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Sunni clergy in Iran voice strong support for Operation True Promise II

TEHRAN – In a letter addressed to Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, more than 3,000 Sunni clerics in Iran have expressed their full support and appreciation for the recent missile strike targeting Israeli military bases.

The attack was carried out by Iran in response to the assassination of key regional figures, including Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and senior Iranian Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) commander General Abbas Nilforushan.

The clerics praised the Iranian armed forces for their decisive action, emphasizing the importance of the missile strike in boosting the morale of resistance forces committed to the liberation of Jerusalem (Quds). According to the letter, the operation not only demonstrated Iran's military capabilities but also reaffirmed the nation's support for the broader struggle against the Zionist Israeli regime.

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Gaza after a year

Gaza, home to some 2.3 million people, bears little resemblance to what it was a year ago.

Israeli attacks have reduced entire neighborhoods to rubble, erased centuries-old mosques and churches and destroyed vital agricultural lands.

The scale of destruction in this small area of just 365sq km (141sq miles) is so immense that many residents cannot return home – and likely won't be able to for the foreseeable future.

Satellite images from Al Jazeera's digital investigation team, Sanad, reveal cratered terrain, scorched farmlands and the grey ruins of flattened buildings.

Attacks on refugee camps

Jabalia, located in North Gaza, is the largest of the Gaza Strip's eight refugee camps.

The camp, established in 1948 after Zionist military forces displaced more than 750,000 Palestinians from their homes, covers an area of only 1.4sq km (0.54sq miles) and is among the most populous in the Strip.

The Israeli military has repeatedly hit the camp of some 116,000 registered refugees, with United States-made 2,000-pound bombs, killing hundreds of people. ► Page 5

‘Modern Hitler’: Iran raps Netanyahu's escalated violence in Gaza, Lebanon

TEHRAN – The Spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry has vehemently denounced Israel's ongoing violence in Gaza and Lebanon, calling the regime's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the “modern Hitler” who's looking to ethnically cleanse Muslims.

On Monday, Ismail Baqaei condemned the regime's recent slaughter of Palestinians in a Gaza Mosque as well as its latest attacks in Lebanon which targeted residential buildings in southern Beirut. Baqaei emphasized, “Arms provided by the United States facilitate these atrocities.”

The spokesman drew parallels between the assaults on religious sites, schools, mosques, and medical facilities in Palestine and Lebanon to the crimes perpetrated by Daesh, asserting that the massacre of innocent individuals and the devastation of civilian infrastructure are integral to both Zionist and Takfiri ideologies.

Baqaei asserted that the killing of the oppressed Palestinian population, who have been forced to seek refuge in religious and cultural centers, exemplifies blatant war crimes and crimes against humanity. ► Page 2

Al-Aqsa Storm caused strategic shift in struggle against the occupation regime

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – On the first anniversary of the al-Aqsa Storm Operation on October 7, 2023, the Palestinian resistance factions in Gaza have published a defiant joint statement vowing to continue the battle against the Israeli occupation.

The statement touches on the importance of the operation to shed light on the Palestinian cause, which many experts say had been ignored in global affairs.

This is despite the decades-long aggression, settlement expansion, and violation of international law across the occupied Palestinian territories.

That aggression has substantially increased over the past year, which the statement by the Palestinian resistance brands as a “Nazi-Zionist Occupation”.

The statement read as follows: ► Page 5

Non-oil export increases 6.2% in Q2

TEHRAN – The value of Iran's non-oil exports reached \$12.3 billion in the second quarter of the current Iranian calendar year (June 22-September 22), registering a 6.2 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

According to the spokesman of the International Relations and Trade Development Committee of Iran's House of Industry, Mining and Trade Ruhollah Latifi, the country's total non-oil trade stood at \$30.6 billion in Q2 which was also 9.2 percent more than the figure for last year's same period.

The Islamic Republic also imported \$18.3 billion of non-oil commodities in the summer, registering an 11.6-percent increase compared to the same three months last year.

The country's trade balance was negative \$6.0 billion in the three months mentioned, according to Latifi. ► Page 4



Al-Aqsa Storm threatens Israel's 'illegitimate' identity: speaker

TEHRAN – Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said on Monday that Operation al-Aqsa Storm has endangered the “illegitimate” identity of the Israeli occupation regime.

Qalibaf made the remarks in an address to the 7th International Conference on Solidarity with Palestinian Children and Adolescents in Tehran.

Israel had anticipated capturing Gaza within a few days, however, one year into the Al-Aqsa operation, it has failed to achieve its objectives, he pointed out.

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

The first step to reduce unnecessary costs is to join FATF

In a note, Donya-e-Eqtasad addressed the issue of the FATF and wrote: According to Abdolnaser Hemmati, the minister of economy, the President has ordered the necessary measures to be taken to remove limitations within the framework of national interests. A look at the political developments in the past months shows that the current government has a strong desire to review the preconditions of the Financial Action Task Force, while this action also has opponents. Considering that joining the FATF is not a decision made by the government alone, achieving such an agreement requires the cooperation of various legislative and executive institutions.

According to experts, putting Iran on the FATF blacklist has made many countries, even countries that have a close political relationship with Iran, unable to maintain their financial relations with Iran. Iran's withdrawal from the FATF blacklist can be the first step for Iran to return to the "global economic village" and reduce unnecessary financial costs.

Iran: Construction of India-Middle East-Europe Corridor

To profit from the region, the West, including the United States, have placed economic dependence on the Zionist regimes. Among the things that are the basis of this dependence are the establishment of the corridor from India to Europe through Israel and increasing the Zionist regime's economic exchanges with the regional countries. One of America's goals in establishing this corridor is to circumvent Asian powers such as China, Russia, and Iran; and in the second step, to turn Israel into a vital passage for East-West trade.

Countries such as Iran, Iraq, and Turkey have been set aside and replaced by the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and the Zionist regime. America is trying to replace this corridor with China's new Silk Road (One Belt, One Road) and it has spent a lot of money and energy in the region to advance the project. Iran can undermine this corridor through the capacities that it has. For example, Iran can immediately launch the Chabahar Corridor and the North-South and Russia and West-East corridors that end in Turkey and enter the regional trade corridor.

Hassan Salarieh reappointed as head of Iran's Space Agency

TEHRAN – Iran's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Seyed Sattar Hashemi, has reappointed Hassan Salarieh as the head of the Iranian Space Agency.

In a formal decree, Hashemi stated, "Considering your qualifications, commitment, experience, and expertise, you are appointed as head of the Iranian Space Agency." He further emphasized, "It is anticipated that, with reliance on Almighty God, adherence to ethical standards and divine principles, and following laws and regulations, you will pursue the objectives outlined in the vision document, the overarching policies of the system, and the seventh development plan law."

Hashemi continued, "While upholding the ethical charter of the Fourteenth Government's officials, you are expected to engage constructively with authorities and other institutions to implement government policies and safeguard the achievements of the Islamic Revolution, all aimed at advancing the nation's space industry

Iran issues travel warning for citizens in Lebanon amid ongoing Israeli aggressions

TEHRAN – The Iranian Embassy in Lebanon issued a warning notice to Iranian citizens on Monday, asking them to refrain from visiting the country due to rising military threats by the Israeli regime.

Mohammad Fereydouni, a senior consul in Beirut, stated that Iranians are discouraged from visiting Lebanon until further security notice due to the current conflict in the region.

Fereydouni also mentioned that the embassy has assisted some Iranians wishing

Kayhan: Importance of True Promise II

In an analysis, Kayhan discussed the importance of Operation True Promise II and the humiliation of Israel and America. It wrote: The importance and beauty of Operation True Promise II were not only penetration of missiles through the Iron Dome and all the defense levels of the Zionist regime but also in their regular penetration and hitting the specific goals. This historic military operation once again humiliated the Zionist regime and the United States in addition to intelligence and security humiliation. Biden and Netanyahu's humiliation was so evident that even after they found out that their threats were ineffective, they sought help from Putin. This operation, by neutralizing all plans of the Zionist regime, was a big failure for the United States, which is the architect of Israel's crimes, to the point that they admitted that "we were shocked"! Despite bringing warships and other military hardware to support Israel they could neither scare Iran nor stop Iran's attacks on Israel!

Javan: Manifestations of Islamic revolution's hard and soft power

Javan devoted its editorial to two recent important events in Iran and said: Over the past few days we had two "Days of God" when the will of the believers emerged by the grace of God and showed its strength. The first Day of God was realized with the firing of dozens of missiles, which both pushed back the Zionist regime and made the hearts of believers and the oppressed happy in the world. The most beautiful aspect of this move was the excited shout of Palestinian children in Gaza and the West Bank. The second Day of God was realized on Friday when an unimaginably large number of people took part in the Friday prayers led by the Leader of the Revolution. Listening to his sermons once again illustrated the deep relationship between the Leader and the Ummah. These show the true power of the Islamic Revolution, a power that is still standing despite the passage of nearly half a century. If we pay close attention to these two "Days of God," we can see that the first one is a manifestation of the hard power of the Islamic Revolution against the enemies, and the second one is a manifestation of the soft power and unique love between the Leader and his followers.

by leveraging the expertise of specialists, elites, and experts, as well as the full range of existing resources, including the dedicated and esteemed private knowledge-based sector."

Salarieh, who holds a PhD in mechanical engineering and serves as a professor of Technology at Sharif University, has also served as the director of the Space Research Center.

Iran's space program, initiated in the late 1990s, aims to develop homegrown satellite technology. The country has successfully launched multiple satellites, including Sina-1, Rasad-1, and Zafar, which serve various functions including Earth observation, communication, and technological research.

Iran's space advancements are particularly important as they have been achieved despite decades of debilitating sanctions by the West. Salarieh believes Iran should continue to develop its space program until it becomes one of the pillars of the industry in the region and the world.

to return to Iran from Lebanon.

"For those still in Lebanon who wish to return to Iran or require consular services, they can visit the Iranian embassy in Beirut or give us a call!" Fereydouni added.

After an increase in regional military tensions and the continuous bombing of southern Lebanon by the Israeli regime, many countries in the region, such as Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE, have asked their citizens not to travel to Lebanon.

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Israel assassinated Hamas Political Chief Ismail Haniyeh in July and Hezbollah Secretary-General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah in September. The regime has

killed multiple high-ranking Resistance figures in the past year, as it's been struggling to stand up to Palestinians, Lebanese, and Iranians in the battleground. Several Iranian military officials have also been martyred since last October, including multiple IRGC commanders and advisors.

Analysts believe Tel Aviv's only way of convincing the world that it's succeeding in its deadly military campaigns is by assassinating individuals, hence why it began to circulate rumors about the well-being of the Quds Commander after receiving a heavy blow from Iran.

Qaani started leading the elite IRGC forces after Iran's anti-terror icon Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani was martyred during an American drone strike in Baghdad airport.

'Modern Hitler': Iran raps Netanyahu's escalated violence in Gaza, Lebanon

From page 1 ▶ The Iranian diplomat urged the international community to take decisive action against Netanyahu, whom he referred to as the "modern-day Hitler," along with other leaders of the Zionist regime.

Baqaei warned that the destabilizing policies of the Zionist regime represent a significant threat to both regional and global peace and stability, cautioning that failure to address these crimes could result in severe repercussions for all nations in the region and beyond.

The Iranian spokesman called upon countries worldwide, particularly Muslim nations, to utilize all available resources to deliver humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza and Beirut and to combat the destabilizing actions of the Zionist regime.

Australian ambassador to Tehran summoned over 'biased stance' on West Asia affairs



TEHRAN – The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the Australian Ambassador to Tehran on Monday, to address his country's lack of impartiality regarding the ongoing events in West Asia.

Iran summoned Ian McConville for discussions after a series of anti-Iran remarks and statements by the Australian government, which continues to show untrammelled support for

Israel since last year despite the regime's harrowing crimes in Gaza and Lebanon.

Last month, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese condemned the Iranian Ambassador to Canberra's condolence message on the martyrdom of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah's Secretary-General whom Israel killed with 85 tonnes of bomb. Australia also condemned Iran's October 1 operation against Israeli positions in the occupied territories, without addressing the Zionist moves that had elicited the military action.

During his meeting with McConville, the director general for the Asia-Pacific department at the Iranian Foreign Ministry expressed strong disapproval of the Australian government's "unjust" and "biased" stance on regional issues, particularly concerning the provocations of the Zionist regime that have heightened tensions. This includes the assassination of Hamas Leader, Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, Hez-

bollah secretary-general in Lebanon, and IRGC Quds Force high-ranking commander, General Abbas Nilforushan in Beirut.

Mahmoud Mohammadi criticized Australia's inconsistent approach to regional matters and its silence on the repeated aggressions perpetrated by the Zionist regime against Gaza and Lebanon.

Mohammadi emphasized Iran's inherent right to legitimate self-defense in light of the ongoing violations of its national sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as attacks on Iranian citizens and interests.

He characterized the missile operations conducted by the Iranian armed forces as lawful and necessary actions aimed at protecting the national security of the Iranian populace and ensuring regional stability.

The Iranian diplomat underscored the urgent need for an immediate cessation of the genocide in Gaza and the

aggressions by the occupying Zionist regime against Lebanon, urging Australia and other Western nations that support this regime to take responsible action.

Mohammadi highlighted that one-sided and partial approaches to regional issues, along with a self-serving interpretation of international laws and standards, do not aid in reducing tensions in the area; instead, they empower the aggressor.

In the meeting, the Australian ambassador discussed his government's alleged initiatives aimed at achieving a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon, noting that he would communicate Iran's official protest to his government.

Ian McConville was appointed as the Australian ambassador to Iran in May 2024, as stated by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. McConville currently holds the position of head of the Embassy of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Iran Navy set to unveil 'Taftan' destroyer soon

TEHRAN – Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari, the deputy Army chief for coordination, announced on Monday that the highly anticipated "Taftan" destroyer will soon be unveiled.

Admiral Sayyari remarked, "Since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, we have achieved remarkable progress in the construction of a variety of naval assets, including submarines, destroyers, missile-launching vessels, both heavy and light support ships, as well as various types of boats, helicopters, hovercraft, and coastal missile systems. We have also made strides in drone and missile technologies."

He further noted, "Following the successful

construction of destroyers such as Jamaran, Damavand, Sahand, and Dena, we are now in the process of integrating the Taftan destroyer into the Navy in the near future."

Emphasizing the Navy's capabilities, Sayyari stated, "Today, the Iranian Navy is equipped with high-level competencies. We face no challenges in the construction of destroyers and are fully capable of manufacturing them, thanks to the skills and creativity of our personnel."

Iranian officials have consistently affirmed their commitment to bolstering military capabilities, with assurances that these enhancements are purely defensive.



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has repeatedly emphasized the importance of maintaining and expanding Iran's defense posture.

Army chief warns Israel of Iran's 'stronger, more destructive' response to any mistake

TEHRAN – The chief commander of the Iranian Army has emphasized that any new aggression by the Zionist regime will be met with an even more powerful and destructive response than what Israel witnessed on October 1.

During a Monday interview with Iranian media, Major General Abdulrahim Mousavi remarked that although the Zionists claim to have significantly weakened Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Resistance movement continues to deliver heavy blows to the regime with more intensity. This trend is expected to continue, he added.

"Those responsible for harming the Axis of Resistance will undoubtedly face severe consequences, which will become evident soon," Mousavi pointed out.

On October 1, Iran retaliated against the Israeli assassination of Hamas political bureau chief, Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah secretary-general, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and IRGC Quds Force commander, Major General Abbas Nilforushan by launching approximately 200 ballistic missiles targeting the military and intelligence installations of the Zionist regime across the occupied Palestinian territories. Elsewhere during the interview, the commander remarked that should the Zionists engage in more criminal acts in response to Operation True Promise II, they would undoubtedly encounter a more formidable and devastating reply.

"We have consistently followed through on our commitments against

the Israeli regime," the commander noted. Following Operation True Promise II on October 1, Israel bolstered its military presence along the Lebanese border and executed retaliatory strikes on Hezbollah positions in Lebanon. Additionally, some Israeli security officials issued warnings to Iran regarding potential retaliation against its infrastructure.

Pezeshkian endorsed Operation True Promise II

In separate remarks, Iran's government spokesperson reiterated that the nation will not waver in its commitment to national interests, cautioning the Zionist regime against carrying out new aggressions.

On Monday, Fatemeh Mohajerani

noted that Operation True Promise II was executed with the endorsement of President Pezeshkian, who leads the Supreme National Security Council, where the defense minister also plays a significant role. Mohajerani mentioned that for two months following the martyrdom of Ismail Haniyeh, who was a guest of Iran and attended the inauguration of the Iranian president before being assassinated by the Zionist regime, the Iranian government exercised restraint in hopes of establishing a ceasefire in Gaza.

She underscored that the Islamic Republic will respond even more forcefully to Israel if the regime retaliates against Iran's counter-operation.

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Council. Additionally, the executive regulations for the pact, including the establishment of a secretariat and the delineation of responsibilities among various agencies, will also be overseen by this council.

One of the most significant aspects of the proposal is the establishment of a joint military

headquarters intended to facilitate coordination between Iranian forces and Resistance groups.

The headquarters would serve as a central command for managing military operations and crisis response, reinforcing operational capabilities through planned joint military exercises.

The representative who in-

roduced the proposal to Iranian media emphasized that this pact aims not only to enhance military cooperation but also to bolster infrastructure development for Resistance groups.

Collaboration in building military bases and training centers is expected to improve readiness against potential threats.

As Israeli aggressions in the region persist, the formation of this defense structure could pave the way for greater stability and security among member countries.

If successfully implemented, it is believed that this alliance could significantly shift the balance of power in the region, presenting a formidable counterweight to Western influence seeking to wreak havoc in West Asia to Israel's benefit.

Tehran, Cairo discuss regional developments amid efforts to restore ties



TEHRAN – Iranian Foreign Minister Seyyed Abbas Araqchi and Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty engaged in a phone conversation today, focusing on the latest regional developments and the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and Lebanon.

During their discussion, both ministers un-

derscored the urgent need for increased diplomatic efforts to halt the aggression of the Zionist regime against these regions.

They highlighted the importance of sending humanitarian aid to those affected by the conflict, particularly the growing number of refugees.

Araqchi, reflecting on his recent visit to Beirut, described the situation in Lebanon as favorable for Resistance forces.

He noted their preparedness to confront any potential ground attacks from Israel, emphasizing Iran's stance of readiness to respond firmly and proportionately to any provocations.

Despite the escalating tensions in the region, Araqchi reiterated that the Islamic Republic of Iran does not seek to escalate conflicts but is unafraid of war.

He assured that Iran would respond decisively to any new threats posed by Israel.

The conversation comes at a time when Iran and Egypt are actively working to restore diplomatic ties that have been strained since the 1980s.

The two countries share a commitment to regional stability and have expressed mutual interests in addressing issues such as terrorism and economic development.

IRGC chief lauds Gen. Hajizadeh for receiving Order of Fat'h from Leader

TEHRAN – Major General Hossein Salami, Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC), praised Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh for being awarded the Fat'h Medal by Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

The Fat'h Medal was presented to General Hajizadeh in recognition of his leadership and pivotal role in the Operation True Promise II.

"This is a great and inspiring honor," Salami wrote. "I extend my sincere congratulations to this brave commander and loyal soldier of the Velayat. His exceptional service and unwavering

dedication have earned him this prestigious award, which is a source of pride for all members of the IRGC."

"Receiving the Fat'h Medal from the hands of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, in acknowledgment of your bold and wise leadership, brings immense pride to me and all IRGC members," Salami remarked in his statement.

He continued by emphasizing the broader implications of this award, stating that it will further strengthen the IRGC's resolve. "This blessed event only serves to bolster the iron will of the IRGC and all of Iran's armed forces in confronting enemies that threat-

en our nation's security. It marks a new chapter in enhancing our country's deterrent power, particularly in the fields of missile technology and aerospace defense," he said.

Addressing the Iranian people, Salami assured them that the IRGC, along with other armed forces, remains fully prepared to defend the country.

He reiterated Iran's commitment to the Resistance Front, particularly in Palestine and Lebanon, and vowed to decisively confront any malicious acts by the Zionist regime or the United States. "With the grace of God, we stand ready to crush any hostility



General Amir Ali Hajizadeh

with strength, determination, and clarity of purpose," he affirmed.

Iran has readied 10 scenarios to respond to potential military action by Israel

TEHRAN – Informed sources within the Iranian military have revealed that the Armed Forces have prepared at least ten different response scenarios to counter any potential hostile action by the Israeli regime.

According to Tasnim news agency, these plans have been meticulously designed and arranged by specialized units within the military, and any of them could be employed if necessary.

These scenarios are constantly being updated and their existence underscores Iran's determination to respond forcefully to any aggression.

The sources emphasized that the response might not be a direct tit-for-tat retaliation, but

could be broader and more impactful, targeting different areas to maximize its effectiveness.

Highlighting Iran's strategic advantage, the sources pointed out the significant size disparity between Iran and the occupied territories, noting that Israel has a smaller landmass and fewer critical infrastructures. This, they claim, would allow Iran to inflict unprecedented damage on the Israeli regime in a retaliatory strike.

Furthermore, the sources warned that any country supporting Israel in any potential action would cross Iran's red lines and face severe consequences.

They also emphasized that several countries

have already declared they would not participate in any pro-Israel actions.

The revelations come amidst heightened tensions following Israel's recent assassination of Hamas political bureau chief Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah Secretary General Seyed Hassan Nasrallah, and IRGC general Abbas Nilforoushan in September. In response, Iran launched over 200 ballistic missiles targeting Israeli military and intelligence bases across the occupied Palestinian territories on October 1.

While Israel has threatened retaliation, Iranian officials have consistently warned of a calculated, and harsh response to any new aggression.

only strengthen the resolve of Resistance forces.

"We have experienced many heavy sorrows like this, but history shows that after each profound sorrow, a great victory and stronger unity emerge. This martyrdom will further reinforce the cohesion and unity among the fighters," he noted.

Nasrallah was martyred during an Israeli airstrike on southern Beirut on September 27. The attacks also claimed the life of top Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) commander Brigadier General

Abbas Nilforoushan.

On October 1st, Iran carried out a retaliatory attack against the Israeli regime in response to the assassination of key regional figures.

The military operation, dubbed "Operation True Promise II," saw a reported 90% of Iranian missiles successfully hit their intended targets at the occupied territories. The strike was noted as a direct retaliation for Israel's actions, and it underscored Iran's resolve to respond forcefully to Israeli acts of aggression.

Persepolis dissatisfied with ex-goalie Beiranvand's punishment

TEHRAN – In a highly anticipated decision, Iran Football Federation's Disciplinary Committee has issued a ruling in the long-running dispute between Persepolis FC and their former goalkeeper, Alireza Beiranvand. The ruling, which has been met with widespread criticism, pertains to Beiranvand's unilateral termination of his contract with Persepolis and subsequent move to Tractor.

Persepolis had filed a complaint against Beiranvand in June 2024, alleging a breach of contract. The committee's verdict has imposed a four-month suspension on Beiranvand from all football-related activities, both domestically and internationally. However, the suspension has been suspended for one year, meaning it will only be activated if Beiranvand commits a similar offense within the next 12 months!

The decision has raised eyebrows among legal experts and football fans alike. Critics argue that a suspended sentence is typically reserved for disciplinary offenses committed during a match, rather than for a contractual dispute. The federation's justification for the suspended sentence is that Beiranvand has a clean disciplinary record.

Persepolis has expressed deep dissatisfaction with the ruling, arguing that they have suffered significant financial losses as a result of Beiranvand's departure and that the suspended sentence is insufficient. The club has hinted at appealing the decision to FIFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

The Federation's decision to impose a suspended sentence has been seen as an attempt to appease both parties involved. However, the ruling is unlikely to satisfy Persepolis, who feel that they have been unfairly treated. The case has highlighted the challenges faced by Iranian football in enforcing contracts and protecting the interests of clubs.

The lengthy duration of the case, which spanned over three months, has also drawn criticism. Many have questioned the efficiency of the disciplinary committee and the transparency of the decision-making process.

Iran squad named for Uzbekistan and Qatar matches

TEHRAN – Amir Ghalenoei has called up 27 players to Iran national team for two matches against Uzbekistan and Qatar in the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualification.

Team Melli are scheduled to play Uzbekistan on Oct. 10 in Tashkent and will host Qatar on Oct. 15 in Mashhad. Persepolis defender Hossein Kanaani missed the matches after suffering foot injury in match against Chadormalu in Iran league.

Iran and Uzbekistan are on six points, with the latter having defeated DPR Korea and Kyrgyzstan in their opening two matches while Team Melli were victorious against Kyrgyzstan and the United Arab Emirates in Group A.

Goalkeepers:

Alireza Beiranvand (Tractor), Payam Niazmand (Sepahan), Hossein Hosseini (Esteghlal)

Defenders:

Ali Nemati (Foolad), Shoja Khalilzadeh (Tractor), Mohammad Daneshgar (Sepahan), Mohammadamin Hazbavi (Sepahan), Mohammadmehdi Zare (Gol Gohar), Saleh Hardani (Sepahan), Aria Yousefi (Sepahan), Milad Mohammadi (Persepolis), Abolfazl Jalali (Esteghlal)

Midfielders:

Saeid Ezatollahi (Shabab Al Ahli), Mohammad Karimi (Sepahan), Mohammad Ghorbani (Orenburg), Saman Ghoddos (Al Ittihad Kalba), Omid Noorafkan (Malavan), Mohammadjavad Hosseinejad (Dinamo Makhachkala), Mohammad Mohebbi (Rostov), Mehdi Torabi (Tractor), Mehdi Ghaedi (Al Ittihad Kalba),

Alireza Jahanbakhsh (?), Ali Gholizadeh (Lech Poznan), Amirhossein Hosseinzadeh (Tractor)

Strikers:

Mehdi Taremi (Inter Milan), Sardar Azmoun (Shabab Al Ahli), Shahriar Moghanlou (Al Ittihad Kalba)

Azmoun, Ezatollahi score as Shabab Al Ahli defeat Baniyas

TEHRAN – Shabab Al Ahli continued its victories in the UAE Pro League by beating Baniyas 5-1 in Matchweek 5 of the competition.

Luca Milivojevic opened the scoring for the visiting team in the 34th minute and Youssoufou Niakate scored an own goal to make scoreboard 2-0 in the 50th minute.

Niakate pulled a goal back seven minutes later in the match held at the Baniyas Stadium.

Iranian forward Sardar Azmoun made it 3-1 in the 63rd minute and Munas Dabbur scored Shabab's fourth goal with three minutes remaining. Saeid Ezatollahi scored form penalty spot in the stoppage time.

Shabab Al Ahli moved to second place with 15 points out of five matches.

Jahanbakhsh linked with Genoa: report

TEHRAN – Alireza Jahanbakhsh, the captain of the Iranian national football team, has reportedly reached an agreement with Serie A side Genoa.

Jahanbakhsh is without a club since parting ways with Eredivisie club Feyenoord.

The 31-year-old winger, who has been recently invited to Iran national football team for two matches against Uzbekistan and Qatar, traveled to Genoa to negotiate with the Italian club's officials.

Jahanbakhsh has previously played in Eredivisie sides NEC and AZ and English top-flight Brighton&Hove Albion.

AFC boots out Mohun Bagan from Asian Champions League

TEHRAN – The Asian Football Confederation on Monday announced that Indian Super League club Mohun Bagan Super Giants were 'considered to have withdrawn from the AFC Champions League Two' tournament after they did not travel to Iran for their Group B match against Tractor FC on Oct. 2.

The Indian side security had announced that they would not travel to Tabriz amid political unrest and the security situation in Iran.

The Asian football body, however, penalized Bagan for not showing up for the match.

"In accordance with Article 5.2 of the AFC Champions League Two 2024-25 Competition Regulations (the "Competition Regulations"), the Asian Football Confederation confirms that India's Mohun Bagan Super Giant is considered to have withdrawn from the AFC Champions League Two competition after the club failed to report to Tabriz, Iran, for its AFC Champions League Two Group A fixture against Tractor FC on October 2, 2024," the AFC said in a statement.

Mohun Bagan had reportedly written to the AFC, explaining their players' unwillingness to travel to Iran and urging the governing body to reschedule the match or move it to a neutral venue. "Consequently, all matches played by Mohun Bagan Super Giant are cancelled and considered null and void in accordance with Article 5.6 of the Competition Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, no points and goals in the club's matches shall be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in Group A pursuant to Article 8.3 of the Competition Regulations.

"The matter will now be referred to the relevant AFC Committee(s) as appropriate for their decision(s)," it added.

TEHRAN –Iran and Belarus have explored the potential to beef up cooperation in academic, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment sectors.

Belarusian ambassador to Iran, Dmitry Koltsov, in a meeting in Tehran on Sunday with Health Minister, Mohammad-Reza Zafarqandi, said relations between the two countries can be further strengthened in the field of health.

The official expressed the Belarusian health minister's interest in paying a visit to Iran to promote ties with the country in the health sector.

"The healthcare system in Iran has made great achievements, and Belarus is ready to sign a memorandum of understanding to expand collaboration with the country," Koltsov highlighted, the health ministry's website reported.

Currently, a large number of Iranian students are studying in four medical universities in Belarus, the country is seeking to attract even more students, he noted.

Referring to Iran's self-sufficiency in manufacturing 98 percent of medicines needed by the country, he expressed his country's willingness to import Iranian-made medicines and medical tools.

Zafarqandi, for his part, welcomed the idea of developing ties between Iran and Belarus in the field of medicine, and proposed establishing a specialized working group to discuss ways for further boosting collaborations.

Highlighting the importance of observing standards and the quality of education, the health



minister said "Students can be exchanged once we are ensured of standards and the quality of education in other countries."

"Last year, Abolfazl Baqerifard, an official with the health ministry, paid a visit to Belarus. Fortunately, the visit was fruitful. We are optimistic that periodical assessments by Iran will result in continuous improvement of medical universities in Belarus," Zafarqandi highlighted.

Belarus interested in boosting ties with Iran

On September 15, Koltsov said Belarus is interested in boosting ties and cooperation with Iran in the fields of medicine, health, and treatment.

He said that cooperation between the two countries is progressing rapidly in various fields, and enhancing medical collaborations is a key focus of joint activities as well.

The official made the remarks while paying a visit to Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences to become familiar with the university's medical, educational, and

research capabilities.

Referring to the fact that approximately a thousand Iranian students have been studying at the Belarusian University since last year, the official highlighted Belarus is home to one of the largest universities of medical sciences, he proposed fostering cooperation between the two universities by preparing a draft agreement to be signed later. The officials can follow up on the educational issues via video calls.

Farhad Gholami, Chancellor of Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences, for his part, welcomed the idea and expressed optimism for the development of ties in medicine and paramedicine fields to promote and excel the two universities in the fields of health and prevention, treatment, and education.

Iran's health system a role model

In August 2023, former Health Minister Bahram Einollahi said Iran's health system is one of the most successful models in the world.

The World Health Organization has always had an effective collaboration with the country, he added, IRNA reported.

He made the remarks in a meeting with ambassadors and representatives of international organizations in Tehran.

"Cooperation among countries for health development depends on their inter-sectoral interactions and collaborations.

After the coronavirus pandemic, health diplomacy has improved a lot. Health plays a key role in the diplomacy of countries because it is a common concern and pivotal point for all," IRNA quoted Einollahi as saying.

"The sustainable development of countries depends on the health issue. Therefore, promoting cooperation among nations in medical education, sharing new health technologies, developing health and treatment systems, supplying needed medicines and medical equipment, and securing fair access to health care services should be set as priorities for countries," he added.

He went on to say that based on international organizations and global standards, Iran's medical education has reached a good point.

Domestic knowledge-based companies have made the country self-sufficient to a great extent, he said, adding that advanced medical equipment and 95 percent of the needed medicines including six approved coronavirus vaccines have been supplied by knowledge-based companies which is a source of pride.

IRCS, ICRC, IFRC discuss ways to help war-affected Lebanese people

TEHRAN –Pirhossein Kolivand, the head of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS), in a meeting with Faisal Mahboob, the project manager of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and Vincent Cassard, the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Iran, underscored the need for ceasefire in Lebanon and opening a safe way to help the war victims.

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

Referring to the conducted meetings with the officials of the Lebanese Red Cross and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, the official said, "Our efforts are directed towards supporting the people affected by war in Gaza and Lebanon," the IRCS website reported.

Clearly, residential areas in Lebanon are being targeted by Israel while delivering aid is not allowed, he noted.

They practically do not let medical centers operate; the Zionist regime has targeted 11 paramedics in the past 72 hours, as well as the ambulances as well as rescue teams of the Lebanese Red Cross which has made the country facing challenging situations.

Many are trapped under rubbles while Israel has restricted search and rescue, displaced Lebanese are forced to go to Syria, but they are targeted in the border areas, Kolivand added.

ICRC and IFRC must condemn these attacks, take practical actions, and stand against Israel hindering rescue efforts.

Lebanese people are subject to genocide, blockade, and hindrance of humanitarian aid, serious action must be taken before Lebanon turns into another Gaza.

Many essential items including food, medicines, and medical tools should be sent to Lebanon and the ICRC should find a way to settle war refugees.

Protecting civilians, preventing violations of international humanitarian law, dispatching humanitarian aid, negotiating to stop the war, communicating with the international community, helping immigrants, opening a safe route for delivering assistance, and transferring those injured to safe places should be put of agenda.

ICRC and IFRC should provide health services and treatment to wounded and displaced individuals, educate them about infectious diseases.

They should also provide mental and psychological support to conflict-affected individuals to increase resilience, and create co-



ordination between the members of the IFRC and the IRCS present in the region.

Cassard, for his part, lauded the IRCS timely presence in Lebanon as well as its efforts saying that the society has provided a lot of help to Lebanese so far.

ICRC has long been in Lebanon making its best effort to provide help in emergencies and humanitarian crisis, said Cassard.

Negotiations to resolve conflicts are on the agenda and we are trying to alleviate the suffering of the conflict-affected Lebanese, he added.

During the meeting, Mehboob also commended the IRCS services and assistance provided to the people of Lebanon.

The official said the Federation issued an international call last year to receive more contributions.

The collected money during the period amounted 200 million Swiss francs, which is allocated to Lebanon, Syria and Gaza.

Currently, red alert has been issued in Lebanon and providing humanitarian assistance to Lebanon is on the agenda.

Mahboob pointed out that the situation in Lebanon is dire and all facilities have been mobilized to help the people of the country.

IFRCs and IRCS will enhance cooperation to increase assistance to the Lebanese war victims. However, it requires an international effort and an immediate ceasefire is essential.

IRCS ready to provide assistance

Following ongoing Israeli attacks on Lebanon, the Iranian Red Crescent Society has set up a field hospital on the border of Lebanon and Syria.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said over 2,000 people have been killed in Israeli attacks on Lebanon, including 127 children and 261 women.

The IRCS has also set up an emergency shelter for injured and displaced Lebanese people affected by the conflict, the IRCS website quoted Pirhossein Kolivand, the head of the IRCS, as saying.

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Iran's Najafzadeh grabs Women in Transplantation Award

TEHRAN –Katayoun Najafzadeh, the director of the Iranian Organ Donation Association, has received the Unsung Hero Award of Women in Transplantation Awards at the 30th International Congress of The Transplantation Society (TTS 2024) which took place in Istanbul from September 22 to 25.

The award is presented to a woman who has had an extraordinary impact on Transplantation through community services volunteering, mentorship, or other community based activities.

The International society for Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP) is responsible for developing clinical guidelines and practices, promoting educational programs, and ethical standards for clinical care and scientific research, IRNA reported.

Each year, a different country will host the congress to share latest achievements and expertise in donation and transplantation.

In Iran, some 25,000 people are on transplant waiting list and each ten minute a new person is added to the list.

Rise in organ donation

The number of organ donors in Iran increased from 7.8 per million population (PMP) in the year 1399 (March 2020–March 2021) to 12.2 in the year

1401 (March 2022–March 2023).

"In 1399, the number of organ donations in the country was 645, which reached 928 in 1400 and increased to 1,016 in 1401," Amir-Hesam Alirezadei, the head of the Health Ministry's Center for Transplantation and Disease Management, said.

"Currently, 30 kidney transplant centers, 11 liver transplant centers, 3 lung transplant centers, 4 pancreas transplant centers, 18 bone marrow transplant centers, 22 procurement centers, and 35 transplant identification centers are active in the country," he explained.

With 40,095 cases, kidney transplant has had the highest number of transplants in the country, he noted.

Between 5,000 and 8,000 brain deaths occur annually in the country, he said, adding that 2,500 to 4,000 cases of brain deaths are eligible for organ transplantation, and there are 18,000 patients in need of receiving organs in the country, and more than 1,410 cases of organ donation were done last year, he concluded.

According to the Iranian Society of Organ Donation, there are two types of death in the medical world; Heart death (common death), which accounts for 99 percent of deaths worldwide, and

brain death, which accounts for one percent of deaths.

There are over 25,000 patients in need of transplants on the waiting lists for various organs, but unfortunately, 7 to 10 of them die every day due to the lack of a transplanted organ, accounting for over 3,000 a year.

Organ donation is an altruistic decision that can be made by family members after brain death. Although many organizations and medical centers have implemented various interventions and training courses to increase satisfaction with organ donation, a lack of organs for donation is still a serious problem in the world.

Iran tops Asian countries in organ donation

Mehdi Shadnough, former head of the Health Ministry's Center for Transplantation and Disease Management, announced in June 2020 that Iran is ranked first for organ donation among Asian countries.

"The country's organ donation rate is 14.34 per one million people," he noted.

In February 2019, Shadnough said that the organ donation rate has increased by 60 times over the past 18 years, while Iran ranked 26 in organ donation in the world.

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Iran to build desalination plants along Persian Gulf, Sea of Oman

The Department of Environment (DOE) is preparing a plan to deploy desalination plants on the shores of the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman in order to supply drinking water to the coastal provinces.

Ahmad Reza Lahijanzadeh, deputy chief of the marine environment of the DOE, announced that suitable areas that cause the least damage to the environment have been identified in Hormozgan province.

According to him, the project, which is to be carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy, will supply water for 17 drought-ridden provinces.

برنامه ایران برای تامین آب شرب از طریق خلیج فارس و دریای عمان

سازمان حفاظت محیط زیست ایران در حال مطالعه طرحی برای استقرار آب شیرین کن‌ها در سواحل خلیج فارس و دریای عمان به منظور تامین بخشی از آب شرب استان های ساحلی است.

به گزارش ایرنا، احمد رضا لاهیجان زاده معاون محیط زیست دریایی سازمان حفاظت محیط زیست اعلام کرد مکان یابی در استان هرمزگان به پایان رسیده و محل های مناسبی که کمترین آسیب را به محیط زیست وارد کند، در این استان مشخص شده اند. به گفته او، این طرح که قرار است با همکاری وزارت نیرو انجام شود شامل ۱۷ استان خشک و بی آب می شود.

