



A man waves a Palestinian flag as an Israeli armored vehicle moves on a street during a military operation in the West Bank refugee camp of Nur Shams, Tulkarem, Aug. 29, 2024.

## 330<sup>th</sup> Day: Slaughtering Without any Achievement

### Israel's West Bank assault aims to paper over military failures on Gaza battlefield

▶ Page 5

### Iran calls for global action to stop Israel's 'sinister and racist' agenda in Palestine

TEHRAN – Iran's foreign ministry spokesperson, Nasser Kanaani, has strongly criticized Israel for its "sinister and racist" strategies aimed at escalating violence and committing atrocities across Palestine.

In a forceful statement released on Thursday, Kanaani condemned Israel's ongoing military operations in the occupied West Bank, urging the international community to take swift and decisive action to halt the genocide against the Palestinian people.

Kanaani condemned Israel's recent attacks on Palestinian cities and refugee camps in the northern West Bank, where the destruction of urban infrastructure and violent incursions into medical facilities have taken place. He argued that these actions are part of Israel's broader campaign of genocide, a continuation of the violence seen in the Gaza Strip.

The Iranian spokesperson stressed that recent violations of Islamic holy sites, particularly in al-Quds and the al-Aqsa Mosque, further reveal Israel's broader intentions. He criticized Israel for implementing provocative and dangerous plans against the entire Palestinian territory, its citizens, and Islamic sanctities. ▶ Page 2

### Israel Katz: Foreign minister or "deception minister"

By Parviz Jamshidi

TEHRAN – Israel's foreign minister has called for the ejection of Palestinians from their homes in the West Bank as the occupation forces launched a major offensive on the occupied territory on Wednesday.

"We need to address the [terror] threat exactly as we deal with terror infrastructure in Gaza, including the temporary evacuation of Palestinian civilians and any other step needed," Israel Katz wrote on X shortly after the raid began.

The ulterior motive behind such remarks is to depopulate the West Bank from the Palestinians or turn the occupied territory into another Gaza. The term "temporary" is just intended to deceive the international community.

It is widely believed that extremists in Israel want to make the remaining Palestinian lands a place where its native inhabitants would not be able to live. The statement by Israel Katz is in line with the settler violence against the Palestinians in the West Bank. ▶ Page 5

### The Israeli troops either face prison or Gaza

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – A growing number of Israeli soldiers are refusing to re-enlist with the Israeli military amid the regime's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.

Reports have surfaced in Hebrew media this week that at least another 20 soldiers have refused to return to Gaza.

Military service is compulsory in Israel. Those who decide not to join the Israeli occupation forces are aware that they may end up in prison.

Since October 7, there have been very rare cases where soldiers have gone public on Western media explaining the atrocities being committed by the IOF against civilians and civilian infrastructure in Gaza as the reason for deciding to spend time behind bars instead.

These cases are believed to be rare because the soldiers draw the wrath of Israeli society and its military which is punishing deserters much more harshly now.

According to some of those who have decided against joining the Israeli military's genocide in Gaza, the IOF prison system is filled with soldiers refusing to serve in the coastal strip. ▶ Page 5

### Iran on path to level up cooperation with Persian Gulf states: FM

TEHRAN– Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi says that Iran is keen on entering a new era of diplomacy with the GCC, where both sides can work together to overcome regional challenges and achieve shared goals.

Araqchi made the remarks in a phone conversation with Jassem Mohamed Al-Budaiwi, the Secretary-General of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), on Friday.

During the conversation, Al-Budaiwi extended his congratulations to Araqchi on his recent appointment as Iran's foreign minister.

The call, which highlighted the importance of diplomatic relations between the two parties, focused on exploring avenues for enhancing cooperation and strengthening ties between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the GCC.

During the discussion, Al-Budaiwi underscored the critical role that Iran plays in maintaining peace and stability across the region. ▶ Page 2

### Tehran, Ashgabat agree to expand customs cooperation

TEHRAN – Customs officials from Iran and Turkmenistan have agreed to enhance customs cooperation and also the volume of the trade exchanges between the two countries.

In a meeting held between Head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) Mohammad Rezvanifar and Chairman of State Customs Service of Turkmenistan Maksat Khudaikulyev in Tehran, the two sides emphasized expanding and broadening cooperation in various fields, Mehr News Agency reported.

In this meeting, IRICA head expressed his satisfaction with the increase in the volume of trade exchanges between the two countries and stated that Iran and Turkmenistan exchanged 1.4 million tons of products, valued at \$450 million in the previous Iranian calendar year (March 21, 2023 to March 20, 2024).

Rezvanifar pointed out that bilateral meetings between the traders and officials of the two countries will play an effective role in increasing the volume of trade between the two sides and called for setting up such meetings.

The chairman of State Customs Service of Turkmenistan, for his part, welcomed the development of trade exchanges between the two countries in the recent years, adding that the trade volume between Iran and Turkmenistan is on the upward trajectory. ▶ Page 4

### Iran vows calculated retaliation against Zionist regime

TEHRAN– The chief of staff of Iranian Armed Forces has declared that the Islamic Republic of Iran will respond to the actions of the Zionist regime in a measured way.

As reported by ISNA, Major General Mohammad Bagheri made these remarks on Wednesday during a ceremony to honor and introduce the new deputy chief of staff of the Armed Forces.

Bagheri congratulated Iran's minister of defense in recognition of Government Week and expressed gratitude to Brigadier General Aziz Nasir Zadeh for his contributions as deputy chief of staff while introducing Brigadier General Ashtiani as his successor.

Bagheri stated, "We find ourselves in a regional crisis following the Al-Aqsa Storm, with the Zionist regime feeling threatened for its very existence and resorting to extreme measures to sustain itself."

"The precarious situation of the Zionist regime has even led to doubts among Americans regarding their support for it; nevertheless, the leaders of the Zionist regime continue their criminal actions, perceiving themselves to be on the verge of collapse," Bagheri added. ▶ Page 2

### Fatherly advice

By Xavier Villar

MADRID– Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, used the occasion of the Arbaeen ceremony, which commemorates 40 days after Ashura, to address the new Iranian government led by President Pezeshkian.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the formation of the new government as a "great blessing" and expressed his gratitude to those who, following the tragic assassination of Mr. Raisi and his colleagues, helped maintain the country's stability and organize safe and transparent elections. He extended his thanks to the officials of the previous administration, national media, and other involved institutions.

In his speech, Ayatollah Khamenei detailed how President Pezeshkian had consulted with him regarding the formation of the cabinet. ▶ Page 3



### Rahimi wins Iran's first medal in 2024 Paralympics

PARIS – Female taekwondo athlete Zahra Rahimi won Iran's first medal in the 2024 Paralympic Games.

The 16-year-athlete lost to Mongolia's Ulambayar Surejav 5-2 in the final match of k44-52kg.

Rahimi had defeated China's Shao Qian 13-2, Brazilian Maria Eduarda Machado 6-4 and Georgian Ana Japaridze 6-0 on her way to the final.

Rahimi is the youngest member of Iran Paralympic delegation.

Bronze medal matches went to Japaridze and Turkey's Meryem Betavdar.

Taekwondo at the 2024 Summer Paralympics is being held at the Grand Palais. Iran has sent 65 athletes in 10 sports to the Games.