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Report

U.S. presence cost Syria \$107bn

Syria has provided the clearest picture yet over the losses the country has suffered as a result of the United States presence in the country's east and north.

According to Damascus, the illegal occupation by the U.S. military in Syrian areas that are rich with natural resources has prevented the war-torn country from access to 107.1 billion dollars till the first sixth month of this year.

The Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates says the other factor behind the financial losses was the looting and illegitimate trafficking carried out by terrorist groups and the separatist QSD militia. The militia group is backed, trained, and armed by U.S. forces.

The massive losses alongside destruction in the extraction, supply, distribution, and investment of oil, gas, and mineral wealth stretch back to 2011 when the foreign-backed militancy began in Syria.

The acts of terror by the militants went alongside a social media disinformation campaign against the country's government that proved effective to drum up support from other terrorists around the world.

At least 1000 American troops backed by the U.S. Air Force are publicly known to be present in Syria. Critics of the American occupying forces say the sinister role played, in particular, looting and obstructing access to the country's oil is a punishment against the Syrian people for supporting their government and defeating Daesh terrorists. The other objective is to serve Daesh Takfiri militants when the time is right. Nevertheless, it had been clear the illegal presence and violation of international law and another country's sovereignty is not wanted by the vast Syrian public. ► Page 5

Report

Postponement of FFIRI's General Assembly was an arbitrary decision: official

By Farrokh Hesabi

TEHRAN – Ehsan Osuli, Football Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran (FFIRI)'s Board of Directors spokesperson says that postponement of the Federation's General Assembly was an arbitrary decision made by the federation General Secretary Hassan Kamranifar.

The football federation's website had announced that the General Assembly would not be held on Tuesday for non-compliance with the law but it was held Tuesday morning at the IRIB International Conferences Hall in Tehran.

Members of the FFIRI Assembly elected Taj as the new football federation president. He won the three-candidate race with 51 votes. The football federation's acting president Mirshad Majedi earned 25 votes, and Azizollah Mohammadi finished in third place with four votes.

It was chaotic midnight before the presidential election of the FFIRI. Just hours before the general assembly started, it was postponed for "non-compliance with the law," as the football federation's official website announced.

"None of the members of the FFIRI Board of Directors were informed of the cancellation or postponement of the General Assembly. The decision was made by Kamranifar. ► Page 3



Leader calls on govt to remove hurdles to production sector

TEHRAN – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei on Monday insisted on the importance of "food security" and called on the administration of Ebrahim Raisi to remove any obstacles to production sector.

"Decisively counter any factor that weak-

ens production," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a meeting with Raisi and his cabinet members on the occasion of Government Week.

The Leader said production is the driving force behind economic progress.

Economy is the overriding priority although

it should not mean ignoring other things such as science, security, or social and cultural harms, Ayatollah Khamenei highlighted, according to Tasnim.

The Leader pointed to the food crisis resulting from the Ukraine war, saying, "There is a war in a corner of the world today. ► Page 2

Petchem export rises 38% in 5 months on year

TEHRAN – The value of Iran's petrochemical export increased 38 percent in the first five months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-August 22), from the same period of time in the past year, the spokesman of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) announced.

Ruhollah Latifi said that Iran has exported 16,554 million tons of petrochemical products worth \$9.142 billion in the five-month period of this year.

He said while the export rose 38 percent in value, it fell 12.6 percent in weight.

Petrochemicals accounted for 44 percent of the worth and 38 percent of the weight of Iran's non-oil export in the first five months of the present year, the official stated.

Last week, the managing director of the National Petrochemical Company (NPC) ► Page 4

Pakistan to receive Iran's humanitarian aid

TEHRAN – A 100-ton shipment containing the humanitarian aid of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) to the flood victims of Pakistan will be delivered on Wednesday.

Iran's shipment of emergency, biological and humanitarian accommodation supplies, includes 1,000 tents, 2,000 carpets, and 4,000 blankets, which will be sent to Pakistan from the southeastern Chabahar border.

The IRCS relief and medical team will also be dispatched to the flooded areas if approved by the Pakistani authorities, Mehr reported on Tuesday.

On Monday, President Ebrahim Raisi telephoned Pakistan's Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif announcing that Iran is prepared to send relief aid to flood victims in the neighboring country.

Raisi declared that he had given the Iranian authorities the responsibility to provide essential relief as quickly as possible. ► Page 7



A dying craft: Sha'r-bafi is on the verge of extinction

A middle-aged man is working at an old traditional loom for weaving a special colorful textile, which is on the verge of extinction in his hometown of Mashhad, August 27, 2022. Locally named Sha'r-bafi, the ancient craft was once practiced in some 4,000 workshops across the northeastern Iranian city. However, his workshop is the last one still in operation.

Iran's medical sector draws 125,000 travelers in H1

TEHRAN – Iran attracted more than 125,000 international patients who received medical services during the first quarter of the current Persian calendar year (started March 21).

"A total of 125,231 health tourists arrived in Iran during the first three months of the year," IRNA reported on Tuesday.

"The majority of those travelers came from Iraq, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, and Persian Gulf littoral states," the report said.

Earlier this month, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said the Islamic Republic is a regional hub for medical tourism. "Our scientific and medical ranking is acknowledged by international officials," he added, saying Iran can rightly claim that it is a hub of health services.

Iran has a perfect position in the region and the world in terms of medical sciences as many Iranian cities are considered "health hubs," Raisi said, addressing a Tehran conference to pay tribute to the Iranian medical society.

According to available data, Iran hosts an av-

erage of one million medical tourists each year. "About one million medical tourists, mainly from the neighboring countries, arrive in Iran annually," Mohammadreza Tarjoman who presides over the Health Ministry's tourism office, said in April.

"The majority of inbound medical passengers come from the neighboring countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan," the official said. Talking about hospitals and clinics, he said a selection of 200 Iranian medical centers have permission to accept foreign patients. ► Page 6

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Iran calls economic warfare, unilateral sanctions crimes against humanity

TEHRAN – Unilateral sanctions placed on countries by certain arrogant Western countries have been harshly condemned as "crimes against humanity" by the secretary of Iran's High Council for Human Rights.

The comments were made by Kazem Gharibabadi at a meeting he had on Monday in Tehran with Eref Malkoc, the Turkish head of the Organization of Islamic Countries' Ombudsman Association (OIOCA).

The Iranian human right chief praised the Turkish government for its steadfast resistance to such prohibitions, calling unilateral penalties against countries "crimes against humanity and a kind of economic war."

Such sanctions are unlawful and in violation of the principles of human rights, he said, adding sanction also have an impact on Iran's neighbors.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Gharibabadi discussed the subject of terrorism and said that Iran was its largest victim.

"It is necessary for those countries who are faced with the phenomenon of terrorism to engage in serious cooperation in order to fight this ominous scourge. Due to common terrorist threats posed to Iran and Turkey, the two countries need to bolster cooperation in fighting terrorism," he remarked.

In addition, Gharibabadi criticized Western nations for adopting contradictory approaches in countering terrorism, saying that "on one hand, they accuse Iran of violating human rights, but on the other, they martyr 17,000 innocent Iranian citizens through terrorism or violate the rights of millions of Iranians through imposition of unilateral sanctions and jeopardize their right to life." ► Page 2

Religion Today Film Festival 2022 picks movies from Iran

TEHRAN – Six Iranian movies have been selected to be screened at the 25th Religion Today Film Festival in Italy.

"The Dream of a Horse," "Surviving Fortress," "19," "The Peach," "Cylinder" and "Graveyard" will compete in different sections of the festival, which will take place in Trento, Bolzano, Rome, Venice and Marina di Camerota from September 14 to 21.

The story of "The Dream of a Horse" by Marjan Khosravi is set in a mountainous but extremely green landscape, where nomadic families have found their temporary home. Shahnaz, a teenage girl, should be getting married soon, but her thoughts are focused on the world of literature.

Directed by Farshad Fadaian, "Surviving Fortress" tells the story of Morteza who sells all his properties in the city and buys an old castle on the edge of a desert, connected to hectares of land which has been abandoned for years and has not been cultivated. ► Page 8