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Drone Delivery

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Putin and Pezeshkian's meeting in Ashgabat

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MOSCOW – On October 11th, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian met in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Their meeting took place on the sidelines of the "Interrelation of Times and Civilizations—the Basis of Peace and Development" forum, held in honor of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Turkmen poet and philosopher Makhtumkuli Fragi.

The meeting in Ashgabat came as a surprise, as a meeting between the Russian and Iranian presidents had already been planned for October 22-24 in Kazan, within the framework of the BRICS summit. ▶ Page 2

U.S. THAAD gamble: Moving up the escalation ladder

By Ehsan Etesam

TEHRAN – The reported deployment of American military personnel to operate Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) systems in Israel, a move under consideration by the Biden administration, has once again thrust Israel's actions onto the centre stage of tensions in West Asia. While the U.S. already provided Israel with THAAD systems in 2019, this proposed change — stationing American personnel to operate the system — marks a significant escalation, raising serious concerns about the potential for a direct confrontation with Iran.

This move, fueled by Israel's perceived security threats from Iran and its allies, is seen as a blatant escalation by many observers. It comes at a time when tensions in the region are already high, with Israel's aggressive policies, including airstrikes in Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza, contributing significantly to the volatile situation. ▶ Page 5

Hezbollah humiliates Golani: "Israel is weaker than a spider's web"

By Sondos al-Assad

BEIRUT – Despite the torrent of claims by the Zionists that Hezbollah has been dismantled and its military capabilities have been drastically weakened following the "Pager & Walkie-Talkie Massacre", the assassination of the commanders of Al-Rodwan Force and the movement's leader Sayyed Nasrallah along with his senior consultants, Hezbollah targeted – with a squadron of attack drones – a camp for the Golani Brigades in Binyamina, south of Haifa with the cry: "We are at your service, o Sayyed Nasrallah."

The qualitative Binyamina Operation is in response to the genocidal massacres committed by the occupation regime in Lebanon and less than a month after the surprise attacks on Hezbollah, which confirms once again the resistance's ability to revive and continue fighting within an effective and exceptional "command and control" system. ▶ Page 5

The resistance has yet to reveal all its capabilities

By Batool Subeiti

BEIRUT– Active resistance against American hegemony in West Asia has reached a critical point, posing a genuine threat to American regional interests. For some time, the U.S. underestimated the power balance that had shifted in favor of the Axis of Resistance.

October 7 marked a turning point, showcasing the first instance of the resistance taking the offensive. It proved that when mobilized, the resistance possesses both the will and capability to implement its plans despite its adversary's technological superiority and intelligence capabilities.

The occupation entity, characterized by its inherently expansionist tendencies and reliance on swift military engagements, has proven unprepared for a prolonged conflict. Its soldiers lack training in ground warfare, and the settler society is accustomed to luxury rather than enduring the hardships of war. ▶ Page 5



The legitimacy of defending resistance in international law

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The International Court of Justice (ICJ), in its Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory advisory opinion issued in 2004, explicitly declared the clear incompatibility of the Israeli regime's actions with fundamental principles of international law. Twenty years later on July 19, 2024, the ICJ once again revealed the illegitimate nature of an occupying regime that adheres to no international rules, obliging the world to end this illegal occupation. ▶ Page 3

Gaza's grief: Israel's strikes silence innocent souls, young lives

By Ali Hamedin

TEHRAN- As the world reflects on Children's Day, celebrated on October 8 to honor the laughter, dreams, and innocence of children, the stark reality in Gaza casts a long shadow over this global festivity.

In a land where the sounds of laughter should fill playgrounds and homes, the cries of children echo against a backdrop of destruction and despair. For millions of children in Gaza, this day was not one of celebration, but a poignant reminder of their lost childhoods and interrupted dreams by Israel's attacks. ▶ Page 8

Jeremy Loffredo: another journalist silenced by Israel

By Soheila Zarfam

TEHRAN – The arrest and subsequent travel ban imposed on Jewish-American investigative journalist Jeremy Loffredo by Israeli authorities has exposed the hypocrisy of U.S. politicians' platitudes on press freedom. While Washington remains silent, the shocking details of Loffredo's detention are throwing a spotlight on how White House officials are willing to turn a blind eye to the violation of basic human rights, as long as the predator is Israel.

Loffredo, who works for the independent news outlet The Grayzone, was detained alongside four other journalists at a West Bank checkpoint on October 8. According to one of the jailed reporters who later took to X to share the experience, the journalists endured a harrowing ordeal at the hands of Israeli soldiers, including: ▶ Page 3



Tehran, Muscat urge immediate international action to end Israeli aggression

TEHRAN – The foreign ministers of Iran and Oman have called for swift international intervention to halt what they describe as Israeli genocide and aggressive actions in Gaza and Lebanon.

This appeal was made during a meeting between Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi and his Omani counterpart, Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, in Muscat on Monday.

The discussions centered on the escalating violence in the region, which has resulted from Israel's military operations against Palestinians and Lebanese groups. ▶ Page 3

Veteran vocalist Aminollah Rashidi passes away at 99

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

The message of Iranian authority from Tehran to the heart of Beirut

In a note, Kayhan discussed the failure and desperation of the Zionist regime in view of the development in the West Asia region. It said: All the events in the region show that the era of the disappearance of Israel has started. The Islamic Republic is sending a message of authority from Tehran to the heart of Beirut. It will not allow a repetition of geographical and political domination of West Asia by Western politicians. Successive defeats of the barbaric Zionist network at the hands of the Resistance Front have caused this regime to struggle to cover up its inability through assassinations, psychological warfare, and brutal crimes in Palestine and Lebanon. The Zionists have always been afraid of the Islamic Republic of Iran standing by the Islamic resistance movements and have understood the imminent and complete realization of the ideal of the Islamic Revolution in countering Israel. They are also facing a global awakening against their existence. The trip of Ghalibaf, Speaker of the parliament, to Beirut and Foreign Minister Araghchi's trip to Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Oman show the authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Resistance Front to the Zionist regime, and this was the demonstration of the complete coordination of diplomacy and battleground.

Iran: Do not sacrifice your soldiers!

In a commentary on the failure of Israel's air defense systems in the face of Iran's Operation True Promise, the Iran newspaper wrote: Foreign Minister Seyyed Abbas Araghchi, who has started a new round of trips to new destinations for regional consultations to de-escalate the crisis in West Asia, on Sunday warned Washington not to sacrifice its soldiers for Tel Aviv's warmongers. Such a statement comes as Washington is deploying a high-altitude anti-missile system (THAAD) and a military crew to Israel to help bolster the regime's air defenses after a missile attack from Iran earlier this month. Tehran's new warning about the deployment of the THAAD system became meaningful when the missile attack on Israel showed that the Israeli defense systems are not effective against hypersonic missiles. This failure was exposed to everyone.

Ham Mihan: A false claim to put pressure on Iran

In an interview with Seyyed Hani Borhani, a professor of Israel studies, Ham Mihan investigat-

ed the claims of the New York Times and Washington Post. He said: These two newspapers claimed in reports that Hamas intended to implement a big plan (Oct. 7 attack on Israel) and had informed Hezbollah and Iran about the details of a big operation. This is despite the fact that even the Westerners and their intelligence agencies agreed that Iran was unaware of this operation. It seems that some want to increase the pressure on Iran in line with Israel's interests. Hamas was responsible for this operation. Now, Hamas does not have assets and facilities on earth to be targeted. But if they want to prove that Iran was involved in this issue, the situation will be different. Iran is a country and has assets and facilities, and claims may be made against it. Dealing with this issue requires an active diplomacy. Experienced and active diplomats in international law should be used to defend Iran against this possible media-legal attack.

Jam-e-Jam: Coordination of diplomacy and battleground

In an analysis, Jam-e-Jam dealt with the visit of high-ranking Iranian officials to Lebanon and other countries in the region. It quoted Mohsen Pakaein, the former ambassador of Iran to Azerbaijan, as saying: The presence of high-ranking Iranian officials is a result of the authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the field of foreign policy and excellent ties between diplomacy and battleground. The meeting of Iranian officials with their Lebanese counterparts took place in a situation where the Zionist regime had put Beirut airport and the surrounding area under heavy fire. Despite the many threats that had been made, Mr. Ghalibaf flew to Lebanon aboard an airplane that was piloted by himself; this shows the courage of Iran's diplomacy and is considered a strong point in the foreign policy record of the Islamic Republic. Also, the purpose of the President's trip to Turkmenistan and the Speaker of the Parliament's trip to Tajikistan was to try to form a global mobilization against the Zionist regime. In the current situation and the field of foreign policy, we are facing a complete coordination of diplomacy and battleground, and this issue will effectively help to strengthen our relations with other countries.

er nations interested in strategic partnerships with Iran is a priority for our government," he remarked, adding, "Our cooperation, however, is not limited to just a few neighboring countries; we are engaging in dialogue with various nations worldwide based on the principles of dignity, wisdom, and expediency."

The President also addressed the upcoming budget bill for the 1404 Iranian calendar year, highlighting its focus on increasing the purchasing power of citizens by reducing taxes for low-income groups. He reiterated the government's commitment to enhancing support for health, education, and essential goods for vulnerable populations.

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Iran VP to visit Pakistan for SCO summit

TEHRAN – Iranian Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref is set to travel to Islamabad to attend an upcoming summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), according to the deputy head of International Affairs and Regional Cooperation of the Iranian Presidential Office.

Ali Najafi Khoshroudi shared this information, indicating that on Monday, Iran's vice president will visit Islamabad at the official invitation of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to take part in the 23rd meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, scheduled for October 16 and 17.

Khoshroudi further underscored, "Alongside the Iranian Vice President, who will be in Islamabad to participate in this meeting and sign relevant documents, the Prime Ministers of China, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, as well as the Foreign Minister of India, are also expected to attend the conference."

According to the Iranian Presidential Office, Mohammad-Reza Aref will engage in discussions with several Prime Ministers and heads of delegations present at the meeting during the event's sidelines.

Iran officially joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as a full member in July 2023, representing a pivotal development in its foreign policy and initiatives for regional collaboration.

The SCO, founded in 2001 by China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, serves as a Eurasian platform for political, economic, and security cooperation, emphasizing regional security, trade, and cultural exchange.

As Iran seeks to expand its economic and diplomatic ties amid ongoing sanctions, its membership in the SCO is expected to contribute to the country's strategic interests and reinforce its role in regional affairs.

Europe sanctions Iranian airlines, officials over refuted claims of missile transfer to Russia

TEHRAN – Foreign ministers of the European Union have approved a fresh round of sanctions targeting seven Iranian individuals and seven entities, accusing Tehran of supplying ballistic missiles to Russia for use in the Ukraine conflict.

Among those hit by the sanctions are prominent Iranian airlines, officials linked to the country's defense sector, and key military figures.

The sanctions list includes Iran's flagship airline, Iran Air, as well as Saha Airlines and Mahan Air, which have been accused of involvement in the alleged missile transfers.

High-ranking officials, such as Seyyed Hamzeh Ghalandari, Iran's Deputy Defense Minister, and key figures in the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), were also named. Additionally, the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters and the IRGC Aerospace Force are subject to the sanctions.

The EU's measures also target the managing directors of



the Iran Aircraft Manufacturing Industrial Company (HESA) and the Aerospace Industries Organization (AIO), both key players in Iran's defense industry.

The sanctions come amid ongoing claims by Western nations that Iran has been supplying Russia with ballistic missiles, which Tehran has consistently denied. President Masoud Pezeshkian emphasized last month that Iran has never provided Russia with ballistic missiles, calling for an end to the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine. During a meeting

with European Council President Charles Michel at the UN General Assembly in September, Pezeshkian reaffirmed Iran's position, insisting Tehran seeks peace, not escalation.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi also strongly rejected the allegations. In a statement on social media on September 11, he dismissed the claims as being based on "faulty intelligence and flawed logic." He added that Iran has not delivered ballistic missiles to Russia and questioned the effectiveness of sanctions, calling them part of the problem

rather than the solution.

Iran and Russia, both subject to Western sanctions, have maintained a close partnership in recent years. Military cooperation between the two countries dates back to at least 2015, when Iran acquired the Russian-made S-300 anti-missile system. Despite facing sanctions, Iran has continued to enhance its military capabilities, including missile and drone technology, which it insists are purely for defensive purposes and non-negotiable.

Meanwhile, Russia has repeatedly criticized the supply of Western weapons to Ukraine, warning that it only serves to extend the conflict. Since the outbreak of the war, the United States alone has provided more than \$44 billion in military aid to Ukraine, with no signs of the conflict abating.

The United Kingdom also announced new sanctions against Iran on Monday. The move was reportedly done in support of the Zionist regime.

General Hajizadeh expresses gratitude for nation's backing of Operation True Promise II

TEHRAN – The commander of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Division has expressed gratitude to the Iranian people for their messages of support, following Iran's Operation True Promise II, which saw missile strikes against Israeli military bases in the occupied territories.

"In response to the Israeli regime's actions, including the assassination of Hamas leader

Ismail Haniyeh and Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, as well as the civilian casualties in Gaza and Lebanon, Iran successfully executed Operation True Promise II," Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh said in a message published on Monday.

Hajizadeh emphasized that the decision to carry out the retaliatory operation was a collective one, authorized by the National Se-

curity Council and supported by Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, with guidance and approval from Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

The operation, which took place on October 1, involved the launch of approximately 200 ballistic missiles targeting Israeli military and security installations. 90% of the projectiles reportedly hit their targets.

Putin and Pezeshkian's meeting in Ashgabat

From page 1 ▶ This means that something forced and made the leaders of the two countries hurry up with their acquaintance. And this "something," apparently, was the ultimate tension between Iran and Israel, ready to break into a big Middle East war.

Without going into much detail, it should be noted that after the Iranian missile attack against Israel on October 1, the world froze in anticipation of an Israeli response, which will undoubtedly take place. The only question is what it will be: either a 'demonstration', as in April, or "deadly", as declared by the Israeli generals. The future development of events in the Middle East largely depends on this – either a gradual detente or a war.

In this dramatic situation, Iran needs to know how Russia, one of the main non-regional actors in the Middle East, will react to one or another development of events. Therefore, it cannot be ruled out that it was the Iranian leadership that took the initiative to organize an urgent meeting between Mr. Putin and Mr. Pezeshkian in Ashgabat. It seems that this was the right step. In the current

difficult geopolitical conditions, when only one day (or night) can radically change the situation not only in the Middle East region but also in the world, a timely personal acquaintance of the leaders of the two most important countries is simply necessary.

"I am very glad, dear Mr. President, that I have the opportunity to meet you personally and discuss our current issues," President Putin said at his first meeting with President Pezeshkian.

The communication between the Russian and Iranian presidents began with the participation of delegations. Then the meeting continued face-to-face. Of course, there is no detailed information about what the presidents talked about. Officially, it was stated that the issues of the situation in the Middle East and bilateral relations were considered.

Based on this very generalized announced agenda, an understanding of the role and place of the Russian Federation and Iran in the current military and political processes in the Middle East, and the specifics of bilateral relations, it can be stated that there is no

absolute unity of views between Moscow and Tehran. In principle, this is natural for large ambitious powers that have and defend their interests in the world, the region, and in bilateral relations.

During his conversation with Masoud Pezeshkian, Vladimir Putin stated, "We are actively collaborating on the international stage, and our views on global events often align." While it's true that Russia and Iran are currently presenting a united front against the West, striving for a new, just, and equitable world order, Putin's use of the word "often" hints at a nuanced reality. It suggests that while their positions often coincide, there may be instances where their perspectives diverge.

In fact, Russia and Iran have somewhat different nuances in their approaches. For example, they differ in their perspectives on the South Caucasus, security in the Persian Gulf (given Russia's relationship with Arab states), the future of Syria, and, what's extremely important for Iran today, Israel.

Western political scientists and journalists call Vladimir Putin Russia's most pro-Israeli lead-



er, though and albeit in the past. And this is understandable, there are 1.6 million Russian-speaking residents in Israel (20% of Israel's population) – immigrants from the USSR and the Russian Federation, who have made and are making a significant Russian cultural contribution to Israeli society. Relations between the two countries developed in a businesslike and stable manner after the collapse of the USSR. Israel has not joined Western sanctions against Moscow and has introduced a visa-free regime for Russian citizens. Until recently, Putin and Netanyahu had good personal relations. Everything was changed by the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and the harsh responses of Tel Aviv. In fact, it was the beginning of a new Middle East war.

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Pezeshkian stresses importance of regional cooperation in meeting with Azeri official

TEHRAN – The President of Iran highlighted the importance of bilateral collaboration to mitigate regional tensions during a discussion with Azerbaijan's deputy prime minister.

On Monday, Masoud Pezeshkian met with Shahin Mustafayev, the deputy Prime Minister of Azerbaijan, where he acknowledged the historical and cultural ties shared by the two nations.

Pezeshkian emphasized the need for a coalition among regional countries to achieve peace and stability in addressing tensions.

Pezeshkian remarked, "You are our brothers, and enhancing our relations is of significant importance to us."



In response, Shahin Mustafayev conveyed Azerbaijan's willingness to strengthen ties with the Islamic Republic of Iran, emphasizing that Azeri President Ilham Aliyev is committed to fostering tranquility and ensuring

peace in the region.

Mustafayev affirmed, "We have no territorial claims against any nation, and we do not accept any claims from others regarding our territorial integrity, as we believe that regional issues should be resolved through dialogue among the countries involved."

"As neighbors with a history of cultural and economic links, Iran and Azerbaijan have much to gain from increased collaboration and dialogue. By reaffirming their commitment to partnership and mutual understanding, the two nations can help ensure stability and prosperity in the region, setting an example for other countries to follow," the diplomat underscored.

If Israel's crimes continue, what comes next will be nothing compared to Golani's cafeteria, Hezbollah warns

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN - Hezbollah highlighted its military prowess and startled Israel into a state of panic by carrying out a surprise drone attack on a military base near the port city of Haifa on Sunday night.

Several Israelis were killed and dozens of others injured in the attack that hit the facility and its cafeteria in the Binyamina area.

Hezbollah said in a statement that it fired dozens of rockets toward Nahariya and Acre to engage Israel's air defense systems during the attack by "squadrons" of drones.

It said the unmanned aerial vehicles were able to "get past Israeli air defense radars without being detected" and hit the target.

"These drones broke through Israel's defense radars without detection and reached its target at the training camp of the elite Golani Brigade in Binyamina," the statement said.

Hezbollah added that the drones "exploded in the rooms where dozens of officers and soldiers of the Israeli enemy were present."

The Lebanese resistance movement called the drone attack a retaliation for Israeli strikes on Beirut on Thursday that claimed the lives of nearly two dozen people.



Israel's army chief described Hezbollah drone strike on the military training base near Haifa as "difficult and painful."

It vowed to intensify retaliatory operations if the regime does not stop aggression against Lebanon. The movement said Sunday's drone operation caused more than 110 casualties and constituted only a minor attack in the face of Israel's atrocities against Lebanese people.

Hezbollah said the troops that were targeted in the Binyamina area were preparing for aggression against the Lebanese territory.

Hezbollah continued missile strikes against Israeli positions on Monday inflicting more losses on the regime.

Aircraft sirens were heard in central Israel following the attack.

Hezbollah also hit the Israeli naval base in Haifa. Israeli sites in the occupied Shebaa Farms were also targeted.

Hezbollah and Israel began trading fire a day after the regime launched war on Gaza on October 7, 2023. Hezbollah has hit Israeli military positions in solidarity with Palestinians in the enclave.

Tens of thousands of people have been displaced in northern Israel and southern Lebanon amid the exchanges of fire between the two sides over the course of the Gaza war which has killed more than 42,000 Palestinians.

Hezbollah humiliates Golani: "Israel is weaker than a spider's web"

From page 1 ► The success of the drone in reaching its target south of Haifa to hit a Zionist military base immediately after Hezbollah's military media broadcasted a video letter from the fighters to their martyred leader, Sayyed Nasrallah, pledging to serve the resistance.

Besides, the attack coincides with a series of daily operations to repel ground invasion by four Israeli divisions. (The ground invasion has so far resulted in the death and injury of more than 100 Israeli soldiers as Hezbollah launches no less than 200 rockets against Israeli military bases on a daily basis).

The Binyamina Operation has also proven that the aggression against Lebanon was not and will not be as easy as imagined by Washington and its proxy Israel, as Hezbollah has currently plunged them into a war of attrition that will burden the colonial entity.

Two issues should also be taken into account: the "Haredim" refusal to enlist in the occupation army and the refusal by reserve soldiers to extend their service period. This



Hezbollah drones successfully penetrated Israel's defense radar systems hitting an army base near Haifa.

Israel launched a massive bombing campaign in Lebanon on September 23. The regime also assassinated Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in a massive airstrike on a neighborhood in southern Beirut on September 27. On October 1, Israel launched a ground offensive in southern Lebanon.

Israel, which has killed more than 2,200 people in Lebanon since October last year, has said the ground offensive is aimed at removing Hezbollah from the border area and allowing evacuated Israelis to return to northern Israel.

Hezbollah Deputy Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem rejected the Israeli dreams in a speech last week. He stressed that the Lebanese resistance group will continue striking Israel until there is a ceasefire in Gaza.

Israel's vulnerability

Israel claims that it has one of the most sophisticated defense systems in the world, known as the Iron Dome, which is primarily designed to counter short-range rockets and artillery. But the Hezbollah drone attack once again turned the spotlight on the movement's military strength and revealed the regime's vulnerability.

According to CNN, there were no reports of alerts in the Binyamina area at the time of the attack, raising questions of how the drone was able to penetrate so deep into Israel without being spotted.

The American news channel described the Hezbollah drone attack as one of the bloodiest on Israel since the beginning of the Gaza war.

Israel caught off guard

Israeli military spokesperson Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari pledged to conduct an investigation to determine how the drone was able to penetrate the base without triggering any alarms.

"We will learn from and investigate the incident. The threat of UAVs is a threat we are dealing with since the beginning of the war. We need an improvement to our defense," he added.

Israeli military Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi also described the Hezbollah drone attack "difficult and painful."

"We are at war and an attack on a training base on the home front is difficult and the results are painful," he said.

Citing a paramedic, the Israeli emergency service acknowledged the severity of the Hez-

bollah drone attack.

"We declared it a mass casualty event and treated patients suffering from blast injuries and shrapnel. The injuries were severe, and we evacuated the injured to hospitals as quickly as possible for further medical treatment."

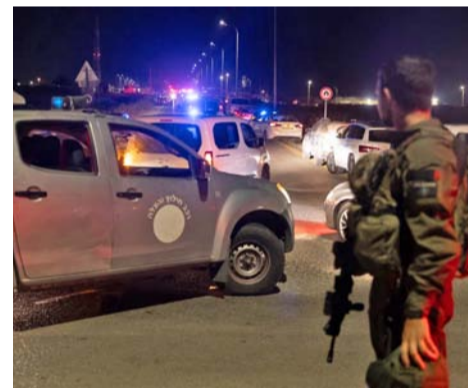
Israel's illusions

Israel has maintained the misconception that the assassination of Nasrallah and senior Hezbollah commanders has diminished the strength of the resistance group.

Under such erroneous beliefs, Israel assassinated Nasrallah's predecessor Sayyed Abbas Al-Mousawi in 1992.

But Nasrallah turned the movement into a more powerful political and military force.

Hezbollah currently has 100,000 fighters. It has also increased its stockpile of missiles from 14,000 in 2006 to about 150,000 and has developed precision-guided missiles and its drone programs.



CNN: There were no reports of alerts in the Binyamina area at the time of Hezbollah's drone attack on Sunday.

Israel waged war on Lebanon in 2006 but Hezbollah forced the regime's army to retreat after 34 days.

Israel has also assassinated other regional resistance leaders and commanders in an attempt to cripple their movements. Nonetheless, this policy has fallen flat.

For now, the Hezbollah drone attack on Israel's elite military unit in Binyamina has demonstrated that its military capabilities are intact and assassinations of its leaders remain counterproductive.

en place amid anticipation of the response to Iran, as many Zionist leaders - including former war minister Avigdor Lieberman and former prime minister Naftali Bennett - are calling for seizing the opportunity of what they call "Hezbollah's retreat" to target Iranian nuclear facilities and oil fields, as they stupidly believe that Iran has lost one of its most prominent deterrent tools.

In the same context, the Pentagon has announced that it will send 100 American soldiers to the occupied Palestinian territories to operate the THAAD anti-missile systems to protect the "weaker than a spider's web," in anticipation of an expected "True Promise 3" operation by Iran in response to the awaited Israeli attack.

"Weaker than a spider's web" is a reference to a Quranic verse that Martr Hezbollah leader Nasrallah used for Israel.

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Palestinians burned alive in central Gaza

Israel targets tent camp for the displaced in attack on hospital

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN- Medics say at least four Palestinians were burned alive and 40 others sustained severe burn injuries after the Israeli military bombed a tent camp for the displaced in the Gaza Strip.

The death toll is expected to rise with reporters on the ground speaking of many tents burnt that were overpacked with displaced Palestinians in a small space.

The Israeli airstrike targeted the courtyard of al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah, in the central part of the besieged Palestinian territory.

The Gaza Civil Defense stated that the targeting of al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital "proves that there is no safe place in Gaza, especially after this bombing caused the tents of displaced persons at the hospital to catch fire in the early hours of Monday."

Graphic scenes in the aftermath of the Israeli strike show the intensity of the fire, which burned dozens of tents, spreading to the hospital as people struggled to contain the flames.

The Civil Defense also noted that its workers "attempted to control the fire that broke out, knowing that more than 30 tents began to burn and the flames spread to the hospital!"

Al-Aqsa Hospital was already overwhelmed with the injured from an Israeli attack in nearby Nuseirat.

At least 28 people were killed, including 15 children and several women, and around 80 others were injured when the Israeli occupation forces struck the al-Mufti school-turned-shelter in the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza with heavy artillery fire.

Entire families have reportedly lost their lives.

Dr Mohammed Tahir, a volunteer surgeon, who has been dealing with the carnage after the Israeli attack on al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital told al-Jazeera: "We were inundated. We had women, men, children as young as one year of age dying in front of our eyes."

Speaking outside the hospital Tahir added: "Patients with significant high percentage burns, unfortunately, their fate is sealed. They won't even make it to the ICU. They will die."

"It's a horror show here. Honestly, sometimes I feel like this is not real life - that this can go on and this degree of suffering is allowed to happen in this world."

Targeting a hospital and places designated as safe zones for displaced civilians are war crimes.

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Anger mounts in Iraq over Israeli threats to Ayatollah Sistani

TEHRAN- Last week, the Israeli right-wing Channel 14, closely aligned with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, published a photo of Iraq's Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani as a potential assassination target.

Ayatollah al-Sistani has held the position of Iraq's highest religious authority for decades. The Israeli threats to his life have been met with strong condemnation and warnings at government levels and across Iraq.

Activists were among the first to respond on social media just hours after the threat was published, calling on the government of Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani to make its position clear.

As did other Iraqi resistance factions that have fought Daesh and American occupation.

President Abdul Latif Rashid's office condemned such "audacity" toward the Grand Ayatollah.

An official government statement said: "After the Zionist regime entered the war of genocide, committing disgraceful crimes against humanity, and clear massacres and aggression in Gaza and Lebanon, it has now turned to its racist media, which seeks to damage the position and reputation of the religious authority."

The Iraqi government warned of the danger that this will pose, saying, "It is clear that these actions are based on a racist mindset and foundations that encourage disregard for the sanctities of people, posing a real threat to international peace and security."

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U.S. THAAD gamble: Moving up the escalation ladder

From page 1 ► The presence of American personnel to operate the THAAD systems would inevitably be viewed by Iran and its allies as a direct provocation. Critics argue that this move, coupled with Israel's consistent push for military action, risks igniting a wider regional conflict, potentially drawing the U.S. into a direct confrontation with Iran.

Many experts argue that the deployment of THAAD, in conjunction with Israel's recent aggressive actions, is a clear attempt to leverage American military power and entrench Israel's security interests in the region. This move, they argue, is a reckless gamble, potentially jeopardizing regional stability and dragging the U.S. into a conflict that it may not be prepared for.

The resistance has yet to reveal all its capabilities

From page 1 ► Despite failing to achieve its primary strategic objectives and suffering losses, the Israeli regime remains committed to continuing the war. Netanyahu appears determined to toughen Israeli society, confronting the reality that they are engaged in an existential struggle for survival.

America is now redefining the functional role of the Israeli occupation entity after decades of involvement, allowing it to undertake tasks that the U.S. has struggled with for the past thirty years. The time has come for Israel to demonstrate its capability to achieve stated objectives.

The Israeli military is now given a free hand to operate as it sees fit, setting the stage for a New Middle East by year's end.

If successful, it stands to gain significant rewards, potentially expanding its territory to include all of Palestine, parts of Lebanon and beyond. The U.S. provides the necessary support but it does not seek direct intervention. However, failure to defeat the resistance could jeopardize the Israeli occupation entity's current trajectory.

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Keep yourself far from envy; because it eats up and takes away good actions, like a fire eats up and burn woods.

Prophet Muhammad (S)

Prayer Times > Noon: 11:50 Evening: 17:49 Dawn: 4:47 (tomorrow) Sunrise: 6:10 (tomorrow)

Veteran vocalist Aminollah Rashidi passes away at 99

TEHRAN—Veteran Iranian vocalist Aminollah Rashidi died of natural causes in Tehran on Friday at 99. According to his daughter, Afsaneh, the body of the singer will be donated to the University of Medical Sciences for research. In this regard, no funeral procession will be held for him, Honaronline reported. Born in Ravand, Isfahan Province, Rashidi became familiar with Radif in Iranian music by listening to gramophone records and the works of Iranian singers. In 1946, the veteran singer mi-



grated to Tehran, where he enrolled at Roudaki Hall under the tutelage of Mousa Maroufi to hone his singing skills. Thereafter, he continued his education with Mehdi Forough at the Conservatory of Music, studying the theory of contemporary music and vocalization. He composed and sang in Radio Iran from 1948 until 1956. He has composed more than 120 songs. "Afsaneh" (Legend), "Ashk-e Sepideh" (Dawn Tears), "Jaan-e Jahan," "Gol Afshan," and "Jelve-ye Eshgh," are among his famous works.

"Alone Together" honored at Germany's LUCAS International Festival

TEHRAN—The Iranian short film "Alone Together" directed by Omid Mirzaei received an Honorable Mention at the 47th LUCAS International Festival for Young Film Lovers which was held in Frankfurt, Germany, from October 3 to 10.

The only film from Iran participating in the competition section of the German festival, "Alone Together" was given the Special Mention of the Teens Competition section by the jury, ILNA reported. "As a jury, we have taken it upon ourselves not to award 'honorable mentions' lightly.

The child actor in particular amazed us. From the very first scene, you could identify with him through his acting. We were quickly drawn into a different reality; that of a little boy in a difficult situation. Themes such as justice, responsibility and family are portrayed and conveyed through the characters, making the movie relevant to the world," the jury of the Teens Compe-

tion section said in a statement.

A 2024 production, the 15-minute film follows the journey of a young boy traveling alone on a bus. One winter night, he draws the attention of the police, the driver, and fellow passengers at a roadside checkpoint. Alireza Sanifar, Parham Gholamlou, Sadegh Barghaei, Saba Amiri, and Mohammad Movahednia play in the film.

LUCAS International Festival for Young Film Lovers is Germany's oldest festival for young audiences. Within the competition sections for "Kids," "Teens," and "Youngsters," LUCAS puts its focus on outstanding, international productions of children and youth films, including all filmic forms from fiction, documentary, to animation and experimental formats.

During the festival week, filmmakers, producers, film literacy experts and professionals from all over the world meet in Frankfurt, attend the festival program and discuss the films with the young audience.

Cartoon of Day



Israel Bombed Tents of Displaced Palestinians at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, Causing A Massacre.

Cartoonist: Mo Qasem from the Netherlands

Gaza's grief: Israel's strikes silence innocent souls, young lives

From Page 1 ▶ Since October 2023, 'the most moral army in the world' has completely destroyed the concept of a 'safe zone' by dropping tons of bombs on the Gaza Strip.

During these attacks, about 17,000 children have turned into lifeless bodies that were placed in the arms of their parents or beneath the rubbles. They were sheltered in schools and hospitals along with their parents—places that the Israeli regime bombarded under the name of " Hamas hide-outs."

Israel made every effort to turn the Gaza Strip into a fictional city that is discussed in stories; of course, a full-fledged dystopian city that perhaps no novelist has ever been able to create.

Rifk Ebeid and Shereen Malherbe are two children's authors of Palestinian origin who shared their feelings about the situation of children in Gaza with the Tehran Times.



Ebeid, a Palestinian American author, said: "As a Palestinian living in the U.S., I am horrified and haunted by the fact that the government to which I pay taxes is funding and supporting the genocide against my people.

I go about my daily life as if through a haze, living but not living, feeling extreme levels of guilt while also being more hyper-aware of how grateful I should be for even the most mundane of things that I took for granted before."

She emphasized the psychological toll of the ongoing attack: "I cycle through every emotion possible with just one scroll through my social media.

I am in awe and admiration of



our continued resistance against oppression, while at the same time feeling utter despair at the complete destruction of every single facet that makes life possible and livable."

As a mother, the Palestinian author expressed particular horror at the targeting of children: "If the Israelis aren't taking our children's lives or maiming them forever, or destroying any family they have left, they have also completely destroyed any capacity for our children to learn, play, heal, laugh, wash, eat, and thrive."

Ebeid explained, "Any words I write can do no justice. I feel that even my writing about how I feel is a non-issue because I'm not the one suffering through the genocide."

Despite the despair, the author strives to maintain hope and resilience. "I remind myself not to fall into despair; we all rely on each other. When one part of us hurts, the other part must take over," she stated.

Her commitment to education shines through her work: "I've always believed in the power of education, which is why I write my children's books about Palestine.

Those of us living outside of Palestine have a duty to educate our children and instill in them the knowledge of their responsibility to carry on the fight for justice for our people."

Ebeid has written many children's books about Palestine, among which "Birthday Kunafa," "You Are the Color," and "Baba, What Does My Name Mean?" could be mentioned.



Shereen Malherbe, a British-Palestinian novelist and children's author, shared her deep anguish over the situation in Gaza and told the Tehran Times: "To witness the utter devastation as thousands of children in Gaza are maimed, murdered, and starved has thrown into question the very foundation

on which the 'free world' is supposedly built."

"The majority of the world has plunged to new depths, ripping bare the dehumanization of others.

Never again will you be able to recover if you stand idle now in the face of such atrocities," the Palestine Book Awards nominee added.

She has written children's books such as "The Girl Who Lives Between Two Worlds" and "The Girl Who Stitched the Stars," as well as Palestinian novels like "Yassini Girls" and "Jasmine Falling."

Malherbe's words resonate with the resilience she sees in the children of Gaza. "Children of Gaza and Palestine, you are changing us because we are witnessing your faith and steadfastness, despite the horrors.

From the ashes, you will rise in ranks and you are changing the world's future," she adds, underscoring the strength of the human spirit in the face of overwhelming adversity.

Divar Art Home to stage "The Murder at Haversham Manor"

TEHRAN—The play "The Murder at Haversham Manor" written by Susie H. K. Brideswell will be performed at the Divar Art Home in Tehran from October 27 to November 12.

Mohammad Vosoughi will be the director of the 75-minute play. Mohammad Amin Mouvivand, Malek Khademi, Mahsa Chizari,

Fatemeh Taheri, Armin Ahmadvand, Ali Ahmadi, and Mahtab Moeini are in the cast.

A thrilling mystery unfolds at Haversham Manor as Charles Haversham is found dead on the night of his engagement party.

The long-time butler of Haversham Manor,

Perkins, is desperate to solve the murder of his employer and friend.

Inspector Carter is brought in to investigate the mysterious circumstances of Haversham's death. Divar Art Home is located at No. 72, Sepand St., Nejatollahi St.

Tehran cultural center reviews Woody Allen's "Blue Jasmine"

TEHRAN— American filmmaker Woody Allen's 2013 movie "Blue Jasmine" was reviewed during a session at the Arasbaran Cultural Center in Tehran on Sunday.

Iranian film critic Kurosh Jahed attended a screening of the film followed by a review session.

"Blue Jasmine" follows Jasmine Francis, portrayed by Cate Blanchett, a Manhattan socialite whose life spirals downward after losing her wealth, forcing her to relocate to San Francisco and seek refuge with her working-class sister, Ginger, played by Sally Hawkins.

The film garnered significant critical acclaim, particularly for the performances of Blanchett and Hawkins, as well as Allen's screenplay.

Blanchett's portrayal of Jasmine earned her an Academy Award for Best Actress, while Hawkins received a nomination for Best Supporting Actress.

Allen's screenplay was also nominated for an Oscar.

Additionally, Blanchett triumphed at various awards ceremonies, including the Golden Globe, SAG, and BAFTA Awards, all in the category of Best Actress in a Leading Role.

The story begins with Jasmine arriving in San Francisco after a flight from New York.

As she takes a taxi to her sister Ginger's apartment, the disparity

between their lives becomes evident when Ginger expresses dismay at Jasmine's first-class travel, despite Jasmine claiming she is broke.

Jasmine has recently suffered a nervous breakdown and faces considerable debt, leading her to seek comfort from her sister.

Flashbacks reveal Jasmine's tumultuous past, particularly regarding her husband, Hal, a financial manager who was arrested for defrauding clients, including Ginger and her husband, Augie.

Jasmine's life takes a downward turn after Hal's suicide in prison, following his public disgrace.

Understandably, Jasmine turns to alcohol and anti-anxiety medications for solace while struggling with the fallout of Hal's actions.

Living with Ginger, who is now romantically involved with a mechanic named Chili—someone Jasmine looks down upon—complicates matters further. While Ginger's life moves forward, Jasmine is caught in her past.

She longs to become an interior designer, but her lack of computer skills pushes her to take a computer class first.

Financial struggles push Jasmine into a receptionist job with a dentist who harasses her, leading to a sudden exit when she fights him off during an assault.



Jasmine's fortunes seem to change when she meets Dwight Westlake, a wealthy widower and aspiring congressman, at a party.

Presenting herself as an accomplished interior designer, Jasmine spins a web of lies about her past life and husband.

As Jasmine navigates this new relationship, it's contrasted with Ginger's tumultuous romance with Al, a married man she eventually distances herself from to reconcile with Chili.

When Jasmine's relationship with Dwight reaches a turning point, her past catches up with her.

An encounter with Augie exposes the truth about Jasmine's deception and her family's suffering at the hands of her husband, leading to Dwight ending their engagement. Devastated, Jasmine seeks out her estranged stepson Danny, only to be met with rejection due to her role in her

husband's downfall.

Ultimately, Jasmine returns to her sister's apartment, only to find Ginger back with Chili.

Tensions rise as Jasmine insists she will marry Dwight, a promise that is now shattered.

As she sits alone on a park bench, muttering to herself, the film concludes with a powerful representation of her desolation, bringing her tragic journey full circle.

Woody Allen is an American filmmaker, actor, comedian, and playwright known for his distinctive storytelling and neurotic humor.

Born Allan Stewart Konigsberg in Brooklyn, New York, he began his career as a comedy writer before moving into stand-up and filmmaking.

His early work in the 1960s laid the groundwork for his unique style, blending wit with existential themes.

Allen's films, such as "Annie Hall," "Manhattan," and "Hannah and Her Sisters," often explore complex relationships, urban life, and the human condition, earning him critical acclaim and several Academy Awards.

His signature blend of romance and comedy has made him a prominent figure in American cinema.