

# A Syria Recipe for Iran

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### The not so suspicious Nord Stream blasts

Since the outbreak of the Ukraine war and many years before the conflict even erupted, the signs were clear. The United States was and continues to wage economic war against Russia and all other countries, such as China and Iran, that pursue independent foreign and economic policies.

On Russia, Congress loathed the idea of Moscow sending 40% of Europe's gas supplies mostly through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline. Over the years, the U.S. imposed so much diplomatic pressure on Europe to abandon the implementation of another pipeline: Nord Stream 2.

It was supposed to be a major energy project in Europe, perhaps the biggest but also of major concern in Washington, where officials tried their best at scaremongering their counterparts in Europe.

Nord Stream 2 is designed by Russian energy giant Gazprom and the aim of the new pipeline was to double the amount of gas flowing from Russia straight to Germany.

The concern in Washington was the U.S. sitting on an excess amount of gas supply from the shale gas boom but unlike Russia there was little buyers.

The U.S. has been so eager to export the surplus to Europe on tankers in the form of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and essentially replace Russian supplies. ▶ Page 5

### Iran's Intelligence Ministry says U.S., UK "directly" complicit in recent riots

TEHRAN- Iran's Intelligence Ministry has stated that the United States and the United Kingdom were "directly" involved in the recent unrest in certain cities in the country.

In a statement released on Friday, the ministry said that during the recent disturbances, dozens of terrorists connected to the Zionist regime and anti-revolutionary organizations had been apprehended.

The ministry emphasized the conditions that led to the foreign-backed riots following the tragic death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish woman, protests turned violent in the country, security personnel were assaulted, police cars, ambulances, and other public property were smashed.

The Mujahedin-e-Khalq Organization (MKO), an anti-Iranian terrorist group that its operatives are mostly based in Albania, as well as persons affiliated with other anti-revolution terror groups were cited by the Intelligence Ministry as the main forces behind the violence.

The statement said in recent days security forces, who are preserving law and order, had to deal with a variety of cult-like organizations, agents of foreign spy agencies, fooled agents of rioters on the streets as well as direct involvement of the American and British governments and their Saudi allies.

The Iranian Intelligence Ministry highlighted the fact that 49 MKO terrorists have been detained for actively disseminating false information, inciting protestors to carry out terror and sabotage acts, directing slogans, and being present in the streets to cause damage to public property. ▶ Page 2



### Afghans shout 'stop Hazara genocide'

Women from Afghanistan's minority Hazara community have held a protest following a suicide bombing that took place in an educational center and killed more than 35 people on Friday, Press TV reported.

A suicide bomber blew himself up in the study hall of Kaj Education Center in Dasht-e-Barchi, a mainly Hazara neighborhood west of the Afghan capital Kabul.

The neighborhood is an area where most residents are Afghan Hazara Shiites, who have been the target of brutal suicide attacks by terrorist groups including Daesh in recent years.

The UN said on Saturday the death toll

had risen to 35. More than 20 of the killed were girls and women, it said.

"The latest casualty figures from the attack number at least 35 fatalities, with an additional 82 wounded," the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said in a statement. ▶ Page 5

transit via some ports has risen by 150-170 percent in this year.

During the conference, which was on the occasion of World Maritime Day, the official said that the PMO has held many sessions with the neighboring countries as well as In-

dia and took many follow-up measures to facilitate trade with those countries which has also led to the rising trend of transit via Iran.

According to a report released during the press conference, the loading and unloading of goods in the ports of the country ▶ Page 4

### Transit of goods via Iranian ports increasing noticeably

By Mahnaz Abdi

TEHRAN- In a press conference on Saturday, Ali-Akbar Safaei, the head of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO), underlined the significant growth of transit of commodities via the ports of country and said that



### Young sports talents Olympiad held

TEHRAN - The opening ceremony of the 3rd Olympiad of the Iran's young sports talents was held on Friday in the basketball hall of the Azadi Complex in Tehran.

Hamid Sajadi, Minister of Sports and Youth, and deputy minister Mohammad Pooladgar attended the ceremony.

### Tehran seen to become top tourism hub in two years, official says

TEHRAN – A short-term plan is underway to make Tehran a top tourist destination in the country, the provincial tourism chief has said.

There is a two-year plan for Tehran to become the epicenter of tourism, which will last until the Iranian calendar year 1402 (March 2023-March 2024), CHTN quoted Parham Janfeshan as saying on Saturday.

Tehran's accommodation centers and hotels have been empty, especially on holidays, as Tehran always provides tourists to other

cities, the official explained.

However, it has one advantage for the city and when people realize Tehran is quiet and uncrowded during the holidays, they will prefer to travel there, he added.

Tehran offers many attractions to visitors from around the country, including entertainment centers, parks, historical centers, the historical core of the city, shopping centers, and tourist complexes, as well as several tours organized for travelers, he noted.

Moreover, to boost tourism infrastructure, a total of 17 tourism-related projects have been inaugurated across the province on the occasion of the national tourism week (September 27-October 3), he mentioned.

A budget of 4.1 trillion rials (\$13.7 million) has been channeled into the projects, he said.

The projects include eco-lodge units, traditional restaurants, tourist complexes, and apartment hotels, he stated. ▶ Page 6

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### Iran on the verge of aging crisis

By Farnak Bakhtiari

TEHRAN – Over the [Iranian calendar] year 1410 (March 2031-March 2032), the elderly population will reach 13.5 million people, which is 14 percent of the country's population, and Iran will officially be an old country.

Currently, the elderly population is 9.2 million, which constitutes 7.10 percent of the country's population.

The aging issue in Iran is very special from three perspectives, firstly, the fast pace of aging. Second, along with these very rapid quantitative changes, qualitative changes in aging such as feminization are happening.

The third feature of aging in Iran is that the progress in the field of health and nutrition has increased life expectancy, and besides, due to the decrease in the fertility rate, the infrastructure for the elderly population is not available in the country. ▶ Page 7

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### Are JCPOA revival talks really dead?

By Saeed Azimi

TEHRAN— Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian and his Omani counterpart Sayyid Badr Al-Busaidi discussed the latest developments in bilateral ties and also regional developments in a phone call on Friday.

The two sides also held consultations over the latest developments surrounding the talks to revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the official name for the 2015 nuclear deal.

The phone call comes while the JCPOA talks have reached a stalemate.

In an interview with IRNA correspondent in New York published on Friday, Iran's top diplomat stated that Washington's response to the EU proposal was "interpretable" in many ways, and Tehran sought to "strengthen" the U.S. response.

"We tried not to change the balance and the content. The framework of the agreement that we have should be maintained, but this text should have been strengthened by maintaining our red lines. One of the dimensions of this strengthening was 'clarification' so that when the text is published, 10 interpretations of a single text would not come out, but at least, the majority of the readers of that text should feel that they have a single understanding of that text. Moreover, more important than that text for us is the implementation of agreements," Amir Abdollahian clarified.

However, U.S. Congressman Darrell Issa (Republican from California) told Washington Free Beacon, "Two weeks ago, they thought they had a deal, and now they know they don't have a deal, and are stymied about how they get to a deal because they've negotiated all there was to negotiate, and, at the end of the day, Iran doesn't want the deal that was negotiated." ▶ Page 2

### "Funeral" by Iranian photographer wins FIAP Gold Medal at Dushanbe Aqua Salon

TEHRAN – Iranian photographer Amin Behjat's "Funeral" has won the FIAP Gold Medal at the 4th Aqua International Salon of Photography in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

This black and white photo shows people attending a funeral on a snowy day in a cemetery in the northwestern Iranian city of Urmia.

Behjat received the honor in the People category of the exhibition, which is organized every year with contributions from the Federation Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP), the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and the Focus Photo Club, Iran's branch of the FIAP.

In this section, Iranian photographer Hossein Davudi's photo "Road Closed" won the FPC Trophy. This photo depicts a visually impaired man walking on a street. ▶ Page 8