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# Iran Stands Firm on Its Rights in Vienna Talks

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## Report

### Why so much uproar about a comparison by PA president

At a press conference with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz at a news conference in Berlin on Tuesday, Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas said Israel has caused "50 Holocausts" against Palestinians. His remarks triggered outrage among certain world leaders, including Scholz.

"From 1947 to the present day, Israel has committed 50 massacres in Palestinian villages and cities," Abbas said in Arabic, according to CNN. "50 massacres, 50 Holocausts, and until today, and every day there are casualties killed by the Israeli military."

Abbas made the comments when asked if he would apologize for the 1972 Olympics incident in Munich, when members of the Israeli team were taken hostage by Palestinians linked to the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO).

Chancellor Scholz tweeted, "I am disgusted by the outrageous remarks made by Palestinian President Mahmoud #Abbas. For us Germans in particular, any relativization of the singularity of the Holocaust is intolerable and unacceptable. I condemn any attempt to deny the crimes of the Holocaust."

It is true that the Holocaust has singular dimensions but the German leader and others who were outraged by the Palestinian Authority president's remarks cannot deny nearly eight decades of occupation, land robbery, destruction of homes, burning of olive trees, imprisonment, injustice, genocide, displacement of families, etc. Just in 1948, 700,000 Palestinians were forced to leave their homes.

Moreover, Abbas did not deny Holocaust that Scholz says condemns denial of it.

Also, deep down, Scholz and other current and former Western leaders are well aware that Israel's behaviors are by no means excusable, otherwise they are bigoted. ► Page 5

### Ali Pakdaman hails Iranian fencers at Solidarity Games

By Farrokh Hesabi

TEHRAN - Iranian fencer Ali Pakdaman says that Iran men's team sabre had an outstanding performance at the 2021 Islamic Solidarity Games.

Iran's men's team sabre claimed a gold medal at the 2021 Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya, Turkey.

"It was a good result for us," said Pakdaman, an Iran men's team member, in his interview with Tehran Times.

He reflected on the level of competition during the tournament, which concluded with a final between Iran and Turkey.

"The distance between the competing teams has been decreased. Uzbekistan has the strong senior and junior teams and showed how strong it is in Konya. Turkey is the third team in Europe and Kazakhstan has some top-level fencers," added Pakdaman.

Ali Pakdaman won the individual saber silver medal after losing to the Turkish fencer in the final match on Tuesday night. This match ended 14-15 in favor of the Turkish opponent.

"In the individual category, I had a good run until the final, but I lost with just one hit difference in the final match. Before the start of the tournament, I got infected with the covid-19 disease, and the my preparation affected by the disease," said the Iranian fencer. ► Page 3



### European city to replicate ancient Iranian technology against heatwave

TEHRAN—Scorching heat has hit many European cities this summer. To lower average temperatures, engineers in Spain's Seville have come up with a way to replicate the ancient technology of the qanats, which Iranians created more than 1,000 years ago.

A UNESCO World Heritage, the Iranian exper-

tise consists of building underground canals that carry water across a large area that needs to be cooled. Vertical shafts pierced along the canal take air underground to the surface, lowering temperatures above ground.

According to Bloomberg, the new system will replace an old qanat, which was first

used in modern Seville in 1992 as an experimental project, while the city was hosting the Universal Exposition. It helped bring down the road's temperature by 3°C, yet the motors that kept the channel's water running were controlled with non-renewable energy sources. ► Page 6

### India determined to fulfill commitments in Chabahar port: minister

TEHRAN - India's Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has said the Indian government is committed to equipping and developing Chabahar port and will make its utmost effort for turning the port into a regional and international transit hub.

Sonowal made the remarks in Chabahar on Saturday on the sidelines of a meeting with Head of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) Ali-Akbar Safaei in which the two sides discussed the development of maritime and port cooperation between the two countries, the PMO por-

tal reported.

Stressing the rich cultural and historical relations between Iran and India, the minister noted that such relations will pave the way for the development of bilateral economic cooperation between the two countries. ► Page 4



### Shadegan dates harvesting kicks off

TEHRAN - Farmers in Shadegan have begun collecting dates in the county's sprawling dates orchards. The harvesting season begins in late August and runs through mid-September. Sa'amran, Barhi, and Zahedi are the most grown species of dates in Shadegan, which is also known for its wheat production. A provisional dates market is also set up in the city of Shadegan each year concurrently with the beginning of harvesting to market the product.

### Archaeological findings may push back Susa's history by millennia

TEHRAN—Archaeologists have unearthed fragments in a significant discovery in Susa that may push back the history of the magnificent UNESCO-registered site by millennia.

By discovering relics dating from 6,200 BC, archaeologists now believe that Susa is older than previously thought, ISNA reported on Saturday.

The World Heritage site of Susa has published results of the latest research by Iranian archaeologists in the deepest layers of the an-

cient site as well as a review of the findings of previous excavations, based on which the age of the artifacts found in Susa is older than the 7th millennium BC (6,200 BC), the report said.

Situated in southwest Iran, Susa is one of Iran's most treasured sites, which is now flanked by the modern city of Shush, which formerly belonged to the Elamite, Persian, and Parthian empires.

Originally similar in scale to the UNESCO-designated Persepolis, Susa saw count-

less invasions and sackings during its history, which was previously believed to span almost 6,000 years.

Furthermore, Susa was once the winter residence of Persian kings after having been captured by Cyrus the Great. Susa became part of the Persian Empire under Cyrus II, the Great in 538 or 539 BC.

Several archaeological seasons in Susa have yielded ample relics including pottery, arms, ► Page 6

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## Report

### New U.S. military package to Ukraine utterly hypocritical

TEHRAN — While the United States is teetering on its feet to feed the poor and reduce fuel prices, Washington on Friday introduced a new \$775 million military aid package for Ukraine.

The news comes as the Biden administration committed to continue assisting the country in repelling Russia's ongoing invasion "for as long as it takes."

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement issued on Friday that the support will include "more armaments, munitions, and equipment" from Department of Defense supplies, without going into full depth.

"President [Joe] Biden has stated unequivocally that we will continue to support the people of Ukraine in defending their country from Russia's aggression for as long as it takes," Blinken said, adding that the aid brings the administration's total security assistance to Ukraine to approximately \$10.6 billion.

"These capabilities have been carefully tailored to make the greatest difference on the battlefield and boost Ukraine's negotiation position," he said.

While the statement did not specify which weaponry will be provided to Kyiv, a senior U.S. defense official told reporters earlier on Friday that Washington would include mine-resistant vehicles in the aid package for the first time.

The official, who spoke to Al Jazeera on the condition of anonymity, said the aid will involve 15 Scan Eagle observation drones, 40 mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles known as MRAPs, and approximately 1,000 Javelin anti-tank missiles. ► Page 2

### 11-year-old brain-dead girl gives new lease of life to 11 people

TEHRAN - The father of an 11-year-old girl in Tehran has donated his girl's organs after her death to give life to eleven patients.

Mahtab Mousavi had an accident on July 26 and unfortunately died on July 31. His father, Abdollah Mousavi, donated the organs of his beloved daughter and gave new lease of life to eleven people, Tehran City Councilor Habib Kashani said.

The number of organ donors in Iran has increased from 10.2 per million population (PMP) to 12.8 in the first four months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-July 22).

Over the four-month period, 356 persons have received transplanted organs, while the figure was 283 and 151 in the same period last year and its preceding year, respectively, the head of the Health Ministry's center for transplantation and disease management, Amirhesam Alirezaei, said on August 12. ► Page 7

## Report

### Knowledge-based production proceeding apace

By Mehdi Garshasbi

In line with the law enforced on May 24, knowledge-based production is a priority of the government so the plan for promoting knowledge-based products has progressed well so far.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei designated the new Iranian calendar year, which started on March 21, as the year of "Production: Knowledge-Based and Job-Creating."

Over the past couple of years, the concept of 'knowledge-based society' has changed to 'knowledge-based society', meaning that supporting knowledge-based companies will lead to many social and economic advantages for the public. ► Page 7













