the region and to bolster its defense capabilities.

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**POLITICAL**

**TEHRAN** – Ali-Ashraf Salehi, director of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, said on Sunday that the Islamic Republic of Iran aims to complete its nuclear energy program to achieve a “turning point” in history, as the country’s nuclear scientist warned his American counterpart that Iran has not crossed the 20% uranium enrichment threshold.

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Iran says to advance nuclear program with more determination

Speaking to Fars on Thursday, Kamalvandi said the move only reflects Washington's desperation. Kamalvandi also reacted to remarks by Brian Hook, the U.S. special representative for Iran, who has claimed that Washington has sanctioned the AEOI and its chief because Iran had started new violations of its 2015 nuclear agreement with the remaining parties.

Given its withdrawal from the deal and its violation of its commitments, the U.S. is in no position to comment on the manner in which Iran adheres to its nuclear obligations, the spokesman pointed out. U.S. President Donald Trump unilaterally quit the nuclear deal in May 2018 and introduced the hardest ever sanctions in history on Iran as part of his administration’s “maximum pressure” strategy against Iran.

In response to this move, on May 10, 2019, Iran announced that its “strategic patience” is over and started to gradually reduce its commitments to the JCPOA at its bi-monthly intervals. At the time Iran was convinced if the European parties to the deal take concrete steps to shield Iran’s terms from the U.S. sanctions it will reverse its decision.

However, seeing no action by the Europeans, on November 5 last year, Iran took the final and step-by-step by removing all limits on its nuclear activities, including enrichment and stockpile.

Iran’s moves are based on paragraph 36 of the JCPOA which “allows one side, under certain circumstances, to stop complying with the other side if the other side is not in compliance.”

Despite taking the last step, Iran has reminded the Europeans to fulfill their commitments in order to keep the deal alive. France, Germany and the United Kingdom, three of the nuclear parties to the deal, issued a joint statement on January 14, 2020, in which they expressed concern about the situation.

In response, on January 14, 2019, Iran announced its sanctioning of the U.S. Treasury Department and the outbreak of the JCPOA.

Iranian exporters’ losses amount to billions of dollars per year. It is reported that Iran’s exports are under pressure and have lost more than it gained in the JCPOA.

Today, the determination of the nation, government and all authorities of the counter is to fulfill the JCPOA, the top judge remarked.

A team of MPs to visit nuclear sites in late February: Zonnour

Under the plot, the U.S. would continue to recognize Jerusalem al-Quds as Israel’s “undivided capital,” Trump said, endorsing his 2017 move concerning the city. He also said the deal featured an economic portion that guarantees 50 billion dollars in monetary allocations to Palestinians, Jordan, and Egypt, while Palestinians denouncing the move as a new way of locking them into Israeli schemes.

The U.S. president and his Israeli counterpart have been hosting an illegal apartment building’s occupation of the West Bank in 1967, would not be moved out under the terms of the “deal of the century,” which is in fact, a masterpiece to undermine the land on which the settlements have been built, said the spokesman.

Regarding Iran’s moves, the spokesman said it was the U.S. who would be replacing its activities for four years while Palestinian statehood is negotiated.

The U.S. has no legal or moral right to impose its will on the Islamic world’s developments.” He said, adding “Iran has no obligation to maintain an agreement which is not in accordance with the Islamic world’s interests, and it would continue working at the heavy water production plant and the Isfahan centrifuge enrichment facilities, the Bushole nuclear power plant and the Tehran research reactor.

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According to ISNA. Iran demands European countries make up for its losses after the U.S. withdrawal from the accord and help Iran with its oil sales and banking relations.

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Iran says its countermeasures are in accordance with the provisions 25 and 36 of the JCPOA, and that it will reverse the steps once its demands are met.

In the second step, Tehran began inducing uranium to 4.5% for Fordow nuclear facility by injecting gas into advanced IR-6 centrifuges, while Iran had agreed in the JCPOA to enrich uranium up to 3.67% for the industrial level.

Each time Iran gives a 60-day deadline to the other parties before taking its next step.
India doubles budget for Chabahar development project

The Indian government on Friday announced a budget of over $10 billion for development of the Chabahar port and Special Economic Zone between India and Iran, as per media reports.

India and Iran have been working together on the Chabahar port project since 2016, with the aim of building a deep-sea port in the port of Chabahar, located on the east coast of Iran, which is connected to the port of Chabahar, on the western coast of India. The project aims to create a new trade route between the two countries, bypassing Pakistan, which is the traditional route for trade between India and Iran.

The budget allocation is a part of India’s efforts to increase its economic and strategic ties with Iran, which has become an important trading partner for India due to the increasing importance of Iran's energy sector and the country's increasing demand for oil.

According to reports, the new budget allocation will be used to develop the port and the special economic zone, which will be used to attract foreign investment and create jobs in the region. The project will also be used to improve infrastructure in the region and promote trade between India and Iran.

Iran: In the wake of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, the government of Iran has moved to improve its economic situation by implementing a series of measures to boost economic activity. This includes measures to improve the port facilities and special economic zone, which have been identified as important for the economic growth of the country.

ECONOMY TEHRAN – Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in a New Year’s message to the nation on the occasion of the Persian new year (1399) on Wednesday, said “All resources available should be harnessed to support the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran.”

China to inject $173b into economy as virus death toll tops 300

China has injected $173 billion into the nation’s economy as the death toll from the coronavirus, which originated in the central city of Wuhan, has topped 300.

In a bid to reinvigorate economic activity, China’s central bank announced it would inject the funds into the economy to support banks and other financial institutions.

The measures are aimed at supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, which have been hit hard by the virus outbreak.

The announcement comes as China struggles to contain the spread of the virus, which has killed more than 300 people and infected tens of thousands of others.

India announces measures to revive sputtering economy

India announced a series of measures on Saturday to help the country’s economy recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

India’s economy has been growing at a rate of around 5% per year, but the pandemic has caused a significant slowdown, with the country now facing one of the highest infection rates in the world.

The measures announced by the government include reducing taxes on goods and services, easing restrictions on foreign direct investment, and support for small and medium-sized enterprises.

The government also announced a package of measures to support the country’s tourism sector, which has been hit hard by the pandemic.

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China’s economic growth slowed to 6.8% in the first quarter of 2020, the lowest level in at least 26 years, as the country battles to contain the spread of the virus.

The slowdown comes as many countries around the world are struggling to contain the spread of the virus, which has killed more than 200,000 people and infected millions.

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ECONOMY TEHRAN – Iran’s Transport and Urban Development Minister Mohammad Majidi, speaking at the opening ceremony of the reconstruction projects in the city of Tehran, said “The reconstruction works in the mentioned projects and all the funding will be provided by the Iranian side.”

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China: China’s central bank, the People’s Bank of China (PBC), on Saturday announced a series of measures to support the economy as the country battles to contain the spread of the virus.

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1.9m Muslims in limbo due to exclusion from citizenship list in Assam

As President Donald Trump attempts to downplay the attack and said, “All is well” Why do you think the top US officials are so sure that the attack was a “false alarm”? A: I think it's simple, the idea of another large war is becoming remote because most countries are not interested in a military conflict anymore. But it can pose a particular risk for elderly people and those with existing health conditions.

Which region has seen the most significant increase in coronavirus cases? A: Europe. The European Union has been hit hard by the virus, with countries like Spain, Italy, and France reporting record numbers of cases.

How can we ensure that the virus does not spread further within communities? A: By practicing social distancing, wearing face masks, and getting vaccinated as soon as possible.

What are some of the challenges faced by healthcare systems in different countries in managing the pandemic? A: Healthcare systems have been stretched to the limit by the surge in cases, especially in countries with weaker healthcare infrastructure. Some countries have been able to manage the pandemic better due to better preparedness and resources.

What does it mean for the future of international travel and tourism? A: The pandemic has caused a significant downturn in international travel, but with the vaccine rollout and reduced transmission rates, we can expect a gradual recovery in the near future. However, it is likely that travel restrictions and health protocols will continue to be in place for some time.

How is the vaccine distribution across the world? A: While some countries have made rapid progress in vaccinating their populations, others are lagging behind due to limited supply and access to vaccines. The WHO is working with governments to ensure equitable distribution of the vaccine.

What’s the current status of the virus in different countries? A: The situation varies greatly across countries. Some countries like China have been successful in containing the virus, while others like the United States have struggled to control its spread.

What are some of the long-term implications of the pandemic on the global economy? A: The pandemic has caused a significant economic downturn, with industries ranging from tourism to hospitality being hit hard. It is likely that the global economy will take some time to recover.

What is the role of technology in helping to track and contain the virus? A: Technology has played a crucial role in helping to track and contain the virus. For example, contact tracing apps have been used to identify and isolate people who may have been exposed to the virus.

How can we ensure that the pandemic does not lead to a surge in food insecurity? A: It is crucial to ensure that vulnerable populations have access to adequate food and resources to prevent a surge in food insecurity. This can be achieved through targeted food aid and support for small farmers and producers.

What does the future of work look like in the post-pandemic world? A: The pandemic has accelerated the adoption of remote work and flexible work arrangements. It is likely that these changes will continue even after the pandemic.

What role can international organizations play in addressing the pandemic? A: International organizations like the WHO have been instrumental in coordinating global responses and providing guidance and resources to countries. They can continue to play a vital role in ensuring that the pandemic is contained and controlled.
**Tehran archaeology symposium to convene experts from around the globe**

**HERITAGE**

TeHRAN – A number of international cultural heritage experts, historians and researchers have been invited to attend the 16th Annual Symposium on the Iranian Architecture, which will be held on May 20-22.

Several specialized meetings are scheduled to be held on the sidelines of the two-day event to review various archaeological projects conducted during the Iranian calendar year 1399 (2020-2021).

Experts from Denmark, Italy, Austria, China, Germany and Iran have been invited to participate in the meetings and the symposium.

Amongst chief archaeological excavations of the year was the donation of tombs and catacombs discovered in the city of Rasht, an archaeological site that dates back to the Sassanid period. Radiocarbon dating tests indicated that the tombs, which were in various stages of development, dated back to the 3rd century BC and 2nd century AD.

Scientists develop new way to extract, analyze DNA from museum specimens

The answers to questions about the origins and evolutionary history of a variety of plants and animals, living and extinct, are hiding in the DNA strands of museum specimens.

Scientists in the US and Australia have developed a new way to extract and analyze DNA from samples stored in formaldehyde, which can damage or distort the DNA.

For their proof of concept study, researchers extracted DNA from a human skeletal bone preserved in formaldehyde. Their technique relied on a virus fluidic device, which breaks apart proteins and other previously trapped DNA fragments.

“DNA extraction is achieved by processing the preserved tissue in an enzyme solution that causes DNA to break apart,” said a doctoral student at Flinders University, Phillip Phillips.

But the process can take months. Researchers have used new technology in a virus fluidic device to extract DNA from preserved human tissue DNA from 80 years ago.

“DNA is difficult to recover,” Phillips said. “We used mechanical energy in a virus fluidic device to accelerate the extraction of DNA from the preserved tissue in an enzyme solution in the VFD.”

Traditional methods for recovering DNA from tissue samples stored in formaldehyde are quite slow and inefficient. The use of the mechanical energy in a virus fluidic device boosts the catalytic activity that facilitates reactions between the enzyme proteins and DNA, allowing the process to take place in a matter of hours.

For exploring DNA from millions of historical and extinct species, researchers wrote in their paper, published this week in the journal *Nature*. (Source: UP)

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**Iranian rural landscape wins prestigious TO DO Award 2020**

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**How to plan your first safari**

Hwaseong Fortress

Hwaseong is a 200-year-old fortress in the town of Suwon, South of the city of Seoul, South Korea. The fortress was built to protect Korea from foreign invaders. The fortress was built in 1795 to protect against Japanese invasions.

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- Lodges, from hotels to luxury hotels, are found near some of the rich-areas like the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania and Kruger National Park in South Africa. In the Kalahari Desert and the Serengeti you’ll find tented camps, which are clusters of tents in the people of the African bush. The hotels are in large tents for the dining room and staff operations. The individual tents usually have beds and attached private bathrooms with hot water. All meals will be at one of these camps. Most camps supply the usual toiletries as well. The guide and camp staff are in charge of guiding and operating the lodge. All you need is to get to the camp. If you go on a safari, you can pay extra to have a private safari vehicle and an experienced guide. The guide and camp will be in charge of guiding you.

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By 2016, there were more than 50 recorded cases of whales getting caught up in fishermen's crab ropes. But for now, the whale populations off the west coast are thriving. “We got here in the beginning of the 1980s, before the California Current changed direction, and the grey whales are the highest they’ve been since the 1960s,” says Santora. “It’s like when only one restaurant is open and all the others are closed.”

The rescue teams are expected to stay in the region for at least another 48 hours to ensure that all of the affected villages are reached. A second relief boat, the Isabella, has arrived on Tikopia, and is expected to dock within the next few hours. This remote part of the South Pacific has found itself in the eye of the storm, and the authorities are doing everything in their power to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents.

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The cyclone has left a trail of destruction, with hundreds of lives lost and thousands displaced. The affected islands of Tikopia and Anuta were hit by strong gale-force winds and waves up to eleven metres high. There’s an urgent need for medical and humanitarian aid to assist those affected by the cyclone.

The New Zealand High Commission here, said the ability of the residents of Tikopia and Anuta to withstand this disaster is a testament to their resilience and spirit. The residents have had to endure years of hardship, and this recent event has only added to their challenges.

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PHRASAL VERB

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Meaning: to make something sound better than it really is.

Example: Play up your strongest arguments in the opening paragraph.

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WORDS IN THE NEWS

Rescue efforts after Cyclone Zoe

January 06, 2019

Diplomats in the Solomon Islands have said the resilience of South Pacific islanders, battered by Cyclone Zoe, has saved hundreds of lives. The islands of Tikopia and Anuta were hit by gale-force winds and waves, leaving hundreds of lives lost and thousands displaced.

The islanders took shelter in mountain caves to escape the onslaught. When the storm had passed they emerged finding most of their homes had disappeared, either buried under sand, or swept out into the ocean. Barely a tree was left standing, and crops were ripped from the ground. The fate of hundreds of people on the volcanic island of Anuta, however, is still unknown, most still not in contact with Anuta but severe threats have been reported to the UN on the neighbouring Tikopia. From Honiara, Philip Mercer reports:

Words

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**SPORTS**

**Iran's Akrmi to officiate at AFC Cup**

IRNA — Iran's Hassan Akrmi has been appointed to referee at the 2020 AFC Cup. He will make his debut between MUST CPK of Macau and Tawarson Tating in Group L.

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**Saudi Arabia’s Al Taawon to host Persepolis in Kuwait**

TASNIM — Al Taawon of Saudi Arabia have chosen Al Kuwait Sports Club Stadium to host Iran’s Persepolis.

**Iranian athletes to participate at Istanbul Cup**

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**Carloz Queiroz sends message to Iranian fans**

PSG superstar Kylian Mbappe has been warned by coach Thomas Tuchel that he needs to recognize that he is part of a team after appearing to be white hot.

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The tournament was supposed to be played with six nations into two groups of three. Then, due to the Coronavirus international ban, all matches were played with six nations into two groups of five teams.

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Imam Ali (AS)

Overseas musicians to perform at Fajr Music Festival

TEHRAN — Celebrated musicians from seven countries will be performing at the 35th Fajr Music Festival in Tehran, the organizers announced on Sunday.

Tunisian composer, singer and oud player Dhafer Youssfi, Belgium pianist and Italian jazz trumpeter Luca Aquino are among the musicians.

A large number of Persian poets attended the festival, which centers on a true story on the drug trade in Tehran.

Rustai’s latest acclaimed drama “Just 6.5”, directed by Saeid Rustai, received honorable mentions. She also made a cameo appearance in his new film “Puff, Puff, Pass” shows how a family is trapped in drug addiction, which is the drug trade.

Director Saman Salur and “Puff, Puff, Pass” cast members Mohnes Tabandeh and Parinaz Izadyar attend a press conference during the 35th Fajr Film Festival at Mellat Complexes in Tehran on February 1, 2020. (Honaronline/Mohammad Namazi)

Iran’s “Yalda” wins grand prize at Sundance Film Festival

NEW YORK (AP) — The Sundance Film Festival has wrapped up and has handed out its awards. The Iranian film “Yalda” won the grand prize at the festival.

The film is about a young woman, Maryam, who has been sentenced to death by an Islamic court for murdering her husband, Nasser. Iranian laws allow for the victim’s family to forgive and spare a life, but Maryam’s film is (unlike Nasser’s daughter, Mona, on the country’s most popular television reality show). In front of millions of viewers during Yalda, the winter solstice celebration, many, however, believed that forgiveness cannot tolerate the rape of the past. Iran’s “Yalda” wins grand prize at Sundance Film Festival

Sundance Film Festival Namest Tabitha Jackson new director

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Choosing Jackson for her close connection to independent artists.

“From my perspective, putting Tabitha and Kim at the helm is the future,” said Putnam. “And I’m really excited for where they go.”

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The festival tries to create a beautiful dream for the future of the earth and also to create motivation and hope among the new generation.

The idea of the festival is to promote humane values and hopes of the youth,” he added.

The festival will select five winners of the World Cinema Dramatic section of the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah on January 27.

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