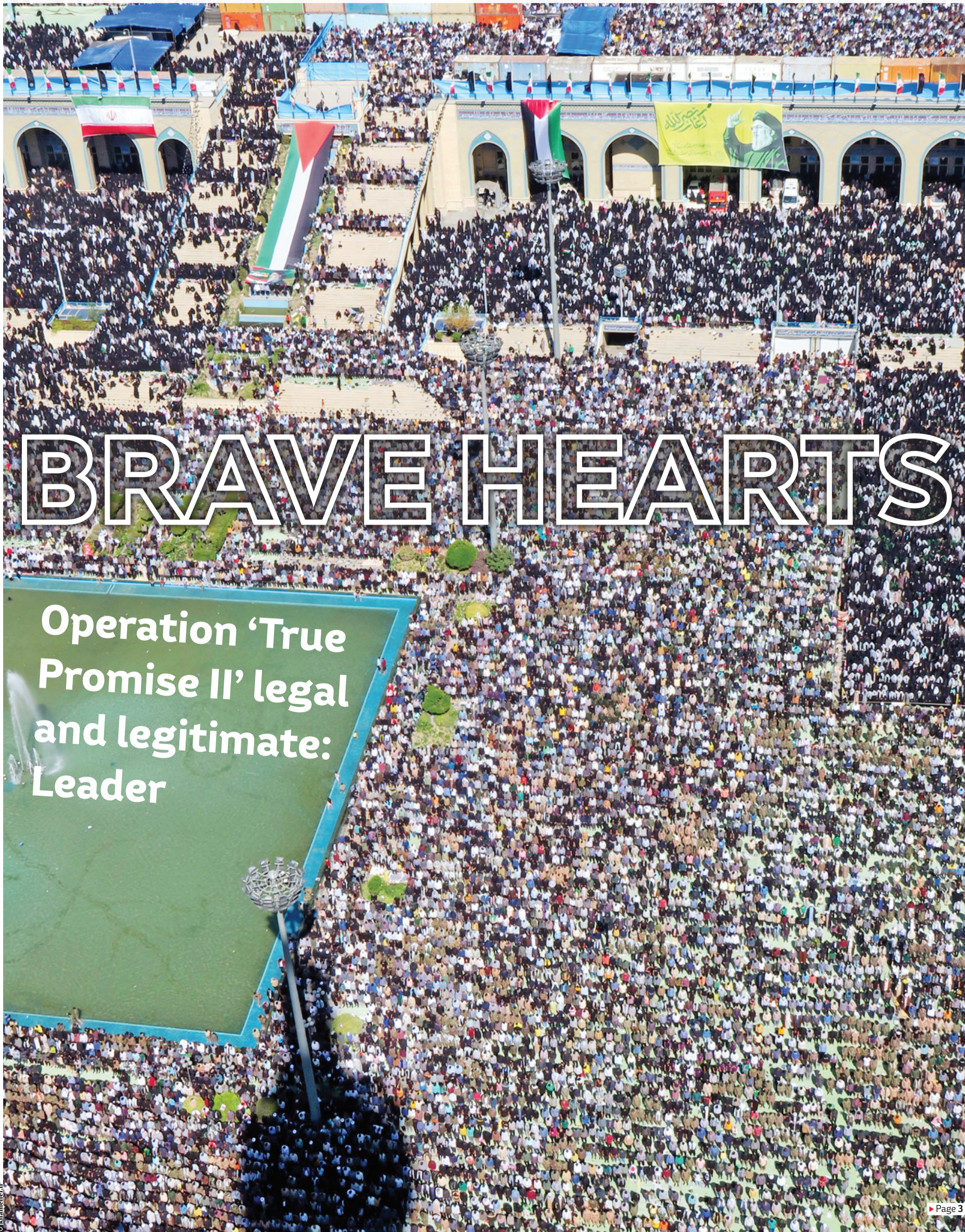


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Operation 'True Promise II' legal and legitimate: Leader

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In the following column, we take a look at some important contents and views in the Thursday Iranian newspapers.

The strategic dimension of True Promise II

Jam-e-Jam analyzed Operation True Promise II on Tuesday night that Iran fired about 200 ballistic missiles at Israeli military sites and spy centers. The paper said: The Western-Zionist axis has become aware of the Iranian authorities' intents over the past ten years, and based on that understanding has put pressure on our country in various cases. Despite Iran's strategic deterrence, it (the evil axis) was able to deal blows to Iran several times without receiving a strong response. However, Operation True Promise II changed the balance of power in West Asia again in favor of the Axis of Resistance, revealed the lies of the Zionist regime regarding its defense capabilities, and sent a serious message to the Washington-Tel Aviv axis and their Arab-European allies. The most important feature of this operation, from a strategic point of view, was that after a decade it undermined the assumptions of the enemies to find about Tehran's approach and its decision to punish a terrorist like Netanyahu, who imagined that the resistance front had been destroyed.

Javan: How far will nuclear power take us?!

In a commentary, Javan dealt with Iran's nuclear issue and wrote: For years, American and Western political propaganda campaigns about Iran's nuclear power have been focused on the slogan "We will not let Iran get nuclear weapons". America uses this slogan as an excuse for its interventions in the West Asia region. Also, the West cannot believe that Iran is enriching uranium but does not build nuclear weapons. With this description, perhaps part of the unsuccessful attempt of the West to stop Iran's nuclear is this assumption. Iran does not have nuclear weapons, but it "can" have them, and it can do this "both at the moment and on a large scale" as a great research work. Deterrence is an important principle, which is not easy to predict and judge without access to future science. The need for deterrence helps us to plan for advanced scientific future projects.

Ham Mihan: What will Israel do?

Ham Mihan examined the options facing Israel in case of response to Iran's legitimate and legal missile attacks on the regime's

military and intelligence centers. It said: After Iran's missile attack on the occupied territories, Israel has two options for a possible response. Either Israel will decide to attack a few targets on Iranian soil, or it will escalate tensions; it means it will try to launch a large and geographically wider attack or even an air battle against Iran.

If Israel chooses the second path, it will certainly face Iran's reaction, and this process will greatly increase the possibility of a direct conflict. Apart from the geographical dimension, it must be said that a severe and comprehensive conflict between Iran and Israel could lead to a regional war and seriously weaken American interests in the region. Now that the taboo of Israeli-Iranian confrontation has been broken more than ever before it seems that there will be factors for future aggressive actions by either side, but aggressive actions will stay sporadic.

Donya-e-Eqtesad: True Promise II is an important step to highlight Iran's deterrence power

In an interview with Alireza Majidi, a Middle East researcher, Donya-e-Eqtesad discussed the importance of Operation True Promise II. He said: Iran estimated that the Israeli regime had started an aggressive campaign and it must be stopped. Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah was considered the biggest red line of Iran's foreign borders, and if Israel wanted to continue the escalation of the crisis and raise the level of tension after his martyrdom, the next step would be to enter Iran's borders. Therefore, the Islamic Republic should have stopped him. Before the (retaliatory) attack, an idea was formed that Iran had left the Axis of Resistance alone.

But the True Promise II showed that this idea is not true. Iran's recent operation is an important step in the path of deterrence. Iran's action caused a serious challenge to the new order called by Netanyahu. In deterrence, two final goals are pursued, involving the minds of the officials of the other party and their public opinion. Operation True Promise II caused fear among the people and public opinion in Israel and even its politicians.

Iran says UN must intervene to stop growing Israeli aggression in West Asia



TEHRAN – Iran's foreign ministry spokesman has denounced Israel's continued attacks against civilians in Lebanon, Gaza, and the West Bank, calling on the United Nations to finally take action to halt the regime's aggression.

In a post on X, Ismail Baqaei stated that the Zionist bullies are selfish, their hostility is limitless, and it is imperative for the United Nations to take action against these aggressors.

Baqaei remarked, "The UN ambassador of the Zionist regime brazenly disregarded the UN charter, and now the foreign minister of this regime, following Netanyahu's exploitation of the UN General Assembly podium last week to threaten further violence and devastation, has labeled the UN Secretary-General as persona non grata in an attempt to silence him."

The spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry questioned, "Isn't this situation a clear enough signal for collective action to restrain this menace?"

Baqaei further remarked that according to the UN Charter, these aggressive actions of the Zionist regime must be sanctioned by the UN Security Council.

Local media reports indicate that by October 1, over 42,000 civilians had lost their lives in

Palestinian lands as well as Lebanon due to airstrikes conducted by the Zionist regime.

Tehran refutes unfounded US accusations of election interference

In a separate statement released on Friday, the spokesman dismissed the baseless claims regarding Tehran's alleged efforts to sway the forthcoming U.S. presidential election.

Baqaei refuted the unsubstantiated assertions presented in an annual U.S. threat assessment, which alleged that Tehran was utilizing artificial intelligence to disseminate misleading or divisive content aimed at influencing the election.

Baqaei characterized these accusations against Iran as clichéd and unfounded, suggesting they are motivated by political agendas with implications for domestic politics.

Additionally, Baqaei emphasized that the U.S. government, with its history of unlawful interference in the internal matters of other nations, lacks the credibility to level such accusations against others.

The spokesman affirmed that Iran remains firm in its position that any dialogue or negotiation must be grounded in mutual respect and factual information, rather than unverified claims or sensationalist rhetoric.

Other Iranian officials have also characterized the assertions as baseless and lacking evidence, highlighting that such statements merely contribute to heightened tensions between the two countries.

The 2024 United States presidential election is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Araqchi in Beirut: 'Harsher' punishment to come if Israel responds to Iran's retaliation

TEHRAN – Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi made an unannounced visit to Beirut on Friday, as Israel continues to escalate its military operations across Lebanon with intensified air strikes and a failed ground offensive.

The visit was first disclosed by Esmail Baqaei, the new spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Ministry, who posted on X (formerly Twitter): "Just landed at Beirut Int'l Airport. Our delegation, led by FM Araqchi, accompanied by two members of Parliament and the Head of Iran's Red Crescent Society, will meet with Lebanese high-level officials shortly." Baqaei also revealed that Iran was delivering a humanitarian aid package to Lebanon, which includes 10 tons of food and medical supplies.

This visit comes as part of Iran's broader efforts to strengthen ties with Lebanon and show solidarity with the Lebanese people, who are facing severe hardships due to the ongoing conflict with Israel. Baqaei emphasized the critical situation in Lebanon, stating that the entire region needs to understand the potential repercussions of the crisis for neighboring countries.

Later in the day, Araqchi held talks with Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati. During the meeting, Araqchi reiterated



Iran's firm support for Lebanon, its government, and the resistance front against Israeli actions. He also extended condolences on behalf of Iran for the loss of Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and other Lebanese citizens who were killed in recent Israeli airstrikes.

Araqchi condemned the Israeli attacks, labeling them as barbaric and highlighting their violation of international law. He called for greater unity among Muslim and Arab nations to expose Israel's illegal actions and urged international organizations to take collective action to stop the violence. Araqchi described Israel's actions as clear examples of international crimes that demand an urgent global response.

Lebanon's Prime Minister Mi-

kati, in turn, expressed his deep concerns about Israel's continued acts of aggression, which he characterized as war crimes. Mikati also voiced frustration over the lack of decisive action by the United Nations Security Council, criticizing its failure to address Israel's ongoing military operations. He thanked Iran for its continued support of Lebanon amid the conflict, particularly in light of escalating Israeli strikes.

Araqchi arrived in Beirut despite threats from Israel, which had warned that any Iranian aircraft landing at Beirut Airport would be targeted.

Daniel Hagari, the spokesperson for the Israeli army, had previously made unfounded claims, stating: "After the landing of an unidentified aircraft at Beirut Air-

port, Israeli Air Force jets are now patrolling the area, and we will not allow any weapons transfers from this airport."

Despite these warnings, the trip proceeded under the direct orders of the Iranian President. The visit aimed not only to break Lebanon's political isolation by having a high-ranking official present but also to lift the humanitarian blockade. As part of this effort, 10 tonnes of food and medicine were delivered to the Lebanese people as humanitarian aid.

Araqchi's visit is particularly significant as it marks the first by a high-ranking Iranian official following the recent killing of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in a targeted Israeli strike in Beirut's southern suburb of Dahieh. Nasrallah's death, along with the assassination of key figures including Hamas political bureau chief Ismail Haniyeh and IRGC General Abbas Nilforoushan, has further intensified tensions across the region.

In response to these assassinations, Iran launched 200 ballistic missiles at Israeli military and intelligence targets throughout the occupied Palestinian territories on Tuesday evening, signaling Tehran's readiness to defend its allies and retaliate against Israeli actions.

Leader's sons visit Israeli pager attack victims



TEHRAN – The sons of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution visited Lebanese citizens hospitalized in Tehran after they were injured in last month's Israeli attacks exploding thousands of communication devices. Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei's sons conveyed the Leader's message to the injured and expressed solidarity on his behalf.

Hezbollah fighters, ordinary adults, teenagers, and even infants are among the injured hospital-

ized in Tehran. Iran has also sent medical teams to Lebanon to help with the treatment of the attacks' victims. The Israeli attacks, carried out over two days, involved the detonation of thousands of pager and walkie-talkie devices, resulting in a devastating toll. At least 32 people were killed, and thousands more were injured, with many sustaining injuries to their eyes, hands, and other parts of their bodies.

Tehran urges UNSC to impose 'severe sanctions' against Israel

TEHRAN – Iran's deputy foreign minister for political affairs has called on the UN Security Council to implement stringent sanctions against Israel based on Chapter 7 of the UN Charter.

Talking to Iranian media, Majid Takht Ravanchi highlighted Iran's consistent efforts to bring Israeli aggression to the attention of the UN Security Council, emphasizing that despite numerous notifications, the council has failed to take action.

"We believe it is the responsibility of the UN Security Council to impose strict sanctions on the

Israeli regime under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter," Takht Ravanchi stated.

U.S. and Europe preventing UN from fulfilling responsibility for international peace and security

He argued that the U.S. and some European countries are preventing the UN from fulfilling

its responsibility for international peace and security by supporting Israel.

"We showed restraint for a significant period of time, but our restraint was misused by the Israeli regime, leading them to believe they can act without consequences," he remarked.

The Iranian diplomat further asserted that Iran's recent retaliatory actions against Israeli military targets were conducted in line with Article 51 of the UN Charter.

"We have announced that our operation has concluded for now,

and should they choose to initiate further hostilities, they will face severe repercussions," Takht Ravanchi added.

On Tuesday, October 1, Iran retaliated against the Israeli assassination of Hamas political bureau chief, Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah secretary-general, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and IRGC Qods Force high-ranking commander, Brigadier General Abbas Nilforoushan by launching approximately 200 ballistic missiles at Israeli military and intelligence installations across the occupied territories.

Netanyahu's message to the people of Iran: a plan for a second Purim

By Habib Ahmadzadeh

TEHRAN – This is written for those unaware of history, the kind who, if they had lived during the Iraqi invasion of Iran, might have been fooled by Saddam's deceptive rhetoric into aligning with him under the guise of "liberating" the country.

Just three days ago, prior to the Iron Dome's failure to prevent Iranian missiles, Netanyahu sent a message to the Iranian people, claiming that he and his government differentiate between the Islamic Republic and the "Aryan" people of Iran.

He ended by saying, "You deserve better. The people of Iran must know that Israel stands with you. May we work together for a future filled with peace and prosperity."

Terrorist liquidated after killing border guard in SE Iran

TEHRAN – The commander of the Iranian Army Ground Forces in Sistan and Baluchestan province says a border guard was killed in Zabul after a terrorist opened fire on him.

Brigadier General Adel Heydari said the terrorist was eventually liquidated.

Heydari underscored that any hostile action from the en-

emy will be met with a robust response, assuring that the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran will not tolerate any threats.

Earlier, on September 30, three separate terrorist attacks occurred in various cities within Sistan and Baluchistan province, resulting in the martyrdom of six military personnel.

TEHRAN – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has hailed the Iranian military's Tuesday retaliatory attack against Israel as "brilliant", noting that the attack dubbed Operation True Promise II was both "legal and legitimate".

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks while addressing a sea of citizens that had gathered in central Tehran for this week's Friday prayers. "The actions taken by our armed forces were the 'least punishment' for the usurping Zionist regime in response to its astonishing crimes," he said, adding, "The Islamic Republic will carry out any duty in this regard with power, firmness, and decisiveness. In fulfilling this duty, we neither hesitate nor act hastily; we do not hesitate, we do not fall short, and we do not rush."

Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized that Iran would take similar measures in the future "if necessary".

Iran's Tuesday operation against Israel involved firing approximately 200 ballistic missiles at military bases in the occupied territories from Iranian soil. The attack came in response to a series of terrorist attacks by the regime, which killed Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah Secretary-General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah, and Iranian military advisor in Lebanon Brigadier General Abbas Nilforooshan.

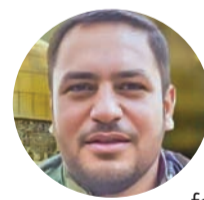
October 1 marked Iran's second direct attack against Israeli positions in the occupied territories, with the first one occurring in April following a Zionist regime's airstrike on the Iranian embassy in Damascus.

Part of Ayatollah Khamenei's speech was in Arabic, mainly focusing on Resistance groups in the region.

In commemorating the martyrdom of Nasrallah, Ayatollah Khamenei declared that the top Hezbollah figure's "true personality, his soul, his path, and his expressive voice are still among us and will be with us forever." He praised Nasrallah for his "eloquent voice and brave defense of the oppressed" and described his influence as extending beyond Lebanon, Iran, and Arab countries.

In part of his remarks, he directly addressed the Lebanese nation. "Nasrallah's most important message in words and action during his lifetime to you, the devoted people of Lebanon, was to not despair or become distraught over the loss of prominent figures such as Imam Musa Sadr, Sayyid Abbas Mousavi, and others; to not doubt about your struggle; to increase your efforts and your capabilities; to double your solidarity; to stand up to the aggressive, intrusive enemy; and to defeat them by strengthening your faith and putting your trust in God."

IRGC confirms military advisor martyred in Israeli airstrike on Syria



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According to the IRGC's statement, Divani succumbed to injuries on Thursday, three days after being wounded in the airstrike.

"Once again, the Islamic Revolution, by offering one of the defenders of the shrine, has strengthened the deep roots of the Islamic Revolution," the statement read.

TEHRAN – The Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) has confirmed the martyrdom of Majid Divani, a military advisor from Khorramshahr, Iran, following an Israeli airstrike



Brave hearts

Operation 'True Promise II' legal and legitimate: Leader

TEHRAN – The memorial ceremony for martyr Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and the Friday prayers held in Tehran were historic. The event is significant for two main reasons. First, the massive crowd that participated. Many streets surrounding the Tehran Mosalla (where the Friday prayers are held) were filled with people. Some individuals had arrived the night before. Several hours before the official start of the ceremony, the entire mosque and its area were full of population, leaving no space, and people had to remain in the surrounding streets.

Some in the million-strong crowd participating in this national and historical event mentioned that it was the first time they were attending Friday prayers, which is an important and noteworthy point. Various figures with diverse political tendencies and preferences were present at the ceremony.

The Friday prayers in Tehran can be seen as a prominent and shining symbol of the unity and cohesion of the Iranian people. When they feel their country is in a special or critical situation, they set aside their differences and unite under one flag.

This gathering occurred amidst threats from Israel against Iran following Operation "True Promise II". Threats by a regime that has massacred over 40,000

He also declared that all Muslims are obligated to "pay their debt to the wounded and bloody Lebanon," stressing the legitimacy of Hezbollah's actions in defending Palestinians and fighting for the Al-Aqsa Mosque. He described Hezbollah's actions as "legal, reasonable, logical and legitimate," emphasizing that no one has the right to criticize their involvement in the conflict.

The Leader also defended the October 2023 "Al-Aqsa Storm" operation by Palestinian fighters inside Israeli-occupied territories, calling it "right and internationally legal." He maintained that the Palestinian nation has the right to resist the "usurping enemy of Palestine" and no one can take umbrage at their actions against the aggressors.

He then condemned the U.S. and its allies for supporting Israel, stating that they are "turning the usurping

people in Gaza, including 17,000 children, shows no regard for international or ethical norms and is greedy to commit any crime. The widespread presence of people in this specific situation during the Friday prayer sermons demonstrates their courage.

The second point is the presence of Ayatollah Khamenei at a public and pre-announced event, that demonstrates his courage. Israeli officials and sources have implicitly and explicitly threatened him with assassination. A few days ago, Reuters falsely reported that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had been moved to a safe location out of fear of an Israeli attack. His presence at the event as the Friday prayer leader showed that this news was fundamentally wrong and that the leader did not fear enemy threats.

There is much to say and write about the Friday prayers on October 4, which undoubtedly is considered one of the historic days in Iran. However, what is most important is that the Iranian people demonstrated that when it comes to facing an enemy or foreign threat, they stand together with a united voice to defend Iran. Those who do not learn from history and seek to test the courage of these people will find themselves regretful.

regime into their tool to take over all the resources of this region." Ayatollah Khamenei highlighted that their goal is to control energy exports from the region and imports of goods and technology from the West.

Ayatollah Khamenei asserted that any attack against Israel serves the interests of the "entire region and humanity," calling the U.S. and Israel's plan for the region "a false and impossible fantasy." He emphasized that the Israeli regime relies solely on American support to survive, declaring that this situation "will not last long."

"The clear reason for this statement is that for a year now, despite spending several billion dollars in Gaza and Lebanon, and despite the comprehensive support given by the United States and several other Western governments, the enemy has failed in its confrontation with several thousand fighters and

mujahid on the path of God, who are besieged and blocked from receiving any assistance from the outside. The only thing it [the Zionist regime] has been able to do is to bomb homes, schools, hospitals, and centers with a dense unarmed population."

The Leader concluded by calling for Muslim unity against the arrogant powers who seek to divide and conquer Islamic states. He emphasized the importance of solidarity amongst Muslim nations, stating that "divine wisdom will support you and you will overcome all obstacles and win over all enemies." He declared that the time has come for the Islamic Ummah to "overcome the plots of the enemies" and that the "enemy of the Iranian nation is the same enemy of the Palestinian nation, the Lebanese nation, the Iraqi nation, the Egyptian nation, the Syrian nation, and the Yemeni nation. The enemy is one."

'Unite and resist'

Ayatollah Khamenei's historic speech to the region

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT – A year of some of the most heinous crimes by the arrogant West has passed; yet, the American Pharaoh persists in showing how brazen and hypocritical it is.

On Friday, a year of international hypocrisy was exposed by the speech of the most influential leader addressing the West Asia region, who invalidated Western fabrications and lies with Quranic words: {Today those who disbelieve have despaired of [defeating] your religion, so fear them not.} [Surah Al-Maid: 3]

The most important point highlighted in the speech of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution

was that Islamic unity is the chief method to win the existential battle against the terrorist Anglo-Saxon enemy, which relentlessly seeks to dismantle the Axis of Resistance in West Asia. According to Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the Islamic world must urgently rise against the war of attrition and the fierce psychological warfare practiced by the arrogant West. His speech pushed for an all-out resistance amid the ongoing rampant political and economic pressures.

The Leader proposed a roadmap that guarantees stability in the entire region against a seditious one that destabilizes its security. Undeniably, the current battle is

open, unprecedented, and may encounter many surprises; thus, we are before 2 options: either to submit or to resist and humiliate this functional colonial entity that systematically aims at controlling the riches, wealth, and capabilities of our indigenous peoples.

The resistance is not only military but comprehensive: economic, political, cultural, etc. Hence, it requires many precious sacrifices, but it serves the promising civilizational project, which the Leader has frequently highlighted, and which thwarts the disastrous imperialist project and enshrines the inherent right of people to protect their sovereignty.

(See full text at tehrantimes.com)

American point guard Corin Henry joins Golnoor

TEHRAN – Iranian basketball club Golnoor has completed the signing of American point guard Corin Henry.

Henry, 36, was a member of Azerbaijan's Sabah last season.

Henry has previously played in Iranian club Exxon Sports Club.

The Isfahan-based club had previously signed power forward Marko Perovic.

Golnoor is a debutant in Iranian Basketball Super League.

Ex-Inter legend Altobelli praises Taremi

TEHRAN – Legendary former Inter Milan striker Alessandro Altobelli is a big fan of Mehdi Taremi since his time with Al-Gharafa.

Altobelli was full of praise for the 32-year-old Inter striker in an interview published in print edition of Turin-based newspaper Tuttosport, via FCInterNews.

Iranian international Taremi has never enjoyed a higher profile than he currently does. At the age of 32, Taremi made the move to Inter from Porto.

This marked the biggest transfer of the veteran striker's career. He has been prolific wherever he's gone thus far, but the Nerazzurri will be the biggest challenge yet for him.

Over four years at Porto, Taremi established a strong reputation for himself. Both in the Portuguese domestic league and in the Champions League.

Altobelli noted that "Everyone discovered him while he was with Porto."

"I'd actually already seen him in Qatar, at Al-Gharafa," the former striker noted.

"When he was playing there I wasn't necessarily asking myself if he was going to go to a top club," Altobelli said of Taremi. "But I can assure you, you could already see how hood he was." "It was clear that he could play in Europe. Now, of course, we're talking about him playing at Inter, one of the best teams in the world.

Altobelli said that "For me, Taremi is a player who can have his say."

"He'll need playing time. But we've already seen that the coach and the club have faith in him. He's at the beginning of his Nerazzurri journey," Altobelli noted of Taremi. "He's only played one full match for us."

Majidi shortlisted to take charge of Esteghlal

TEHRAN – Farhad Majidi is among the candidates to take charge of Iran's Esteghlal football team.

He led Esteghlal to title in the 2021-22 Iran Professional League and is a candidate to coach the team once again as Javad Nekounam's replacement.

Sohrab Bakhtiarizadeh was named the team's interim coach on Tuesday.

Nekounam stepped down from his role following a 2-0 loss against Al Sadd of Qatar in the 2024-25 AFC Champions League Elite.

Bulgarian coach Ivaylo Petev and Portuguese Ricardo Sa Pinto are also among the candidates to take charge of the team.

Parnian Noori aims to compete at Olympics

TEHRAN – Iran's Parnian Noori underlined her ambitions to compete at the Olympic Games, and hopes the World Taekwondo Junior Championships can be the start of accumulating the ranking points she needs.

She won a gold medal in the women's -52kg underway in Chuncheon, South Korea.

"We have goals for the Olympic Games, that is very important for us. We start from now to get ranking points to qualify for the Olympics," she said.

For Noori, her attention immediately turned to the future and her ambitions for when she enters senior competition.

"We have to focus more on the future because we go to the senior teams. From now, we are going to make a plan and prepare the training to go to the senior national team," she insisted. The World Taekwondo Junior Championships will continue to provide a global stage which serves as a springboard for athletes to succeed in major senior competitions.

Iran's Tabiat discover fate in 2024/25 FIBA WASL

TEHRAN – Iran basketball club Tabiat have discovered their fate in the highly-awaited 2024/25 FIBA West Asia Super League (FIBA WASL).

Held online, the draw was attended by representatives of the participating ball clubs.

Tabiat are drawn in Pool A along with Al Wahda of Syria and Lebanese side Sagesse.

Pool B consists of Al Riyadi Beirut Club, Al Difaa Al Jawi of Iraq and Jordan's Amman United Club.

The top seeds by the conclusion of the double round-robin Group Phase will earn outright berths to the best-of-3 Semi-Finals.

The second and third-ranked teams, on the other hand, will have to go through the cross-over Qualification to Semi-Finals, which is also a best-of-3.

The top three teams from both West Asia and Gulf Leagues will qualify for the FIBA WASL Final 8, where they will be joined by the champions of South and Central Asia.

The 2024-25 FIBA West Asia Super League, also known as the FIBA WASL Season 3, will be the third season of the West Asia Super League (WASL), the premier basketball competition for Western Asia organized by the FIBA Asia. The season will begin on Oct. 14.

Al Riyadi are the defending champions.

China, Iran's top trade partner in H1



TEHRAN- China was Iran's top trade partner in the first half of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-September 22).

As reported, the value of non-oil trade between the two countries stood at \$15.7 billion in the mentioned six-month period.

Iran exported non-oil commodities worth \$7.2 billion to China in the first half, and China's export to Iran stood at \$8.5 billion during the mentioned time span.

In a meeting between Iranian Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Abdolnaser Hemmati and Chinese Minister of Finance Lan Fo'an, the two sides emphasized the implementation of the two countries' long-term strategic partnership plan.

Hemmati met with Fo'an on the sidelines of the 9th ministerial meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) members in Samarkand, Uzbekistan on September 24.

In addition to the issues related to the cooperation of the two countries in AIIB, the two sides discussed the most important issues related to bilateral relations, especially the follow-up of the results of previous agreements.

Holding the two countries' Joint Economic Committee meeting in the new future was another topic discussed by the two officials.

In this meeting, the ministers of the two countries emphasized that Iran and China have put a more serious and deeper implementation of the comprehensive long-term strategic plan of the two countries on their agenda and will continue this path in the official interactions of the two countries until concrete practical achievements are reached.

Iran and China officially signed the document for 25-year comprehensive cooperation in March 2021.

The document was signed between Iran's former Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

Back in December 2022, Iran and China finalized 16 memorandums of understanding (MOU) under the framework of the two countries' strategic 25-year agreement.

The MOUs were signed in an Iran-China comprehensive cooperation program summit which was held in Tehran on December 13 in the presence of Iran's former First Vice President Mohammad Mokhber and China's Vice Premier Hu Chunhua.

The summit was focused on four areas explored by four committees between the two countries with the aim of paving the way for the implementation of the 25-year agreement.

Iran and China also signed 20 memoranda of understanding in the presence of the presidents of the two countries in Beijing in mid-February, 2023. Heading a high-ranking delegation, Iran's late President Ebrahim Raisi was on a three-day state visit to China starting February 14.

During President Raisi's visit to China, Tehran and Beijing signed a number of bilateral cooperation documents in the fields of agriculture, trade, tourism, environmental protection, health, disaster relief, culture, and sports.

The documents include agreements in the field of transportation and industry worth \$12 billion and \$3.5 billion, respectively; the agreements cover various joint projects like the high-speed rail link between Tehran and Mashhad, and investment in the Imam Khomeini Airport City.

Investment in Iran's southeastern Mokrân Coast and the purchase of Iranian oil were also mentioned in the documents.

Raisi's visit served as an example of the high level of mutual trust between China and Iran, as well as a milestone for bilateral ties.

Then in mid-July, 2023, the agreements signed between Iran and China during President Raisi's trip to Beijing in mid-February were turned into specified projects during the two countries' joint cooperation committee meeting, the Iranian finance and economic affairs minister announced.

Then in early November last year, Iran's former Finance and Economic Affairs Minister Ehsan Khandouzi said the 25-year strategic partner-

ship plan between Iran and China had entered a new phase with new agreements being reached between various ministries of the two countries.

According to Khandouzi, the mentioned agreements had been reached between the two sides during the visit of Iran's delegation to the 6th China International Import Expo (CIIE).

"Specific projects were defined between the government departments of the respective ministries of Iran and China, and agreements were reached on the details of the implementation of the mentioned projects," Khandouzi said.

Regarding the private sectors of the two countries, some Iranian companies operating in China and some large Chinese companies operating in Iran faced obstacles, which were discussed and resolved by the relevant authorities, he explained.

"We are going to witness a significant growth in economic cooperation and investment between the two sides with the implementation of these projects," the minister noted.

And in late August this year, the head of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA) called for the implementation of the Iran-China 25-year strategic agreement in a meeting with China's Ambassador to Tehran Cong Peiwu.

In the meeting, Samad Hassanzadeh emphasized the need to implement the provisions of the 25-year agreements between the two countries and said: "Iranian economic operators will be present at the China import exhibition that will be held in November."

Noting that Iran and China can cooperate in various fields, Hassanzadeh stated: "There are suitable areas for cooperation including maritime transport and economic and commercial infrastructure."

According to the ICCIMA head, Iran will have a strong presence at China's Import Exhibition which is going to be held in November, because this exhibition provides an opportunity for Iranian businessmen to get to know the possibilities and ways of cooperation with China.

Mentioning the beginning of the work of the 14th government in Iran and the changes that have occurred, Hassanzadeh said: "Iran's new president can add more depth to the economic and commercial relations between Iran and China. He has a special focus on international relations and believes that efforts should be made to implement all the provisions of the agreement between Iran and China."

He also emphasized joint investment between the two countries and said: "Iran and China have high capabilities in the petrochemical, gas, oil, automotive, space, etc., and should have joint investments in such fields."

Hassanzadeh further suggested that Iran needs investment in the downstream sector of copper industries and China can invest in this sector.

He also said there are such capacities in the aluminum sector and power plant construction.

The Chinese ambassador for his part, referred to the unilateral sanctions and economic pressures that are being imposed on Iran, saying: "Despite all these problems, Iran's economy is moving forward with high power because there are professional economic experts who drive the economy."

Referring to his meeting with Iran's new president, he described what was discussed in this meeting as hopeful. According to Peiwu, Iran and China can improve the level of their relations within the framework of the economic and political approaches of both countries.

He further emphasized the favorable economic situation of his country and the development of its trade exchanges, saying: "China has been able to increase its production with more added value and at the same time move towards green production with higher quality and a significant reduction in energy consumption. Therefore, the cooperation between Iran and China can now have significantly better results."

Also speaking at the meeting, Hamed Asgari, the ICCIMA deputy for International Affairs pointed to the capabilities of the Iran-China joint chamber and suggested that the two sides should prepare a measurable and targeted roadmap based on the 25-year agreements concluded between Iran and China, and with continuous follow-up, ensure the implementation of the provisions of the agreement.

"To this end, it is necessary to hold meetings between the head of the Iran-China joint chamber and the commercial advisor of the embassy in order to identify and remove the obstacles in this direction," Asgari said.

Tehran, Doha ink new MOUs to expand ties in various fields

TEHRAN - High-ranking officials from Iran and Qatar signed six cooperation documents in the fields of trade and economy, culture, education, sports, and agriculture.

The documents were signed during an official visit to Doha by Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian.

Iran's Minister of Energy Abbas Aliabadi, who is the Iranian head of the Iran-Qatar Joint Economic Committee, was also present at the signing ceremony.

The documents were inked by the Iranian and Qatari ministers of energy, foreign affairs, and sports and youth affairs.

Developing joint investment, production

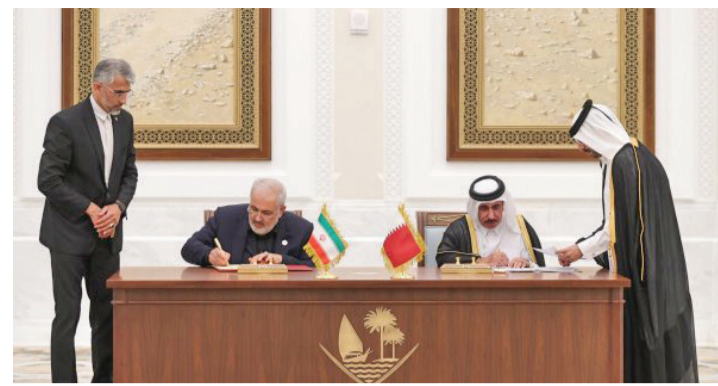
On the sidelines of the Iranian delegation's visit to Doha, the Iranian Energy Minister met with Mohammed bin Hamad bin Qassim Al Abdullah Al Thani? the Qatari Minister of Commerce and Industry, who is the Qatari head of the two countries' Joint Economic Committee.

In this meeting, Aliabadi emphasized the need for joint investment and production by the private sectors of the two countries.

The two sides also agreed to make the preparations for holding the 10th meeting of the Iran-Qatar Joint Economic Committee in late November or early December.

Connecting power grids

Aliabadi also held a meeting with Qatari Minister of State for Energy Affairs Saad bin Sherida Al Kaabi in



Doha on Thursday in which the two sides stressed the need to finalize feasibility studies about the connection of the electricity grids of the two countries.

Also, the issue of exporting technical, energy and engineering services from Iran to Qatar was raised by Iran's minister of energy, which was welcomed by the Qatari side.

The Iranian official invited his Qatari counterpart to visit Iran to learn about the country's high potential and capability in the electricity industry.

Joint-venture investment using the capabilities of the two countries in the field of electricity was among the other topics discussed at the meeting.

Heading a high-ranking delegation, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian arrived in the Qatari capital of Doha on Wednesday in order to participate in the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD).

Back in May, Aliabadi, and Assistant Undersecretary for Com-

merce Affairs at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Qatar Saleh bin Majed Al-Khulaifi met and stressed broadening economic and investment ties between the two countries.

Aliabadi held talks with Al-Khulaifi at the 6th Export Potential Exhibition of the Islamic Republic of Iran, also known as Iran Expo 2024, in Tehran.

Describing the presence of Qatar in Iran Expo 2024 as an opportunity to learn more about Iran's export capabilities, Aliabadi highlighted Iran's significant progress in technical and engineering services, which could potentially aid Qatar with repairing turbines and complex machinery.

Additionally, Aliabadi expressed Iran's willingness to cooperate with Qatar in various industrial, agricultural, and industrial fields.

Iran and Qatar signed a comprehensive cooperation document at the end of the ninth Iran-Qatar Joint Economic Committee meet-

ing in Tehran on December 11, 2023.

The document was signed by Iran's former Energy Minister Ali-Akbar Mehrabian and Qatar's Minister of Commerce and Industry Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Qassim Al Abdullah Al Thani as the heads of the Joint Economic Committee.

In the mentioned document, cooperation in the fields of energy (water and wastewater, electricity, oil, gas, and environment), exchanging experiences and technical knowledge, holding events, including exhibitions, and specialized training courses in the fields of water and water technologies, and renewable energies were emphasized.

Exchanging private sector delegations active in the fields of consulting, contracting, and industries, production of equipment related to the electricity industry, and the readiness of the environmental organizations of the two countries to expand relations have also been covered in the document.

The document also covered cooperation in other fields including banking, insurance, customs, national development funds, technical and engineering services, trade, industries and mines, free zones, investment, and standards.

Cooperation in the fields of transportation, communication and information technology, agriculture, judicial, legal, labor, and border are also among the axes of this cooperation document.

Iran's monthly car output up 8%

TEHRAN - Iran's car production increased by eight percent in the Iranian month of Shahrivar (August 21-September 21) as compared to the previous month, an industry ministry official said. Mehrdad Khosravi, the director general of the Iranian Industry Ministry's Auto Industry Office, said that 81,509 cars were produced by automakers in the mentioned month, IRNA reported.

The country's car output stood at 75,642 in the Iranian month of Mordad (July 21 to August 22), according to Khosravi.

The official also noted that bus production in the first five months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21 to August 22, 2024) registered a 22 percent growth compared to the

same period last year.

He further added that production of dual-fuel cars also registered a 45 percent growth between March 21 and August 22, 2024 compared to last year's corresponding period.

Some 1,200 hybrid cars were produced in the country from March 21 to August 22, 2024, he added.

Back in June, Iran's former Minister of Industry, Mining, and Trade Abbas Aliabadi said 1.5 million cars will be produced in the country by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20, 2025).

More than 1.5 million cars will be manufac-

tured in the country by the end of the current Iranian calendar year, Aliabadi said, speaking at the 19th International Auto Parts Exhibition 2024 dubbed "IAPEX".

The industry minister criticized the poor quality of cars produced in the country and called for boosting the quality of the cars to be competitive in the international arena, Mehr news agency reported.

He also stated that Iran should be industrialized and the country has a high potential for becoming industrialized.

The 19th International Exhibition of Automotive Parts, Accessories and Sets was held during June 18-21 in Tehran.

PMO underlines importance of developing sea-oriented economy

TEHRAN - Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO), in a recent report, has underlined the importance of the country's maritime capacities and the role that the sector can play in developing the country's economy.

According to the report, maritime sector in Iran has very high capacity in various fields including trade, ports and shipping due to the country's strategic location, long coastal strip in the north and south and access to open waters, and can bring economic prosperity to the country.

"About a third of the country's borders are water borders, so we cannot ignore port and shipping activities because for a country that has long water borders and access to open waters, the pros-

perity of shipping and maritime trade is essential. Therefore, the government should pay full attention to the strengths and weaknesses of this sector and make the best use of the current capacities with proper planning," the report read.

Increasing the share of the maritime sector in the country's gross domestic product (GDP) under the framework of the newly proposed maritime-oriented policy should be one of the most important concerns of the government, which can be achieved with proper planning, the PMO said.

The share of the sea in the gross domestic product in advanced coastal countries such as the European Union is 50 per-

cent, but the figure is not significant in Iran despite having more than 5,800 kilometers of coastal strip, and this is despite the fact that there are huge capacities for the transit of goods from Central Asian countries.

In late September, Iranian Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref said the 14th government is determined to formulate and implement additional and more comprehensive plans and programs in the field of sea-oriented development.

Aref said that the government has prepared the initial draft of the country's maritime-oriented development plan.

He called on the Iranian authorities in charge of the country's maritime sector to

strengthen logistics and corridor routes, facilitate entering new markets, use smart technologies, strengthen employment, create large and small-scale production units in ports and coastal areas, modernize the commercial fleet and port equipment as well as the railway and road lines, and train responsible and efficient workforces for sea-oriented development while preserving and safeguarding the marine environment in compliance with international regulations and conventions.

The official also emphasized the necessity for the country's scholars and think tanks to help the government realize its plans for developing the maritime sector.

Smart irrigation to reduce water consumption in agriculture by 50%

TEHRAN - Iran's Deputy Agriculture Minister Safdar Niazi has said implementing smart irrigation systems in the country is going to reduce water consumption in the agricultural sector by 50 percent, IRNA reported.

He considered the implementation of smart irrigation as one of the priorities in the field of water and soil in the Seventh National Development Plan (2022-2027) and said: "With the implementation of smart irrigation, 50 percent saving in water consumption will be achieved."

Fariborz Abbasi made the remarks in a specialized meeting on smart irrigation held on the sidelines of the 7th International Agriculture, Horticulture, Greenhouses, Inputs, and Agriculture Machinery Exhibition of Iran (IFarm 2024).

According to Abbasi, the Agriculture Ministry

The project manager of the Iranian Agriculture Ministry's modern irrigation systems development program has said over 100 smart irrigation pilot projects have been implemented across the country, IRIB reported.

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According to Abbasi, the Agriculture Ministry

has taken many new measures for modernizing and smartening of irrigation systems in the country among which identifying 10 knowledge-based and technological companies, using the capacities of research centers and institutions, and evaluating various smart irrigation technologies can be mentioned.

"So far, more than 100 smart irrigation pilot projects have been carried out in the country on more than 10,000 hectares of lands," he said.

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'Fleet development, renovation, a major priority of IRISL'

TEHRAN - The head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) has said developing and renovating the shipping fleet is a major priority of the compa-

ny, IRIB reported.

"We are trying to add new ships to the fleet through both domestic and foreign companies in order to bring the average age

of the fleet below 10 years," Mohammadreza Modares Khiabani said.

According to Modares Khiabani, IRISL is ranked 18th among the

world's largest shipping companies and ranks 22nd among the Iran's top 100 companies based on the evaluation of the Industrial Management Organization.

Hezbollah executes more quality operations

Resistance movement counters Israeli attempts to invade Lebanon

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN- Hezbollah has continued its qualitative operations against the occupying regime, expanding its range of fire in northern Israel.

Hezbollah fighters targeted Krayot north of Haifa with a barrage of rockets. The fighters also launched a rocket attack on the Israeli city of Safed.

A gathering of Israeli occupation vehicles and soldiers was targeted in Sasa in the Upper Galilee with a heavy Borkan rocket.

The Lebanese resistance targeted the Israeli occupation's artillery positions south of Kiryat Shmona with a salvo of rockets.

Following that Hezbollah announced it had targeted the Ilaniya base with a salvo of rockets.

The resistance went on to target the Ruwaisat al-Alam site in the occupied Lebanese Kfar Shuba hills with artillery shells, achieving a direct hit against Israeli forces.

Hezbollah then struck a gathering of Israeli soldiers in Kiryat Shmona with a salvo of rockets.

The Lebanese resistance launched a heavy rocket barrage at the city of Karmiel in addition to other cities in northern Israel.

Hebrew media reported sirens and explosions being heard in Hanita, Haifa, Krayot, Acre, and Nahariya as Israeli missile interceptor systems failed to target all the incoming rockets.

Commenting on the rocket salvo from Lebanon and Israeli attempts to intercept it, Israeli media stated that there was "chaos in the skies over Haifa and Krayot."

Sirens also went off in Caesarea, located between Tel Aviv



and Haifa north of Hadera for the first time. The Israeli Walla website reported that Prime Minister Netanyahu was at his home in Caesarea "when sirens sounded, prompting him to rush to the shelters."

An Israeli media platform mentioned an attempt to target a gas platform and a power station in Caesarea, while Israeli media confirmed a direct hit in Kiryat Shmona from rockets fired from Lebanon.

According to an Israeli media platform, settlers reported seeing many evacuation helicopters in the skies of northern Israel.

Later on Friday, Hezbollah announced the targeting of a Merkava tank near the al-Malikiya site with a guided missile, causing it to catch fire and leaving its crew dead or wounded.

Hezbollah targeted an Israeli force of vehicles and soldiers attempting to infiltrate Lebanon through the village of Maroun al-Ras with artillery shells, causing confirmed casualties.

According to reports, Hezbollah detonated seven explosive devices targeting Israeli occupation forces (IOF) attempting to advance. Reports also highlighted that rumors of Israel capturing

villages like Yaroun, Maroun al-Ras, or Adaisseh are entirely false.

Reporters near the border area pointed out that the IOF has not been able to establish itself at any point in the south of Lebanon so far.

Hezbollah's operations come after the resistance movement carried out 32 diverse military operations against the Israeli occupation in just 24 hours, on Thursday. The highest number since October 8, 2023.

The operations included repelling failed attempts by elite Israeli forces to advance towards border villages, in addition to targeting gatherings in military barracks and sites, settlements along the front line, and bombing cities and military targets deep in Israel.

Hezbollah's Operations Room in Lebanon, citing reliable field and security sources, revealed that the number of IOF military killed from Thursday's attacks by its fighters in the southern border area reached 17 officers and soldiers.

According to Hezbollah, dozens of Israeli troops have been killed since the IOF attempted to invade southern Lebanon this

week. Hundreds more have been injured.

Israel continues to indiscriminately bomb southern Lebanon and the southern Dahiyeh suburb of the capital Beirut.

Early on Friday morning, Israel also bombed the Masnaa border crossing between Lebanon and Syria, along with its vicinity, forcing the closure of the international highway for Lebanese civilians fleeing to Syria.

The Israeli military claims it struck a 3.5 kilometer underground tunnel crossing from Lebanon into Syria. Displaced people were documented crossing into Syria on foot following the attacks.

This came as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said most of Lebanon's nearly 900 shelters are full and that people fleeing Israeli strikes are sleeping outdoors.

"Most of the nearly 900 government-established collective shelters in Lebanon have no more capacity," the agency said at a press briefing in Geneva.

The Lebanese Ministry of Health announced there were "37 dead and 151 wounded as a result of Israeli raids on Thursday."

Reports said there were an extremely intense, nonstop bombardment of the Dahiyeh suburb of Beirut on Friday afternoon.

Footage on Friday evening highlighted scenes of the violent bombardment of Dahiyeh, which locals described as worse than the bombing on September 27, in which Hezbollah Secretary-General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah was assassinated.

Is the United States a sovereign nation or a mute appendage of Israel?

Americans should be terrified about the answer and the future!

By Professor Hossein Askari

PORTLAND - Although the latest cycle of violence in the Middle East was initiated by Donald Trump at the behest of Israel's Netanyahu in 2020, Netanyahu has taken it to a new level, endangering the lives of millions in the Middle East and around the world.

Back in 2020, Trump ordered the assassination of General Ghasem Soleimani, the top Iranian military commander and advisor to Iraq's anti-terror forces (fighting ISIS), and of an Iraqi militia leader as they descended from a plane in Baghdad on a diplomatic mission aimed at normalizing relations with Saudi Arabia. Thus Trump had taken war to a new level, the assassination of a foreign military advisor in a third country. Earlier Soleimani had cooperated with the United States in Afghanistan and had also been instrumental in defeating ISIS but had fallen out with the U.S. over its presence in Iraq and had been behind the killing of some American soldiers. He was charismatic and undoubtedly Iran's top military mind, a man Netanyahu saw as dangerous to his dream of creating a "greater Israel." So Trump obliged the Israeli leader by committing what was a terrorist crime, but we are careful never to call our or Israel's attacks of this kind terrorist, saving that designation only for attacks carried out by the other side!

Although Iran threatened revenge, it followed up with a tepid response to something that was a dangerous international precedent, but Netanyahu saw a great opening after the murder of the man who even a U.S. general acknowledged was a great military commander. Netanyahu, with the "ironclad" assurance of U.S. support, no matter how egregious his behavior, started his rampage with escalation after escalation, enjoying U.S. backing at every turn, trumpeting that Israel was acting in self-defense with targeted actions to avoid civilian deaths but yet with thousands of innocent civilians killed along the way that contradict his claims. His goal was to annihilate his adversaries abroad, especially in Iran, silence his domestic critics, avoid a jail sentence for corruption and realize his Zionist dream of creating a greater Israel with the unquestioned support, although camouflaged with mournful eyes and duplicitous words, of a self-declared Zionist U.S. president, Joseph Biden.

Netanyahu attacked the Iranian consulate in Syria, killing Iranian diplomats and military advisors, an act that is tantamount to an attack on Iran and a declaration of war or at least a terrorist attack. Israel assassinated the leader of Hamas who was negotiating a Gaza ceasefire, Ismail Haniyeh, in Tehran while he was on an official visit for the inauguration of Iran's new president. Israel planted explosives in pagers and walkie talkies presumably owned by members of Hezbollah (an Iran ally) that exploded killing over 3,000 people, some of whom were innocent bystanders in supermarkets and the like, a war crime in international law. Israel assassinated Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah and head of a political party in Lebanon's political system, along with Iranian Brigadier General Abbas Nilforooshan, using America's 5,000-pound bunker buster bombs in a residential area of Beirut and killing many bystanders in the process.

Biden called this assassination "a measure of justice," presumably for the many deaths attributable to Nasrallah. What was Biden thinking? Was he condoning the assassination of all leaders that the United States considers adversaries or who ordered military action against American allies? If so what about Netanyahu and Israel's acts of terrorism? Netanyahu has been accused of war crimes with an arrest warrant requested by the International Criminal Court (ICC)? Doesn't Netanyahu have even more innocent deaths on his hands than anyone alive? Yet Biden berates the prosecutor of the ICC and promises "ironclad" support for Israel's continued escalation, defending whatever Israel does as in self-defense and targeted. Duplicitous beyond belief!

Earlier in the year, the U.S. House of Representatives even welcomed the criminal Netanyahu to address a joint session of the U.S.

Congress, giving him more standing ovations than for the sitting president of the United States!

After so many assassinations on top of Israel's genocidal war in Gaza and hundreds more Palestinians killed in the West Bank by Israeli settlers supported by the Israeli military, Iran followed up its earlier tepid response that was disclosed to the U.S. with a more serious barrage on October 1, with an as yet unknown damage assessment. It was a barrage of about 180 missiles, many of which were intercepted by Israel, again in part using U.S. air defense systems, and with the U.S., UK and French planes also destroying some of the incoming missiles. Netanyahu has escalated his attacks based on the well-known Israeli logic of strategic deterrence by using more force each time to deter its perceived adversaries from attacking again. Each time Israel justifies its escalation as self-defense and targeted but there have been over 42,000 confirmed direct deaths in Gaza and thousands presumed buried under the rubble and even more indirect deaths from lack of medical care, malnutrition and even starvation. All justified as targeted self-defense by the United States and its Western allies!

After the latest salvo of October 1, Israel has vowed crushing blows on Iran (with American planes and bombs). Biden has preemptively endorsed the forthcoming Israeli escalation! Tehran will face "severe consequences" for its large-scale missile attack on Israel on Tuesday, the White House said, after the United States employed military force to help defend its closest Middle Eastern ally...for the second time in five months (https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2024/10/01/iran-israel-biden/?utm_content=contentpacks_pack_sampler_CP-4__position2&utm_medium=campaign=wp_for_you&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_source=nl_personalizedforyou).

Israel has even rebuffed the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres after he issued a statement, "I condemn the broadening of the Middle East conflict, with escalation after escalation. This must stop. We absolutely need a ceasefire." Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz banned the Secretary General from coming to Israel, saying, "[Guterres is] persona non grata due to his unwillingness to condemn Iran." It would appear that Israel wants Iran condemned and Israel applauded! Israel feels it can do anything it wants because it is assured of American support. This is arrogance and hubris beyond the pale. And today, Biden called for a joint statement from the G-7 because Iran was "off course." All along, Israel can escalate as it wants but others cannot respond. How do you think the rest of the world assesses America's words and actions in support of Israel with thousands of dead in Gaza, the West Bank and now in Lebanon?

This so-called ironclad support for Israel has many tentacles besides U.S. taxpayer dollars (around \$350 billion) over the years, to a country that has a higher per capita income than France and Germany while its own disadvantaged lack nutrition and medical care and its national debt balloons. It includes top-of-the-line military equipment, bombs, missiles, intelligence, political support around the world, threats to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the ICC and dozens and dozens of U.S. vetoes at the UN Security Council (UNSC) to cover Israel's crimes, which are condemned by most of the world. Inside the United States, Israel's supporters have muzzled the free press into unbelievable bias in reporting and non-reporting. The bias in the American media has a long history going back to at least the 1967 War. But in more recent times, MSNBC, a supposedly liberal cable channel, eased out Mehdi Hasan allegedly for challenging the lies of an Israeli spokesman and pressing him for answers, and reduced the role of two other supposed Palestinian sympathizers.

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Triple tragedy: Israeli carnage continues unabated

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN- While global attention has been directed toward Israel's fatal strikes in Lebanon, the regime's atrocious crimes in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank go unchecked.

At least 18 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike on the Tulkarem refugee camp in the occupied West Bank on Thursday, that's according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.



More than 2,000 people have been killed in Lebanon by Israeli airstrikes over the past two weeks. [Hassan Ammar/AP]

The number of fatalities is anticipated to increase because the location struck by an Israeli fighter jet was a densely populated area which also caused widespread destruction.

The Palestinian Authority described the attack as "a massacre" and called on the international community to intervene to stop Israel's assaults.

A spokesman for President Mahmoud Abbas also denounced the strike as a "heinous crime" against civilians.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh added that the deadly assault was "part of a broader pattern of genocide against the Palestinian people in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip".

The Israeli army claimed it had targeted the Hamas infrastructure in Tulkarem without offering any supporting evidence.

Israel's military operations have intensified

in the West Bank since the regime launched war on Gaza on October 7 last year.

According to a tally from the United Nations humanitarian office (OCHA), nearly 700 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since the start of the Gaza war.

The death toll from Israel's genocidal war on Gaza also continues to rise. Nearly a year into the war, the death toll has topped 41,800, including some 17,000 children. Approximately 97,000 others have also been injured.

The statistics are derived from information released by health authorities in Gaza. However, the actual death toll is anticipated to be greater, as thousands of bodies are thought to be trapped beneath the debris of collapsed buildings.

Israel launched the Gaza war with the purported aim of achieving "total victory" over Hamas and "destroying" the resistance group.

Israel has not yet succeeded in reaching its objective. Israeli war minister Yoav Gallat has described Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's "total victory" dream over Hamas as gibberish.

To divert attention from its failures in the Gaza war, Israel began a massive bombing campaign in Lebanon on September 23 that was followed by a ground invasion of the country on Tuesday.

The Lebanese Health Ministry said more than 2,000 people have been killed since the regime began its airstrikes two weeks ago. Some 1.2 million people have also been displaced.

Israel also assassinated Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in airstrikes on a Beirut suburb on September 27. Israel has also killed some of the senior commanders of the Lebanese resistance movement.

Israel is under the illusion that it can eliminate Hezbollah by decapitating the movement. Israel has pursued the same



Palestinian child Hanan lost both of her legs and both her parents during the Israeli bombing of their family home. She is comforted by her aunt at the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip on September 8, 2024.

failed approach toward Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.



Palestinians examine the damage following an Israeli "massacre" in the occupied West Bank city of Tulkarem [Nasser Nasser/AP]

The Israeli assassinations of prominent leaders within resistance movements have proven counterproductive. These actions have not only failed to weaken these groups but have also strengthened their determination to put up stiff resistance against the regime's aggression.

5,000-year-old earthen vessel discovered in western Iran



TEHRAN - A 5,000-year-old clay vessel has been discovered in Asadabad, a rural district of Hamadan province in western Iran.

The clay object dates back to the third millennium BC and was found in the Asadabad plain, Mehr quoted Kamran Akbari-Shayegan, who presides over Asadabad's tourism office, on Thursday.

The relic was identified and donated to Asadabad's cultural heritage office by Dr. Arman Vafai, an archaeologist who has collaborated with the office on various archaeological projects.

Akbari-Shayegan explained that initial comparative studies suggest the cup belongs to a period known as "Godin III" in the region's chronology.

This classification is based on the work of the late Canadian archaeologist Kyler Young, who laid the groundwork for dating areas in the eastern Zagros Mountains.

The cup is set to be transferred to the provincial capital for further studies and precise dating after administrative procedures are completed. Following these analyses, it will be displayed at Asadabad's cultural heritage museum for public viewing.

While the ceramic piece appears nearly intact, with only minor damage at the rim, Akbari-Shayegan expressed uncertainty regarding its archaeological context since it was not obtained through a formal scientific process.

He also raised questions about the current condition of the vessel, suggesting it might have been buried as a funerary object.

Moreover, the official emphasized that without understanding the archaeological context of the find, any conclusions remain speculative, highlighting the need for further studies by the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Department of Hamadan province.

Links with the Godin III period of a nearby archaeological site of the same name, according to the official, suggest significant similarities with a vast area encompassing western, and southwestern Iran, and the Fars province.

This period corresponds with a time known as "Susa D" in southwestern Iran, as noted by researchers like William Sumner, who was a leading figure in the study of ancient Iran and director of the Oriental Institute from 1989 to 1997, he explained.

Located in the Kangavar Valley of the Zagros Mountains, approximately halfway between Hamadan and Kermanshah, Godin Tepe was occupied more or less continuously from the Early Chalcolithic period in about 5,000 BC to the late Iron Age in about 500 BC.

Godin Tepe is also one of the most important historical monuments left from the Medes period in Iran.

The site was first discovered in 1961 during an archaeological dig conducted by the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania. Later, in 1865, Godin was excavated throughout five field seasons from 1965 to 1973 by a team directed by the late T. Cuyler Young Jr., under the auspices of the University of Toronto and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Africa and Americas unite at landmark summit to plan shared tourism future

Tourism leaders from both Africa and the Americas have jointly committed to working together to make the sector a pillar of collective sustainable and inclusive development across both continents.

The "Punta Cana Declaration" was adopted at the conclusion of the very first joint meeting of UN Tourism's Regional Commissions for Africa and the Americas and followed two days of shared dialogue around the key themes of education and investments into the sector, UN Tourism said on Thursday.

Recognizing the historic ties between the two regions, as well their unique and complementary cultures, the Summit served as a landmark platform for strengthened cooperation, capitalizing on innovation, education, investments and creative industries for the future development of tourism.

Welcoming around 200 high-level participants among them 14 Ministers, representing 27 countries (15 from the Americas and 12 from Africa), UN Tourism Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili said: "This summit offers a unique platform to forge connections and build bridges between Africa and the Americas, create strategic cross-regional partnerships, foster South-South cooperation projects, all

for the benefit of the tourism sector of the two regions."

Joining the UN Tourism leadership in welcoming delegates and encouraging the building of bridges between the two regions were David Collado, Minister of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism, Dominican Republic, Chair of the Regional Commission for the Americas, and Auxillia Mnangagwa, Patron for Tourism in Zimbabwe, the First Lady of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

UN Tourism Executive Director Natalia Bayona said: "Africa and the Americas are endowed with rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes, and profound historical connections.

Yet, we recognize that due to multiple challenges—such as limited connectivity, regulatory and administrative barriers, and a lack of mutual market awareness—our cross-tourism relationship is not as strong as it could and should be.

Our goal today is to address these challenges head-on, fostering collaboration that will drive economic development, promote cultural exchange, and encourage sustainable practices benefiting all our communities."

(Source: UN Tourism)

Iran's leading tourism cities sign cooperation agreement

TEHRAN - In a significant step toward promoting tourism in Iran, the mayors of Yazd, Isfahan, and Shiraz have signed a trilateral cooperation agreement titled the "Golden Triangle of Iranian Tourism."

The signing ceremony was held in Shiraz on Thursday, with the presence of the three city mayors, IRNA reported.

The agreement outlines collaborative efforts to enhance tourism in these historical cities. Key points of the agreement include supporting joint research projects aimed at tourism development, utilizing international networks of the three cities, and organizing conferences, workshops, and special visits between them.

It also emphasizes the identification of human resources and investment opportunities in tourism, as well as the promotion of cultural and artistic programs that highlight the rich heritage of these cities.

Moreover, the agreement aims to strengthen national unity and identity, turn challenges into opportunities, and advance the fields of historical, cultural, and artistic tourism as well.

Additionally, it focuses on ensuring the sustainability of tourism destinations by addressing issues related to security, traveler safety, and environmental conservation. Another major goal is to secure sustainable income by attracting both domestic and international investments, particularly from Islamic and regional countries.



The agreement, which took effect on the same day, October 3, 2024, has no fixed duration. Given that Yazd, Isfahan, and Shiraz are among Iran's top five smart cities, discussions will also be held on expanding the smart city initiatives through scientific and technological collaboration under the agreement.

According to the signatories, the partnership is seen as a significant step forward in positioning these cities as premier destinations for cultural and historical tourism, both nationally and internationally.

Isfahan

Once a crossroads of international trade and diplomacy, Isfahan remains one of Iran's most prominent tourist destinations. It is renowned for its breathtaking Islamic architecture, including stunning mosques, palaces, and bazaars. Visitors can explore Persian gardens and walk along the city's tree-lined

boulevards, soaking in the beauty and history at every turn. The city's architectural marvels, such as Naghsh-e Jahan Square—one of the largest squares in the world—make it a jewel of town planning.

Isfahan is known as "Nesf-e-Jahan," or "half the world," symbolizing its historic significance. The Zayandeh-Rood River, often called the city's "life-giving river," adds to the city's natural beauty, enhancing its allure for tourists.

Yazd

Situated in the heart of Iran's desert, Yazd is a city of ancient ingenuity and timeless charm. Known for its maze of winding lanes, traditional bazaars, and mud-brick architecture, Yazd showcases the clever use of limited resources to create a sustainable urban environment. The city's ancient qanat system—underground channels that transport water from distant

mountains—has been the lifeline of this desert city for centuries. Yazd's historic wind catchers and domed homes maintain cool temperatures in the harsh desert climate, making it an architectural marvel.

The Yazd Water Museum offers a deep dive into the city's qanat system, giving visitors insight into the nearly 2000-year-old water management techniques that helped this city thrive in the arid landscape.

Shiraz

Known as the heartland of Persian culture, Shiraz has a rich history stretching back over 2000 years. This city is synonymous with poetry, education, and the arts, and has been a hub for creativity and intellectual pursuits. Once the capital of Iran during the Zand dynasty, Shiraz is home to some of the most iconic landmarks in the country, including the Eram Garden, the Tomb of Hafez, and the ancient ruins of Persepolis.

Shiraz's historical gardens, like Bagh-e Narenjestan and Eram Garden, are masterpieces of Persian landscaping and a top draw for tourists. The city's enduring connection to Persian culture, coupled with its majestic architecture and natural beauty, continues to make it a prime destination for both domestic and international travelers.

Together, Isfahan, Yazd, and Shiraz represent a "Golden Triangle" of Iranian tourism, each offering a unique glimpse into Iran's rich cultural, architectural, and historical heritage.

Turkish border governors-general visit counterpart in northwest Iran

TEHRAN - In the context of the 7th Joint Cooperation Meeting between Turkey's border provinces and Iran's West Azarbaijan, the governors-general of Iğdır, Ağrı, Van, and Hakkari provinces have visited their Iranian counterpart to discuss ways to expand ties.

The Turkish officials, accompanied by Mohammad-Sadegh Motamedian, also paid a visit to the Urmia Handicrafts Museum, which is located in the restored historical Hedayat School, CHTN reported on Friday.

Moreover, the Turkish officials met with Morteza Safari, the provincial tourism chief.

Safari welcomed the Turkish governors-general and highlighted the significance of the site, saying explained the Hedayat School is a Qajar-era building spanning 1,400 square meters.

"The building and its premises were restored and converted into the province's first handicrafts house with the support of the West Azarbaijan's local government."



Safari further noted that the museum currently hosts workshops on various traditional crafts, including semi-precious stone carving, woodworking, miniature painting, and kilim weaving. These workshops aim to preserve and promote local craftsmanship.

The official also emphasized that the museum showcases masterpieces from 40 different handicraft fields, offering visitors a glimpse into the cultural heritage and artistic identity of the region.

In addition, the Hedayat School has become a cultural hub for artists in fields such as poet-

ry, literature, and cinema, where various artistic and cultural programs are held.

The visit highlighted the significance of regional collaboration and cultural exchange between the Turkish border provinces and West Azarbaijan, the report said.

The news agency, however, did not provide further details about the discussion conducted between Turkish governors-general with their counterpart.

Situated in northwest Iran, West Azarbaijan is bordered by Turkey's provinces of Ağrı, Hakkari, Iğdır and Van as well as Iraq's Erbil and Sulaymaniyah, and Azerbaijan's Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic.

The major known ancient civilization in the Azarbaijan region was that of Mannaeans, a buffer state between Urartian and Assyrian spheres of influence. Mannaeans in turn spoke a language related to Urartian. After the fall of Assyria, the region was known as Mantiene (or Matiene) in Greek sources. Matiene bordered on Atropatene situated east of Lake Urmia.

Influencers help boost tourism development in East Azarbaijan



TEHRAN - East Azarbaijan's tourism chief has emphasized the growing importance of digital spaces in the tourism industry, stating that influencers have played a crucial role in showcasing the province's historical and natural attractions.

Ahmad Hamzehzadeh on Thursday highlighted that influencers, through professional content creation and effective use of digital platforms, have successfully positioned East Azarbaijan as a top travel destination for both domestic and international audiences, IRNA reported.

"East Azarbaijan has witnessed significant transformations in recent years, particularly in the tourism sector, coinciding with the impactful role of travel influencers,"

Hamzehzadeh noted.

The official pointed out that the region's rich cultural infrastructure, including historical sites such as the Tabriz Historical Bazaar, Ali Shah Citadel, and the Blue Mosque, alongside unique natural attractions like the Arasbaran forests and Aras Geopark, present a vast potential for tourism development.

Considering the province's rich cultural and natural attractions, he acknowledged that marketing and promoting East Azarbaijan has not yet reached its full potential. "Influencers in the tourism and handicrafts sectors have been key in addressing gaps in the promotion of our historical and natural sites, utilizing modern digital communication techniques to create content that resonates with contemporary travelers," he added.

Hamzehzadeh also discussed the reciprocal trust established between tourists and destinations through influencers. The active presence of these media

persons has led to a noticeable increase in visitor numbers, bolstering the local economy and enhancing tourism services.

Moreover, the official emphasized the importance of influencers participating in specialized tourism and handicrafts events, which greatly enhance the representation of local culture and attractions. "Events such as tourism exhibitions and tours offer influencers the opportunity to interact directly with local artists, artisans, and tourists, enriching the authenticity of their shared experiences."

Elsewhere in his remarks, Hamzehzadeh underscored the necessity of collaboration between government bodies and private entities with travel influencers.

He concluded by stating that the activities of tourism and handicraft influencers represent a significant and innovative step in promoting East Azarbaijan's offerings.

According to Hamzehzadeh, East Azarbaijan welcomed over 2.6 million tourists during the recent holiday period (August 31 to September 6), highlighting a surge in travel and tourism across the province. "Approximately 313,000 tourists stayed in official accommodations, while nearly 15,000 travelers used the province's border terminals," he added.

Situated in northwest Iran, East Azarbaijan is renowned for its rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. Its strategic location and historical significance make it a key player in Iran's tourism industry, attracting visitors interested in exploring its historical depth and natural splendor.

Tabriz, the provincial capital, serves as a major tourism hub with extensive facilities and infrastructure to support large visitor numbers. Attractions such as the Tabriz Bazaar, UNESCO World Heritage site, and picturesque landscapes enhance its appeal.



Invitation for Tender

National Iranian Copper Industry Co. (NICICO) intends to hold a tender for "procurement of Rotary Blasthole drilling machines with a diameter of 9 7/8 & 13 inches". In order to get more information, please refer to the official website of company as below:

<https://en.nicico.com/>

October, BCAM: no one should face cancer alone

By Maryam Tavassoli

TEHRAN – The breast cancer awareness month (BCAM) is celebrated globally every October as part of a global effort to raise awareness on breast cancer, early detection, timely diagnosis, and treatment.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer globally with around 2.3 million new cases every year.

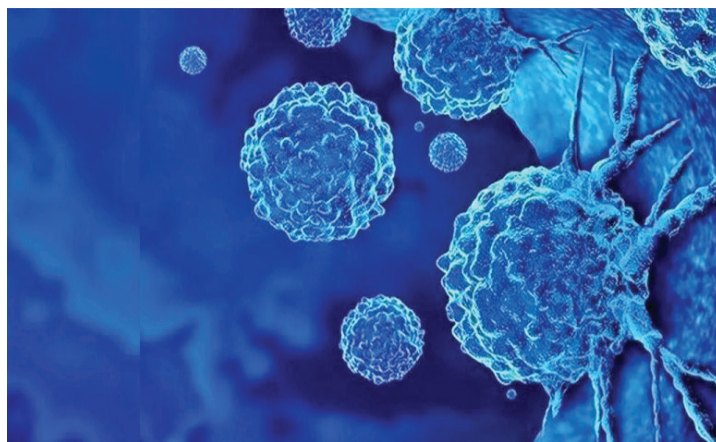
It represents one in eight cancer cases in both sexes and a quarter of all cancers in women with 70 percent mortality occurring in resource-constrained settings.

Based on the surveys conducted in the last 30 years, breast cancer has the highest prevalence, 12 percent, among women in Iran, constituting 26 percent of women's cancers.

In Iran, breast cancer is the second-leading cause of death in women as around 30 percent of patients die each year, nearly as much as the world average.

With the support of the World Health Organization, the national cancer control program has been developed, which sets out the Ministry of Health's roadmap up to the Iranian calendar year 1404 (March 2025-March 2026).

The purpose of the program is to reduce cancer prevalence and mortality while improving the quality of patients' lives, which can serve as a model for other countries, especially in the East-



ern Mediterranean region.

The program includes two important documents, namely, "development of national cancer care network" and "development of cancer human resources", which resulted in the establishment of the early diagnostic centers.

Earlier detection of cancer increases the chance of successful treatment and survival.

In this regard, the Iranian scientists' efforts have yielded remarkable achievements.

On January 20, the Iran University of Medical Sciences (IUMS) announced the development of a system based on artificial intelligence (AI) that can detect breast cancer with 94 percent accuracy.

The cancer detection system is said to be helpful in highly accurate and timely diagnosis of cancer.

In February, an Iranian knowl-

edge-based company managed to produce a drug that is used for the treatment of breast and stomach cancers.

'AryoTrust' with the generic name 'Trastuzumab' costs about one-seventh of foreign products.

'AryoTrust' is one of the products that is being made domestically thanks to the efforts of this knowledge-based company. It has made the country practically self-sufficient in this regard.

Currently, AryoTrust is in phase four of clinical trials called post-marketing surveillance trial which looks for safety and adverse effects in unscreened patients over a long period of time.

The World Health Organization (WHO) launched the Global Breast Cancer Initiative (GBCI) in 2021 to reduce mortality rates by 2.5% per year by 2040 to save 2.5 million lives through three key pillars of action on health promotion for

early detection, timely diagnosis; and comprehensive breast cancer management.

Health system barriers and patient-level factors with low levels of awareness and knowledge are contributing to low uptake of early detection services, with resultant late-stage diagnoses and poor outcomes.

In many resource-constrained settings, breast cancer affects a relatively younger population significantly contributing to premature mortality and maternal orphans.

The initiative aims to raise awareness and drive behavior change, facilitate knowledge sharing and partnerships, support national adoption of WHO's Global Breast Cancer Initiative, promote patient support, and address disparities.

It also provides an opportunity for all stakeholders to review progress, reflect and renew commitments in tackling the disease and to build momentum to address the existing disparities and challenges in access to breast cancer care.

The theme for World Breast Cancer Day in 2024 is 'No one should face breast cancer alone'. The theme emphasizes the critical role of patient-centered care, which encompasses medical, emotional, psychological, and social support through patient navigation systems.

IRCS dispatches humanitarian aid to Lebanon

TEHRAN –The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) has sent a consignment of relief items to people affected by recent Israeli attacks in Lebanon.

The humanitarian aid, including essential items and basic goods, was dispatched this morning (on October 4), IRNA quoted Pirhossein Kolivand, head of the IRCS, as saying.

Since September 23, the Israeli army has been launching an unprecedented, intensive air attack on Lebanon.

The death toll from Israeli airstrikes on different areas in Lebanon over the past 24 hours reached 37 while injuries stood at 151, the Lebanese health Ministry reported on Friday.

The ministry said that nine people were killed and 24 others injured in Lebanon's capital, Beirut, Xinhua news agency reported.

Kolivand along with Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi conducted a visit to Lebanon on Friday to observe the ongoing relief services there.

Since the beginning of Israeli attacks on September 23, over 2,000 people have been killed and thousands more wounded.

On September 29, two strikes near the southern city of Sidon, about 45 kilometers south of Beirut, killed at least 32 people, the ministry said. Separately, Israeli strikes in the



northern province of Baalbek Hermel killed 21 people and wounded at least 47.

Following the tragic events, the head of the IRCS, Kolivand, announced the IRCS' readiness to dispatch humanitarian aid and relief teams to Lebanon to assist the people affected by the recent Israeli attacks in the Dahiya district in Beirut.

He also conveyed a message to the Regional Director at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies –IFRC, Middle East & North Africa (MENA), Hossam Elsharkawi, President of the Lebanese Red Cross, Antoine Zoghbi, and Lebanese Health Minister Firas al-Abid expressed the IRCS's readiness to provide humanitarian assistance to Dahiya, IRCS website reported.

On September 25, Kolivand along with a team that encompassed 12 specialists and

general practitioners, as well as 12 relief workers headed Lebanon, IRNA reported.

"The rescue team including optometrists are dispatched with the coordination of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the health ministry of Lebanon to provide humanitarian aid to those injured," the IRCS website quoted Kolivand as saying.

The official also announced readiness to transfer injured people to Iran to receive further services if needed.

The former spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry has vehemently denounced the pager explosions, describing the tragedy as an act of mass murder perpetrated by the occupying Israeli regime.

"Today's terrorist attack in Lebanon is a continuation of hybrid operations being conducted by the Zionist regime and their mercenaries, runs counter to all moral and humanitarian principles as well as international laws, particularly the international humanitarian law, and deserves international criminal prosecution, trial, and punishment," Nasser Kan'ani said in a statement on September 24, Press TV reported.

Kan'ani then called upon the international community to take immediate action against the impunity of criminal Israeli authorities.

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'Climate change impact on Iran doubles world average'

The effects of climate change on Iran has more than doubled on average compared to other parts of the world, while southern provinces of the country are more likely to bear the consequences, secretary of environmental policy at the center for strategic studies affiliated to the presidential office has said.

"The Hoomand-Absard station in Damavand county in north-east of Tehran experienced a temperature increase of 2.7 °C over the past 50 years, while over the past 100 years, the temperature rise was about 0.76 °C," ISNA quoted Mohammad Darvish as saying on Tuesday.

Climate change impact is increasing in southern part of the country, among which Yazd province's condition has raised concern.

تغییرات اقلیمی در ایران دو تا سه برابر جهان

محمد درویش، دبیر سیاست محیط‌زیست مرکز بررسی‌های استراتژیک نهاد ریاست جمهوری گفته، ایران یا تأثیرات تغییر اقلیمی دو تا سه برابر بیشتر از تأثیرات ایجاد شده در کره زمین روبرو شده است.

محمد درویش، در گفت‌وگو با خبرنگار ایسنا با اشاره به گزارش‌های منتشر شده توسط سازمان هواشناسی، وزارت نیرو و سازمان آب، اظهار کرد: ایستگاه هومند آسرد در دامنه‌های کوه دماوند طی نیم قرن اخیر افزایش دمایی حدود ۲.۷ درجه سلسیوس را نشان می‌دهد و این مسئله در حالی رخ داده است که در ۱۰۰ سال گذشته، حدود ۰.۷۶ درجه سلسیوس افزایش دما داشته‌ایم.

وی اضافه کرد: هر چقدر به شهرهای جنوبی‌تر کشورمان نزدیک می‌شویم، تغییرات اقلیمی هم بیشتر می‌شود به طوری که از این میان یزد وضعیت نگران‌کننده‌ای دارد.

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Iranian students win medals at intl. innovation, trade expo

TEHRAN – Iranian students won two silver medals at the International Innovation and Trade Expo (ITE 2024) which was held in London.

Organized by Kingston University, the competition was held from September 25 to 27 either in person or virtually.

One of the Iranian teams composed of Amir-Abbas Kavousi-Amin and Artin Salari designed a pair of smart glasses for the blind, IRNA reported.

The other consisting of Ilia Rezazadeh and Padra Qazvinian designed a smart system for emotion recognition through facial expression analysis.

The competition brought together many participants and inventions in diverse areas.

Delegations from over 32 countries including England, Saudi Arabia, Japan, France, Romania, Taiwan, Germany, Canada, Croatia, and the UAE shared their patented inventions and new ideas. This year, 285 inventions were presented.

International Invention and Trade Expo 2024 provides a business platform for inventors, manufacturers, and dealers to present their latest products and innovations and exchange information.

The renowned international contest is first and foremost a propitious place for professional exchanges where partners and contacts mingle in a convivial and positive atmosphere.

The event allows business people and researchers to meet investors and potential partners to develop and materialize their projects and to promote and commercialize their products. It brings recognition to the best inventions, innovations, and Trade.

Intl. achievements

A total of 18 students from Iran attended the 47th WorldSkills Competition, winning 9 medals including a silver medal and medallions for excellence.

The competition was held from September 10 to 15 in Lyon, France. Some 1,500 competitors from more than 65 countries and regions around the world gathered in Lyon to compete in different skills.

Hasan Mohammadi and Hamid-Reza Hamidi won the silver medal, IRIB reported.

Also, Alireza Pouchali, Arian Taheri, Armin Taheri, Amir-Mohammad Abouei, Mohammad Hosseini, Amir-Abbas Qasemi, Mehrdad Shirvani, and Reza Gholami received the medallion for excellence in Cloud Computing, Graphic Design Technology, IT Network Systems Administration, Refrigeration and air conditioning, Jewellery, Web Technologies, IT Software Solution for business, and Mobile Applications Development, respectively.

The medallion for excellence is awarded to Competitors who obtain a high level of excellence, with 700 or more points.

Iran grabbed a gold medal, two silver medals, and a bronze medal at the 36th International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI), ranking 9th among 96 countries.

Hosted in Alexandria, Egypt, the event started on September 1 and concluded on September 8, IRNA reported.

Each participating country selected a team of up to four contestants to represent their nation.

The team competed in a two-day competition. Each contestant competed individually to maximize their score by solving three algorithmic problems within five hours.

Iranian students attended the event online and ranked ninth globally. Amir-Ali Asgari grabbed the

gold medal, Amir-Hossein Farkhondeh-Far and Amir-Reza Dorosti won the silver medals, while Parsa Farajpour-Sarabi received the bronze medal.

In a remarkable achievement, Iranian students won five gold medals, ranking first in the 17th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) which was held from August 17 to 27 in Vassouras, state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The five-member team comprised Hannaneh Khorramdashti, Mohammad-Mehdi Keshavarzi, Arya Fateh-Kerdari, and Ali Naderi-Lordjan, Mehr news agency reported.

This year, over 250 students from 57 countries participated in the event.

Five Iranian students who attended the 54th International Physics Olympiad managed to win a gold medal and four silver medals, improving the country's ranking from 17th in 2023 to fourth this year.

The 54th edition of the IPHO commenced on July 22 in the city of Isfahan and concluded on July 28.

A total of 200 elite students from 47 countries including Russia, China, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Kuwait, Romania, Croatia, Bulgaria, Mexico, Turkey, and some other countries participated in the nine-day event, IRNA reported.

Iran grabbed one gold medal and three silver medals at the 56th IChO which was held in Saudi Arabia from July 22 to 30.

The IChO 2024 was held under the slogan 'Building Connections Together'.

A total of 333 talented men and women from 90 countries participated in the competitions of the 56th edition of the IChO, under the supervision of 260 international specialists in the field of chemistry, at King Saud University in Riyadh.

Ramtin Moradi Mazhar succeeded in winning a gold medal, while Alborz Rezaei, Amiria Salimi, and Mohammad-Yasin Salehi Marzijarani secured silvers.

The 65th IMO was held from July 11 to 22, in Bath, United Kingdom. This year, 108 countries and 609 students competed. The Iranian team scored 137 points, earning 19th place.

Radin Zahedigolpayegani won the gold medal, Iliya Yazdanivarzi, Amir-Hossein Yazdanizadeh, and Sepehr Alipour grabbed silvers, while Parsa Saberi won the bronze medal.

Iran succeeded in winning two gold medals and two silver medals at the 35th edition of the International Biology Olympiad (IBO) held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from July 7 to 14.

IBO 2024 hosted more than 800 students, leaders, observers, and guests from over 80 countries.

Arash Samadi and Pourya Nouri-Niaraki won gold medals, while Sepehr Chachi and Mohammad-Reza Yazdkhasti secured silvers, IRIB reported.

Attending the 40th Annual Science Olympiad Tournament at Michigan State University, Iranian students managed to win a bronze medal and two diplomas of honor.

A total of 114 teams from 84 countries presenting 310 scientific projects participated in the competition, Mehr news agency reported.

The competition is held annually for students aged 12 – 18 from June 1 to 15.

Supported by Oxford University, the competition was held in two stages in the fields of technical engineering, computer science, energy, biological science, social science, art, and robotics.



Volunteers conduct livestock vaccination

A group of student volunteers took part in a plan to protect the livestock of tribes in the northeastern North Khorasan Province from diseases, especially foot-and-mouth disease.



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Kindness is a mark of faith and whoever is not kind has no faith.
Prophet Muhammad (S)

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What's in Tehran art galleries



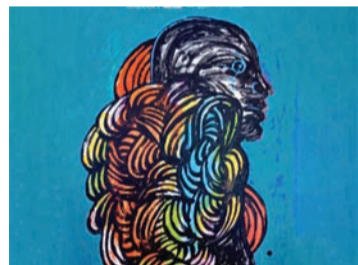
Painting

* A collection of paintings by Tara Azarm is on display in an exhibition at Tarrahan Azad Gallery.

The exhibition named "Fugue of Rebirth" will be running until October 15 at the gallery located at 5 Salmas Square, off Fatemi St.

* Elham Fatemi is showcasing her latest paintings in an exhibition at Iranshahr Gallery.

The exhibit named "It Was Remembered" will run until October 15 at the gallery that can be found at 69 Sepand St., off Karim Khan Ave.



* Saless Gallery is currently playing host to an exhibition of paintings by Amir Soqrati.

The exhibit named "Icarus Wings" will be running until October 15 at the gallery that can be found at 148 Karim Khan Ave.

* Asr Gallery is playing host to an exhibition of paintings by Parvin Parchekani.

The exhibit entitled "Being There" will run until October 18 at the gallery located at 18 Delaviz St. off North Mirzaye Shirazi St.



* Paintings by Zohreh Jafarabadi are currently on view in an exhibition at Atbin Gallery.

The exhibit titled "Amphibology" will continue until October 15 at the gallery located at 42 Khakzad Alley, Vali-e Asr Ave. near the Parkway Intersection.

* Javid Gallery is hosting an exhibition of paintings by Keykhosro Khorush.

The exhibition runs until October 14 at the gallery that can be found at 17 Zartosht St., Vali-e Asr Ave.



* Paintings by Ehsan Arjomand are on display in an exhibition at Negar Gallery.

The exhibit named "Tangled in Red" will be running until October 13 at the gallery, which can be found at No. 5, Bahmani alley, Mashahir Street, Qaem Maqam Farahani Avenue.

* A collection of paintings by Marjan Nemati is on view in an exhibition at Homa Gallery.

The exhibition titled "New Age" will be running until October 22 at the gallery located at No. 8, Fourth Alley, Sanai St., Karim Khan Ave.



Drawing

* A collection of drawings by Kiana Khazchin is on view in an exhibition at Bostan Gallery.

The exhibit named "Look at Me, I Get Tangled Up and Become Fluid" will be running until October 16 at the gallery that can be found at No. 71, 22th Alley, Larestan St. off Motahhari Ave.

Installation art

* Sets of installation art by Samira Rahbani are currently on view in an exhibition at Vista Gallery.

The exhibit named "One Thousand And One Nights" will run until October 14 at the gallery located at No. 11, 12th Alley, Mir Emad St.



Turkish cinemas screening Iranian animation "Kuzugiller"

TEHRAN-The Iranian animation "Kuzugiller" co-directed by Hossein Saffarzadegan and Meisam Hosseini has been released in cinemas in Turkey.

Beginning on September 27, the animated film is now on screen at 173 cinemas in 45 cities in Turkey, Honaronline reported.

It has previously been screened in Kazakhstan under the title "Romashka, the Pilot". Its screening in Iran started last week and in the first three days grossed about 60 billion rials (\$100,000), which is a new record for the opening of a children movie in the country.

A production of 2023, the animation is an 80-minute adventure comedy for kids. Also known as "Woolina and the No

Birds," it premiered in Iran at the 42nd Fajr International Film Festival in February.

For screening in Turkey, the animation has been dubbed into Turkish. Its title "Kuzugiller," means lambs. Its story revolves around the main character's dream of flying and the collective efforts of friends to achieve it.

A young sheep dreams of flying, but she lives in a world where only birds are allowed to fly airplanes and soar the skies. With the world and her father against her, she and her friends follow in the footsteps of her favorite heroic character, Super Owl, fighting against all odds to join a flight school and enter the race that will change their lives forever.



Iranian film producer Jalil Shabani passes away

TEHRAN- Veteran Iranian film producer Jalil Shabani passed away in a Tehran hospital on Thursday due to complications from a brain ailment. He was 57.

Shabani, who had undergone brain surgery last November and had been battling illness for the past two years, succumbed to his ailment after a month of hospitalization, ISNA reported.

The news of his demise was announced by



the Owj Arts and Media Organization, with whom he had collaborated on numerous projects, the report added.

Shabani's last film, "Colonel Sorayya" directed by Leili Aaj, was released last year. He had also produced notable films such as "Unfinished Stories" by Pouria Azarbaijani, "Mansour" by Siavash Sarmadi, "Vow" by Mohsen Tanabandeh, and "The Misunderstanding" by Ahmadrza Motamedi.

Tehran-Mobarak International Puppet Theater Festival to hold masterclass by Behrouz Gharibpour

TEHRAN-Iranian theater director Behrouz Gharibpour will hold a masterclass titled "In-Depth Exploration of Puppet Theater" as part of the 20th Tehran-Mobarak International Puppet Theater Festival.

The workshop, to be held from October 8 to 12, aims to enhance the quality of puppetry performances, in line with the festival's goal of elevating the art form both in Iran and globally, Honaronline reported.

Gharibpour's masterclass, the first in this year's series, will cover a wide range of topics crucial to the art of puppetry. Participants will delve into the significance of puppet theater across the world, explore different styles of puppetry - ranging from glove

puppetry and rod puppets to shadow puppetry, marionettes, and the traditional Japanese bunraku.

The sessions will also cover scriptwriting, directing, stage lighting, troupe management, and audience engagement techniques for puppet theater. The workshop will consist of five in-person sessions at Ferdowsi Theater in Tehran.

The 20th Tehran-Mobarak International Puppet Theater Festival will run from December 16 to 23 in Tehran and will feature performances for all ages. The festival will also include outdoor shows, international performances, a playwriting competition, a 100-second short film category for virtual

platforms, and exhibitions showcasing technical innovations in puppetry.

Alongside performances, the festival will host specialized panels, workshops, and discussions to provide participants with further insights into the art of puppetry. This year's festival will be held under the theme "White Dream of Friendship".

A pioneer of traditional Persian puppet theatre, Gharibpour, 74, studied theater at the University of Tehran and at the Dramatic Arts Academy in Rome (Silvio D'Amico). He founded Tehran and Esfahan Puppet Theater centers. He has experienced in writing and directorship in fields such as theater, puppet theater, cinema,

documentary movies, and T.V.

In 1991, Gharibpour established the Bahman Cultural Center, transforming a former slaughterhouse into one of the most active cultural sites for artists' activities. He repeated this transformation for other spaces, including, in 1999, converting the Iran Shahr Military Garrison into the Iranian Artists' Forum, which he managed for eight years.

Gharibpour is known for his solid research works on the Iranian puppetry as was commonly practiced during Qajar era. He has also served as the president of the Union Internationale de la Marionnette (International Puppetry Association).

Short animation "Piano" wins top award at HECare Film Festival

TEHRAN-The Iranian short animation "Piano" directed by Marjan Keshani and Shahab Shamsi won an award at the 5th Human Environment Care (HECare) Film Festival in Canada.

The short flick received the best animated short film award at this year's edition of the festival, which was held in Ontario from September 26 to 30, ILNA reported.

A production of the Documentary, Experimental, and Animation Film Center, "Piano" is a seven-minute animation that

explores the themes of poverty and the hardship of life. It tells the story of someone who dreams of buying a Piano but their dream is shattered when a war erupts, leaving them struggling to acquire even the most basic necessities of life.

Iranian filmmaker Asghar Abbasi was on the jury panel of the festival. Abbasi, 44, is a short film director, writer and producer. He has a master's degree in cinema. He has made more than 20 short and documentary films and received numerous awards from various festivals.

HECFF is Canada's premier cultural event devoted exclusively to the exploration of human-environment care, human rights issues, and environment protection through films.

The festival aims to advance and encourage debate and awareness of human-environment care, human rights issues, and environmental issues amongst a broader community through creative media. It also showcases and supports Canadian and international artists concerned with human-environment care, human rights, and environment issues.

Vahdat Hall to host Kurdish tanbur ensemble

TEHRAN- The Nasl-e Khalil ensemble, a Kurdish tanbur group, is scheduled to perform at Tehran's Vahdat Hall on October 6.

Under the direction of vocalist Hejhir Mehrafrouz, the ensemble

will present a captivating repertoire of traditional Kurdish music pieces.

The tanbur holds a special significance in Kurdish culture, serving as an inseparable part of

the lives of the Kurds in Iran. For many families, the instrument is more than just a musical tool; it is a means of storytelling, connecting generations, and expressing deep cultural identity. Children

often learn to play the tanbur before they master the basics of reading and writing, highlighting the importance of music in their upbringing.

Play from Mashhad staged in Kazakhstan

TEHRAN-The play "Electra" written and directed by Mostafa Nasiri was performed at the 3rd International Theater Festival Abish Aleini, which was held in Aktau, Kazakhstan, from September 27 to 30.

The only representative of Iran at the festival, the play was performed on stage on Sunday by a troupe from Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi Province, Iran Theater website reported.

After the performance, which was warmly received by Iranians living in Kazakhstan, festival participants, spectators from Aktau, and representatives of the Iranian consulate in Aktau, the jury expressed their pleasure at Iran's participation in the festival and their appreciation for the opportunity to learn about

its ancient culture.

Tarokh Ardeshiri, Jalal Shahbaznejad, Setareh Farsa, Donya Rahimian, Bahar Kolahi, and Masoud Hokmabadi performed in the play.

Electra is one of the most popular mythological characters in tragedies. She is the main character in two Greek tragedies, "Electra" by Sophocles and "Electra" by Euripides although they vary the theme in detail. She is also the central figure in plays by Aeschylus, Alfieri, Voltaire, Hofmannsthal, and Eugene O'Neill. She is a vengeful soul in "The Libation Bearers," the second play of Aeschylus' "Oresteia" trilogy. She plans out an attack with her brother to kill their mother, Clytemnestra.

The daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, Electra saved the life of her young brother Orestes by sending him away when their father was murdered. When he later returned, she helped him to slay their mother and their mother's lover, Aegisthus.

Speaking about his play, Nasiri said: "The script was written during the COVID-19 pandemic, inspired by a research process on the Electra legend and the various adaptations made over time by figures such as Sophocles, Euripides, Jean-Paul Sartre, and others". "All these adaptations were examined in terms of their form, and based on their differences, I wrote the play over the course of a year," he continued.

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