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'Tooth-Breaking'

U.S. and Zionists will receive tooth-breaking response for what they do against Iran and Resistance: Leader

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SCO condemns Israeli attack against Iran, calls for efforts to establish regional stability

TEHRAN – The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has issued a strong condemnation of Israel's recent incursion into Iranian territory, describing the assault as a "provocative and aggressive act."

The SCO released a formal statement addressing the Israeli regime's airstrike on Iranian military installations in the early hours of Saturday, urging immediate de-escalation efforts to prevent further destabilization.

The attack targeted multiple Iranian military facilities, taking the lives of four Iranian servicemen and one civilian.

Iran's Air Defense Command confirmed that despite prior warnings from Iranian officials to the Israeli regime to avoid any "reckless or provocative actions," the Israeli forces proceeded with an attack that breached Iranian territory. According to the statement, Iran's air defense systems quickly intercepted the assault, neutralizing much of the threat. Damage to the military sites was reported as minimal, but the attack has heightened tensions between the two sides. ▶ Page 2

Tehran finalizes plans for retaliation against Israel, military leaders to decide timing

TEHRAN – Iran's Supreme National Security Council has finalized plans for retaliation against Israeli attacks that targeted the country on October 26th, according to Iranian lawmaker Esmail Kowsari.

"The details of the response have been submitted to military leaders, who will determine the timing of the retaliation," the former Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) commander and current member of Parliament's Defense and National Security Committee told Iranian media on Saturday.

Kowsari said almost all members of the country's Supreme National Security Council were unanimous that Iran should give a decisive response to the Zionist regime. "Responding to Israel's latest atrocity is our legal right. We will certainly be making use of this right."

Israeli warplanes attacked Iran's military installations last Saturday from Iraqi airspace. The attacks were mostly repelled but four Army personnel lost their lives while fending off the strikes. One civilian was also pronounced dead after the Israeli assault. ▶ Page 2

Aban 13: the day Iranian students ended U.S. hegemony

By Faramarz Kouhpayeh

TEHRAN – Aban 13 in the Persian calendar or November 3 in the English calendar, contains a lot of symbolic meanings.

The day marks three important events in Iran's contemporary history: the anniversary of the takeover of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran by Muslim student followers of the Imam Khomeini Line in 1979, the anniversary of the exile of the late founder of the Islamic Republic Imam Khomeini by Shah in 1964, and the Pupil (Student) Day (marking the day in 1978 on which several students taking part in a protest rally against the Pahlavi regime were martyred.) Those three separate significant events not only did they change the foundation of modern Iran, but also dealt a blow to the contemporary world order and the US imperialism.

One of the main reasons that the revolutionaries in Iran toppled the Shah regime was its high dependence on the United States and widespread Americans' meddling in their country's affairs. Aban 13 marks the firm resistance of the Iranians who relied on the insight of Imam Khomeini as a revolutionary leader to uproot the U.S. hegemony in their country. ▶ Page 3



Yemeni military expert: Resistance has imposed new rules of engagement

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT – Tehran Times interviews Major General Abdullah Al-Jafari, a member of Yemen's Shura Council and former Air Force spokesman, to discuss the recent maneuvers of the Yemeni Armed Forces' naval and land forces on the western coast within the framework of the battle of the promised conquest and holy jihad and in support of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

On October 27, Yemen started conducting military exercises on the Red Sea coast in support of Gaza and Lebanon. According to the Saba news agency, ground and naval forces conducted tactical military exercises along Yemen's western coast, particularly in the Hudaydah province of the Red Sea.

The maneuver simulated how to respond to large-scale attacks from enemy forces in four virtual waves on Yemeni territory, involving various hostile naval ships and military vessels.

Hezbollah rains down missiles across Israel

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Following the deadly Israeli attacks on the southern suburbs of the Lebanese capital Beirut, Hezbollah has responded with devastating effect.

The Lebanese resistance has waged one of its largest daily rocket, missile and drone attacks on Israel.

Tel Aviv activated David's Sling Air Defense system but it appears to have failed to intercept incoming projectiles from even striking Tel Aviv.

Hezbollah said it bombarded the Gilot base, affiliated with the 8200 Military Intelligence Unit, in the suburbs of Tel Aviv using a qualitative missile barrage.

As part of the Khaybar series of operations, Hezbollah announced targeting Palmachim Airbase south of Tel Aviv with a swarm of attack drones. The airbase also houses a military research base and an Arrow air defense system radar.

"The Islamic Resistance targeted, for the first time, the regional logistics regiment at the Misgav base northeast of Haifa with a rocket barrage," Hezbollah announced late on Saturday.

Behind BBC bias: British broadcaster backs Bibi's barbarism

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN – Mainstream Western media including British broadcasters stand accused of papering over Israeli crimes in the Gaza Strip since the regime launched war on the territory in October last year.

The BBC's role in covering up the regime's carnage once against came to light after 101 employees of the corporation accused it of bias in favor of Israel over the course of the Gaza war.

In a letter sent to the BBC's director general, Tim Davie, and CEO Deborah Turness on Friday, they called on the broadcaster to "recommit to fairness, accuracy, and impartiality" over its reporting on Gaza, according to The Independent.

The signatories said, "Basic journalistic tenets have been lacking when it comes to holding Israel to account for its actions."

The letter added, "The consequences of inadequate coverage are significant. Every television report,

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Iran's petchem production capacity to rise significantly

TEHRAN – Based on Iran's seventh National Development Plan (2022-2027), the country's petrochemical production capacity is planned to increase by eight percent to reach 130 million tons, Shana reported.

As IRNA reported, the Islamic Republic is also going to invest over \$40 billion in the petrochemical industry for the eighth National Development plan to further expand the mentioned sector and complete its value chain.

Currently, Iran accounts for 2.8 percent of the world's petrochemical capacity and about 28 percent of the capacity of this industry in the region, and with the plans made, the capacity of the petrochemical industry will increase significantly in the horizon of the seventh development plan. ▶ Page 4



"Mahfel" Quranic program celebrates Iranian identity on Persian Gulf island of Abu Musa

TEHRAN – The popular Quranic program "Mahfel" was held on the Persian Gulf island of Abu Musa, located in southern Hormozgan province, on Friday.

This symbolic event was organized in response to recent claims made by the United Arab Emirates regarding Iran's three Persian Gulf islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb, and Lesser Tunb. The event, attended by the residents of the island and the program crew, aimed to demonstrate the Iranian commitment to these islands, which are considered inseparable parts of Iran's territory. ▶ Page 8

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German embassy or Israeli consulate?!

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

Kayhan devoted its editorial to the closure of Iranian consulates in Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Munich by Germany and wrote: The German government has closed these consulates in protest to the execution of Jamshid Sharmahd, the leader of the Tondar terrorist group. It should be said that during the 33-day war (in the summer of 2006) between Lebanon's Hezbollah and the Zionist regime, the German government, while supporting Israel, imposed sanctions on the Islamic Republic of Iran. Germany has never adopted a position or acted outside the will or dictates of America. The Zionist identity of the German government does not create the slightest doubt that the German embassy in Iran is the "Israeli consulate". This means that the continuation of the presence of the German ambassador and embassy in our country is equal to permitting the Zionist regime to open a consulate in Iran. These days, considering the barbaric crimes of the Zionist regime and the anti-Zionist sentiments of the people of the world, the most suitable opportunity has been provided to close the German embassy in Iran. It is hoped that the officials of our country will not miss this golden opportunity.

Arman-e-Melli: Iran's answer to Israel should create deterrence

In an interview with Arman-e-Melli, Mehdi Motahamia, the head of the Simorgh Future Studies Institute, discusses the confrontation between Iran and Israel. He said: Whether Iran will act harder than the two True Promise operations or not (in response to the Oct. 26 attack by Israel on Iran), Tehran is more aware than others of the current situation and the dangers that may threaten the country. One of the cases is the Zionist regime is seeking to form a coalition against Tehran. If the countries hostile to Iran form an alliance against our country under the leadership of the United States, and China and Russia form an alliance with Iran on the other side, the tension will escalate globally.

If Iran responds to Israel with a high deterrence capability, the Zionist regime will seek to strike back. It must be said that if Iran's response does not act as a deterrence, it will end in Israel's favor. And, if Iran's response creates an acceptable deterrence, Israel will seek the help of other countries to confront Iran. This is where decision-making will be important in any action.

Shargh: American elections are not inciting

Shargh dedicated its editorial to the American presidential election which will be held on Tuesday. It wrote: Many believe there is no serious difference between (Republican candidate) Donald Trump and (Democratic candidate) Kamala Harris in foreign policy. One of the American analysts believes that the Biden administration was strongly unwilling to enter a serious confrontation with Iran, and recently it was trying to bring the Iranians to the negotiating table to solve the nuclear issue. For American candidates. Although both candidates follow different ideas they have one goal in common and that is pursuing a two-state solution in which Palestinians and Israelis would live in peace. In addition, Trump and Harris seek to normalize Israel's relations with Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, but this will be far from possible without a resolution that guarantees the future of the Palestinians. In the 2024 U.S. presidential election, nothing has been left unsaid and the candidates have used all the opportunities. This has caused Iranians to lose their sensitivity to these elections. It seems that this election is a continuation of the 2020 election, which has lost its effectiveness.

Siasat-e-Rooz: Axis of Resistance must be armed

Siasat-e-Rooz said the Israeli regime used Iraq's airspace to attack Iran on October 26. In fact, it invaded the country's airspace and violated Iraq's sovereignty. The government and people of Iraq have strongly condemned the aggressive action of the Israeli regime and complained to the United Nations, but the United Nations cannot be expected to react to this action. Considering the airstrikes of the fake Israeli regime on Iran from the Iraqi airspace, Iraq should be equipped with Iran's defense systems to counter the air aggression by Israel. Some people think that if Iran stops enmity with Israel, the Zionist regime will desist too. But if Iran takes a step back, then people will see what has happened to Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and other Islamic countries. Now is the time for the Islamic countries in the region, which are classified as the Axis of Resistance, to be equipped with weapons. Just as America is busy arming the fake Israeli regime and supporting the crimes of this regime, Iran should also strengthen the resistance forces by delivering weapons.

SCO condemns Israeli attack against Iran, calls for efforts to establish regional stability

From page 1 ▶ Iran has asserted that it is not after war, but reserves the right to retaliate against the Israeli atrocity and will deliver appropriate responses to potential further acts of aggression against the country.

In its statement, the SCO declared: "The member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization strongly condemn the October 26, 2024, attack on the military facilities of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The member states are also deeply troubled by the potential for escalating tensions in West Asia, a situation

that could seriously endanger peace, security, and stability on a global scale."

The SCO further emphasized the need for the international community to prioritize diplomatic and political solutions, cautioning against any measures that could worsen the situation. "The member states of the SCO support prompt and effective measures to stabilize the region, in line with international law and exclusively through diplomatic and political means, as enshrined in the United Nations Charter," the statement added.

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From page 1 ▶ The Israeli attack came after Iran launched approximately 200 ballistic missiles at the occupied territories early last month.

The offensive dubbed Operation True Promise II successfully targeted military and intelligence sites, a move made in reaction to the regime's assassination of high-ranking Resistance figures including Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

Iran's first direct military action against Israel occurred in April.

During the Saturday interview, Kowsari said Tehran's upcoming response to Israel will be harsher than its previous engagements with the regime.

Operation True Promise II was modest compared to what's coming."

Also on Saturday, the spokesman for the IRGC said the Israeli regime is incapable of figuring out Iran's retaliation, vowing a "definitive and decisive"



response to the occupying entity's recent aggression on the country.

Brigadier General Ali Mohammad Naeini, the IRGC's spokesman and deputy head of the Public Relations Department said: "Iran is able to alter the enemy's perception in line with the strategy of disciplining and punishing those who violate [the country's] national security."

He added: "In fact, Operation True Promise II was the beginning

mischief. "I state clearly and firmly that the answer to the enemy's latest attack will be given definitively and decisively.

The response will be beyond the perception of the enemy, thoughtful and powerful," Naeini said.

"The enemy should learn that he cannot do any evil and he will undoubtedly receive a crushing response for his mischief."

A source close to the Israeli regime has told the Washington Post that "current intelligence indicates Iran is planning to attack Israel in the coming days."

Previously, Western media reported that Iran's retaliation against Israel was imminent two months before Operation True Promise II was carried out.

IRGC's Chief Commander Major General Hossein Salami had earlier in the week warned the Israeli regime of an "unimaginable" response for its recent act of aggression against Iran.

Iran to complete eastern border wall construction by mid-next year



Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni visited Iran-Pakistan border on Saturday

TEHRAN – Iran will complete construction of a border wall along its eastern frontiers by the end of the first half of the next Iranian calendar year, announced Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni on Saturday while inspecting a section of the wall being built along the Iran-Pakistan border.

During his visit to the southeastern city of Mirjaveh, the primary crossing point between Iran and Pakistan, the Minister highlighted that the first phase of the border-sealing initiative spans approximately 90 kilometers and commenced at the end of June.

He stated, "Based on our projections, this border-blocking project is expected to be completed in the first half of the next Iranian year."

Momeni stressed that an unsealed border allows deported illegal immigrants to easily return, declaring, "The plan to secure the border will tackle this issue and improve regional security."

Momeni noted that the border blockade includes both physical barriers, such as barbed wire, and smart technology like

radar systems, stating that this integration enhances security.

Emphasizing that stable security is essential for progress and development, Momeni stated, "By implementing the border sealing plan, we will not only curb drug and goods smuggling but also regulate the movement and return of undocumented foreign nationals, which is crucial for the security of the Sistan and Baluchistan province."

A rise in drug trafficking terrorism in recent years has forced Iran to move towards sealing off its borders. The country has currently prioritized sealing its borders with Pakistan and Afghanistan.

On October 20, Brigadier General Ahmad Ali Goudarzi, commander of the Iranian Police Border Guards, underscored that while Iran is looking to build walls along all its eastern and western border provinces, the regions sharing borders with Afghanistan and Pakistan must be included more urgently.

Goudarzi asserted that "the border wall aims to prevent the smuggling of fuel, goods, and narcotics while also curbing illegal immigration."

He also emphasized that around 80% of illegal drugs in Iran originate from the borders with Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Sealing Iran's border with Pakistan is crucial for addressing security challenges in the Sistan and Baluchistan province, which has faced numerous attacks on civilians and security forces in the past years.

The Jaish al-Adl terrorist group, known inside Iran as Jaish al-Zulm and backed by Israeli and Western intelligence, has been

responsible for the deaths of hundreds of innocent Iranians.

The terrorist group's most recent attack occurred on October 26, which coincided with Israeli airstrikes on Iran.

Members of the terror outfit ambushed two vehicles in Taftan county, killing 10 soldiers and police officers.

Iran is encountering similar challenges along its border with Afghanistan.

Three of the deadliest attacks that have hit Iran in recent years were carried out by terrorists that had entered the country through the Afghan borders.

The attacks include two in Shiraz in 2022 and 2023, and one in Kerman in 2024 which killed about 100 people.

An influx of illegal refugees is another issue Iran is trying to address. After years of occupation by the U.S., Afghan civilians grappling with poverty and insecurity are increasingly leaving the war-stricken country in pursuit of money or safety.

On October 1, Iran's Minister of Interior emphasized the brotherhood between Iran and Afghanistan and highlighted their commonalities, while also stating that Iran, due to limited resources, is unable to accept more foreign nationals.

"Our top priority is the deportation of illegal immigrants through a well-structured plan. We must address this sensitive issue with a balanced approach to ensure our activities do not foster anti-immigrant sentiment," Momeni concluded.

Iran is dealing with its own financial issues caused by years of Western sanctions.

IRGC reveals new combat capabilities in southeastern drill

TEHRAN – The Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) unveiled and operated newly developed combat equipment in its recent "Martyrs of Security" drills taking place in southeastern Iran.

General Shafaei, Deputy Commander of the IRGC Quds Base and spokesperson for the drills, detailed the operation's scope, highlighting the organization's readiness to counter evolving threats.

"The exercise aimed not only to rehearse real-time responses but also to assess the effectiveness of the IRGC's latest technologies in the field."

He explained that the drills, held under directives from the IRGC Ground Force Commander, were designed to reinforce rapid-response abilities against both direct security threats and proxy acts of aggression.

The exercises took on new urgency following a recent terrorist attack in the Gohar Kuh area of Taftan. Within just 14 hours of the assault, IRGC intelligence pinpointed



the terrorists' location.

"Ground Force combat drones quickly engaged, eliminating four militants and capturing several others," General Shafaei noted.

The swift retaliation underscored the IRGC's emphasis on timely, precise countermeasures to contain security threats.

Beyond tactical responses, General Shafaei described broader objectives of the drills, which included enhancing unit coordination, improving response readiness, and applying theoretical knowledge in real-world scenarios.

Specialized units took part in the exercises, including Saber and other special forces, as well as aviation, electronic warfare, drone, and engineering units.

Support also came from the Law Enforcement Command, the Intelligence Ministry, and Basij volunteer forces, all working in tandem to strengthen inter-unit

synchronization.

General Shafaei revealed that the drills also involved field-testing newly developed combat equipment and implementing refreshed combat and defense strategies.

The exercise aimed not only to rehearse real-time responses but also to assess the effectiveness of the IRGC's latest technologies in the field.

In response to the Gohar Kuh attack, the IRGC heightened regional security measures, establishing additional checkpoints on key roads to monitor and control movement.

General Shafaei emphasized that these efforts were put in place to ensure public safety and to disrupt any further terrorist plots in the area.

The IRGC expressed appreciation for the cooperation and patience of local residents affected by these enhanced security measures.

General Shafaei extended thanks to the community for their resilience and collaboration in confronting hostile elements, praising the collective effort in safeguarding the region against mercenary forces and infiltrators.

On October 26, a foreign-backed terrorist attack on a police convoy in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan claimed the lives of 10 police forces.



Iran's Intelligence Minister Esmail Khatib visited the Tehran office of Hamas Resistance group on Saturday to offer condolences on martyrdom of the group's leader and commander Yahya Sinwar.

TEHRAN – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei announced on Saturday that Israel and its patron U.S. will be receiving a “tooth-breaking response” for what they have been doing against Iran and the rest of the Axis of Resistance. The Leader made the remarks during a meeting with students from all across the country. The meeting was held on the eve of the National Day of Students and also the National Day of Fighting Global Arrogance.

During the gathering, Ayatollah Khamenei elucidated the fundamental grounds for the Iranian nation's battle against the oppression and excessive demands of the United States, spanning over 70 years.

In his address, Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized that the Islamic, national, rational, wise, and humane resistance displayed by the Iranian nation against the U.S. arrogance will continue with a correct roadmap and without negligence or delay.

These moves will be in accordance with international law, the Leader pointed out.

On this victorious path, he asserted, any hostile actions taken against the Iranian nation by the Zionist regime and the United States will be met with a crushing response.

The Leader pointed out the continuous and unwavering efforts of the Iranian nation and officials in confronting global arrogance. “The general movement of the nation and officials against global arrogance and the criminal system governing the current world order is a logical one, in line with religion, ethics, Islamic and international laws,” he stated.

Ayatollah Khamenei described the Iranian nation's fight against global arrogance as a permanent endeavor. “Designating a day as the National Day of Fighting Against Global Arrogance is, in fact, to ensure that this historic battle will not be forgotten. This is especially significant given the attempts by certain people to sow

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doubt in the nation's courageous and conscious efforts to stand up and fight against the US and its proxies in the region, and subsequently to deny this opposition,” he highlighted.

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution also criticized individuals who seek to portray the actions of the Iranian people against imperialism as irrational, saying, “We do not accuse these individuals of treachery. However, when they misrepresent this just, rational movement which aligns with international logic, as illogical, they demonstrate at the very least that they are shortsighted and lacking in foresight.”

He asserted that the Iranian people's cherished status in the global public opinion, despite the extensive efforts of the hegemonic system's media system, is a testament to the effectiveness of the Islamic Republic's successful and rational resistance. “The fact that people in various countries took to the streets in celebration after Operation True Promise indicates that the Iranian nation's movement is not only in accordance with international logic but also with Islamic and Quranic logic.”

In continuation of his remarks, Ayatollah Khamenei underscored that the actions of the enemy will not go unanswered by those who are working to fight them on behalf of the

Iranian nation, and that such actions will not be forgotten. He asserted that both the Zionist regime and the United States will undoubtedly receive a “tooth-breaking response” for their actions against the Iranian nation and the Resistance Front.

During the meeting, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution also addressed the issue of why the Iranian nation is fighting against global arrogance. “Without a doubt, this battle is the result of the oppressive and despicable domination of the U.S. government over Iran and our beloved nation,” he stated.

Referring to certain misguided historians who attribute the beginning of Iran's opposition to America to the seizure of the U.S. embassy, known as spy den, the Leader stated, “That is a lie. This opposition has existed since at least August 19, 1953, because it was on that date that the Americans betrayed the trust of [Prime Minister] Mosaddegh's national and popular government, overthrowing it in a bloody coup before reinstating the oppressive Pahlavi regime.”

Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized that the establishment of SAVAK, and its training of interrogators in brutal interrogation techniques, along with the presence of tens of thousands of American advisors

involved in military and government interference, infiltration, and espionage as other anti-Iranian measures that were undertaken by the U.S. He highlighted that these actions were designed to humiliate the Iranian nation and assert dominance over Iran.

Referring to the Pahlavi regime's support for the Zionist regime, Ayatollah Khamenei stated, “The Pahlavi [regime], with the guidance of the U.S. and the provision of oil and other forms of support, was strengthening the usurping regime in an unforgivable betrayal. This was occurring while most of the governments in the region had cut off ties with the Zionist regime.” “Unfortunately, some governments today are also turning a blind eye on the heinous crimes of the Zionist regime in Gaza and Lebanon, providing economic and even military assistance to this bloodthirsty enemy,” he added.

The Leader dismissed doubts raised by some individuals regarding the possibility of opposing a powerful, advanced, and dominant system such as the United States, citing the Iranian nation's successful experience over the past 46 years. “The Iranian nation has undoubtedly succeeded in this battle so far, as evidenced by its ability to weaken America's power,” he noted.

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From Page 1 ▶ Americans played a role in every single affair in Iran during the Pahlavi regime. It was them who toppled the nationalist government of Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh in 1953 in a coup, something that the Iranians still have not forgot or forgiven.

The post-coup reforms in Iran such as the so-called Land Reforms and the subsequent White Revolution during the Shah regime were ordered by Washington fearing that Iran could fall into the Communist Bloc.

As the current Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei noted in a speech in 2022, the Americans try to tell the Iranians that the enmity between Iran and the United States started in the 1979 takeover of their embassy in Tehran, but that is a big

lie. The “starting point” of the row goes back to the CIA-orchestrated 1953 coup.

The 1979 embassy takeover also showed the valor and the boldness of revolutionaries against the United States. It proved their faith in the insight of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

On the same day of the month of Aban back in 1964, Mohammadreza Shah Pahlavi forced Imam Khomeini into exile, first to Turkey, and next to Najaf in Iraq.

He was sent to exile because of a speech he delivered to people and seminaries of Qom. He voiced his objection to the legal immunity of American agents. Historical documents in Iran's contemporary history show that it was the American CIA that had ordered Imam to be exiled. At that time, Americans

had tens of thousands of agents in Iran. They were political, military and security agents. They were among the people who used to manage Iran, in the army, in the intelligence organizations, planning centers, etc.

Imam Khomeini had objected that “If a low-ranking American agent insulted stomped on an Iranian prominent religious scholar in the country and committed whatever crime he wished, the Iranian legal system would remain totally neutral, and nobody would have the right to stop him.”

Moreover, on November 4, 1978, a few month before the victory of the Islamic Revolution, a gathering of teenage students on the campus of the University of Tehran was attacked by the Shah security forces.

They were staging a peaceful rally calling for the return home from exile of their beloved leader Imam Khomeini. The clash began with tear gas and then with bullets. Every day on this day, also known as Pupil Day, Iranians remember the massacre of a number of Tehran students including students as young as 13.

That event made it clear that the confrontation between the Pahlavi regime and the Iranian people had entered its final stage.

Month after the Islamic

Revolution victory, the Iranian youth once again entered the scene and astonished the world.

November 4 marks the day when the Muslim student followers of the Imam Khomeini Line stormed the US embassy in Tehran and took 69 people, 17 of them were released at various times but the remaining 52 remained captives for 444 days.

There is a saying that the only country in which a coup did not happen was the United States because it does not have an embassy there.

It is noteworthy that the day the U.S. embassy was taken by young Iranian revolutionaries, the American government was several times more formidable and prestigious than today. The reality is that the US has lost a great deal of its prestige in recent years.

The enmity between Iran and the United States has been amplified by interest groups, seeking to leverage US policy for their own ends. Powerful lobbies like the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) have sought to redirect the U.S. foreign policy towards Iran by blaming Tehran for Israel's defeats at the hands of Palestinian and Lebanese resistance groups.

IRGC eliminates four terrorist teams near Pakistan border

TEHRAN – In a major counterterrorism operation on Thursday night, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Ground Force dismantled four terrorist groups in the Sistan-Baluchestan province, a southeastern region bordering Pakistan.

The extensive security exercise, dubbed the “Martyrs of Security” drills, successfully neutralized threats close to the Iranian-Pakistani border.

General Ahmad Shafaei, spokesperson for the operation, confirmed that IRGC forces eliminated four terrorists and detained eight others, dealing a decisive blow to groups accused of acting on behalf of hostile forces.

He emphasized that this operation, conducted

in coordination with the Intelligence Ministry's provincial office and local police, was a targeted response to recent security challenges in the area.

According to Shafaei, IRGC units employed advanced combat technology, including sophisticated hardware and drones, along with new reconnaissance and combat tactics. Among those captured was a key figure linked to a recent deadly assault on police forces in Taftan, where 10 Iranian law enforcement officers were killed in the Gohar Kuh district of the county. The attack, one of the deadliest in recent months, was claimed by the so-called “Jaish al-Adl terrorist group,” a militant organization known for violent actions in Sistan-Baluchestan.

The IRGC seized a significant cache of weapons and ammunition from the groups.

Jaish al-Adl, which operates across the border, has a history of violent activity against Iranian security forces, as well as abductions of border guards and attacks on civilians and police stations aimed at destabilizing the region.

Earlier in January, Iran launched a missile strike on the group's headquarters based in Pakistan, targeting its infrastructure and crippling its operational capabilities. The IRGC's latest mission is part of its ongoing commitment to securing the province and curbing cross-border threats in cooperation with other security agencies.

Jose Morais steps down as Sepahan Coach

TEHRAN – Jose Morais stepped down as head coach of Sepahan football team on Friday.

The Portuguese coach had penned a three-year deal with the Isfahan based football club in June 2022.

Morais announced his retirement after win over Aluminum in Iran league.

Sepahan sit first in the table with 20 points out of nine matches.

Morais had replaced Moharram Navidkia in Sepahan.

Esteghlal move down to 14th place in 16-team table

TEHRAN – Esteghlal, one of the most decorated football teams in Iran, have moved down to 14th place in the country's 16-team table.

For the fans, is unbelievable to see their favorite teams in the position.

The team that has won Iran Professional League five times.

The poor managers are the main reason and there are other issues for the team's failure.

The Blues, headed by Javad Nekounam, could have won the title last season but the conflict cost them the championship.

Now, the team struggle to get itself out of this chaotic situation.

Esteghlal newly-appointed coach Pitso Mosimane has not started his reign as anticipated. He fell 3-1 against Kheybar Khorramabad before another 2-0 defeat to Tractor on Thursday.

This season, Esteghlal have lost five league games, and managed just two wins and as many losses which has put the team 14th in the table.

It is an unwanted run from the two-time AFC Champions League winners which explains why the fans are concerned.

Esteghlal have traveled to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to face Asia giant Al Hilal in the 2024-25 AFC Champions League Elite. The result against Al Hilal will be decider for the team in the future.

Hugo Almeida named Sepahan interim coach

TEHRAN – Hugo Miguel Pereira de Almeida has been named as Sepahan football team interim coach.

He served the Isfahan-based club as Jose Morais assistant and now leads the team following his countryman's departure.

Sepahan will meet Sharjah in Group C of the 2024-25 AFC Champions League Two in Doha's Hamad bin Khalifa Stadium.

Almeida has worked in Sepahan as assistant coach since 2022.

Sayyadmanesh scores as Westerlo beat Dender

TEHRAN – KVC Westerlo defeated Dender 2-0 in Matchweek 13 of 2024-25 Belgian Pro League Friday night.

Matija Frigan opened the scoring for the host in the 36th minute and Allahyar Sayyadmanesh made it 2-0 from the penalty spot in the 72nd minute.

Westerlo moved up to sixth place with 18 points, 10 points adrift of leader Genk.

It was the third goal of the Iranian winger in Westerlo.

The match was held at the Het Kuipje.

Bonyadifar to officiate Indonesia – Japan match

TEHRAN – Iranian referee Mo'ud Bonyadifar has been chosen to officiate the match between Indonesia and Japan in the 2026 World Cup qualifier. He will be assisted by Saeid Ghasemi and Alireza Ildorom. Payam Heydari is fourth referee. The match will be held at the Gelora Bung Karno Stadium in Jakarta on November 15.

Japan sit top of Group C with 10 points, while Indonesia are fifth with three points.

Mahgol Alborz complete signing of American Bradley

TEHRAN – Iranian basketball club Mahgol Alborz completed the signing of American point guard Jalen Bradley. The 31-year-old player has penned a one-year deal with Mahgol. Bradley has previously played at Lithuanian Jonava Jonavos, Portuguese SC Lusitania, Georgian BC Vera, SK Slavia Praha of Czech and Germany's Artland Dragons. He was a member of Limondis of Shiraz last year. Mahgol currently play at the Iranian Basketball Super League.

Iranian teams win medals in 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships

TEHRAN – Iranian teams won a gold and a bronze medal in the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Dragon Boat World Championships on Saturday. Iran's 10-seater women's 500-meter claimed a gold medal with a time of 05:11.97.

The Philippines came second (05:18.44) and India finished in third place with 06:06.21.

Iran's 10-seater men's 200-meters seized a bronze medal, clocking 00:49.50. Thailand won the gold medal with 00:47.52 and silver medal went to Malaysia with a time of 00:49.09.

The championship officially begins on Oct. 31 and will run until Nov. 3.

A total of 27 countries and close to 2,000 participants from around the world are in action in Puerto Princesa City, the Philippines.

Manolopoulos optimistic about Iran basketball future

TEHRAN – Iran basketball coach Sotiris Manolopoulos is optimistic about his team's future and is well aware of his side's potential.

The Greek coach, who replaced Turkish coach Hakan Demir in August, arrived in Tehran last week to take charge of Iran.

In an interview with IRNA, Manolopoulos talked about the situation of the team ahead of the 2025 FIBA Asia Cup qualification.

“The Iranian players should stop losing ball because it's unacceptable in the modern basketball. The players must make the better decisions to stop mistakes. I am a defensive-minded coach and I am here to strengthen the team's defense,” Manolopoulos said. Team Melli are scheduled to host Kazakhstan on Nov. 22 in Tehran and will travel to Doha to play Qatar three days later. Manolopoulos has called up 19 players to the team for the matches. “Apart from the good players Iran has in terms of physical strength, they are skillful technically and they can do important things, but for me as a coach, the team discipline is more important and the players must adapt to these conditions.

“The young generation are skilled and this is a strong point for the beginning. The team need time and I am here to help my team get better,” the Greek coach concluded.

Bank loans to knowledge-based firms rise nearly 53% in H1



TEHRAN – The Iranian banking system paid 1,599 quadrillion rials (about \$3.198 billion) of facilities to knowledge-based companies in the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-September 21), to register a 52.8 percent rise compared to the same period in the previous year.

According to the Central Bank of Iran (CBI), the mentioned figure has been paid in the form of 10,793 loans to more than 1,998 knowledge-based companies, ISNA reported.

Iranian banks also paid 2.7 quadrillion rials (about \$5.4 billion) of facilities to more than

2930 knowledge-based companies in the previous Iranian calendar year.

The significant and fast-paced growth in the number of knowledge-based companies with over 200 percent increase in their number just over the past year (March 2023 – March 2024), shows the solid foundation, dynamism, and growth of the country in innovation and technology and the productive atmosphere which have been made available in line with the goal of boosting domestic production with public participation.

The Iranian government underscores the quantitative and qualitative development of knowledge-based companies.

The number of companies, which was around 5,000 in 2021, has now reached 10,000 with a total value of two billion dollars.

The law on supporting knowledge-based companies and institutions, and commercializing innovations and inventions, was approved by the parliament in Iranian year 1389 (2010 -2011), to achieve a knowledge-based economy.

Tehran hosting Woodex 2024 exhibit

TEHRAN – The seventh edition of Iran's International Exhibition of Machinery, Accessories, and Raw Materials of Wood Industry (Woodex 2024) kicked off at Tehran's Shahr-e-Aftab Exhibition Center on Thursday.

The four-day exhibition is aimed at introducing new domestic and foreign products, creating an opportunity for

manufacturers to interact with businessmen, and providing a platform for introducing the latest achievements of domestic manufacturers in the wood industry, IRIB reported.

Over 110 domestic and foreign exhibitors are showcasing their latest products and services in this exhibition.

100 sewage treatment plants under construction across Iran

TEHRAN – The head of Iran's National Water and Wastewater Engineering Company has said that 100 wastewater treatment plants are under construction across the country, Tasnim News Agency reported. Hashem Amini said the northern and southern coastal cities of the country are the main priority for the construction of the mentioned plants.

According to the official, seven of the mentioned plants will go operational by the end of the current Iranian calendar year (late March 2025).



Iran self-sufficient in producing jet fuel: NIOPDC

TEHRAN – The head of National Iranian Oil Products Distribution Company (NIOPDC) says the country's refineries are fully capable of meeting the needs for airplane fuel and Iran does not need to import such products, IRNA reported.

Keramat Veis-Karami put the country's

average daily jet fuel production in the past two years at about 4.0 million tons, saying: "In [the Iranian calendar year] 1401 (ended in late March 2023), more than 1.467 billion liters of fuel were delivered to 198,000 airplanes, and in [the Iranian year] 1402 (ended in late March 2024), more than 1.463 billion liters were delivered to 21,000 airplanes."

Over 4,000 tons of honey produced annually in Lorestan

TEHRAN – The director-general of Lorestan province's Veterinary Department said that over 4,000 tons of honey is produced in the province per annum.

Mostafa Zebardast said that there are 45,000 hives in over 3,700 apiaries in the province at the present.

He said that this industry needs as much support as possible from the related organizations as well as pursuing branding to be present in global, regional and domestic markets.

As announced by an official with Iran's Agriculture Ministry, the country's honey production per capita stands at 1.415 kilograms.

Mohammad-Ebrahim Hassan-Nejad, the deputy minister for livestock products affairs, also put the country's honey consumption per capita at 1.397 kilograms.

He has also said that 155,000 people are working in the apiaries of the country, adding

this number of people are working in 94,932 apiaries.

Based on the data released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Iran is the third-largest producer of honey in the world.

The chairman of the Animal Science Research Institute has said that the amount of honey production in the country should be increased by three to four kilograms per colony.

Mokhtar Mohajer said, "According to the Seventh National Development Plan (2022-2026), the amount of honey production should be increased by at least three to four kilograms per colony according to the diversity of plants and the area of pastures that we have in the country".

He announced that 8,300 kilograms of royal jelly, 406 tons of pollen, 2,536 tons of beeswax, 247 tons of propolis, and 3,917 grams of bee venom are produced annually in the country.

Iran's petchem production capacity to rise significantly

From page 1 ▶ According to the latest data released by the National Petrochemical Company (NPC) the capacity of Iran's petrochemical production will reach 103 million tons by the end of the current Iranian year (late March 2025).

Also, considering that about 60 petrochemical projects are planned to go operational during the seventh National Development Plan, 35 million tons will be added to the country's petrochemical capacity by 2027.

However, in order to achieve development goals, set for the seventh and eighth National Development Plan, the country needs at least \$7.0 billion of investment annually.

Achieving this figure and realizing the mentioned target is a focal point for cooperation between the government and the petrochemical industry because the petrochemical industry alone cannot achieve the mentioned



goal and requires government assistance to attract the necessary funds.

Earlier this month, the caretaker of National Petrochemical put the country's current petrochemical production capacity at 100 million tons, noting that the country's petrochemical capacity is expected to exceed 130 million tons by 2027.

Earlier in May, Ahmad Mahdavi Abhari, the director general of the Association of Petrochemical

Industry Corporation (APIC), said Iran's petrochemical output has increased by 15 million tons over the past two years.

Abhari put the country's current petrochemical output at 82 million tons.

He said Iran's petrochemical output stood at 67 million tons before late President Raisi took office in August 2021.

The official also noted that the Iranian petrochemical industry has created as many as 143,000

direct jobs in the mentioned period.

He put the current growth of Iran's petrochemical industry at 40.6 percent up from 27.5 percent in the country's third five-year development plan.

Iran's petrochemical industry accounts for 28 percent of the region's petrochemical capacity and 2.7 percent of the world's petrochemical capacity, he announced.

The petrochemical industry plays a crucial role in Iran's non-oil economy, as petrochemical export is the country's second-largest source of revenue after crude oil.

Petrochemical exports already constitute nearly 33 percent of the country's non-oil exports.

According to former NPC Head Morteza Shahmirzaei, the company plans to increase its annual petrochemical production capacity to 200 million tons over the next 10 years.

Iran to attend China International Import Expo



TEHRAN – The 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE), will be held in Shanghai from November 5 to 10, with the participation of many countries including Iran.

This edition of the CIIE is expected to attract participants from 152 countries, regions and international organizations, and is set to achieve a new record with 297 Fortune Global 500 companies and industry leaders attending.

The China International Import Expo, the world's first national-level import-themed expo, is about to be held for the seventh consecutive year in Shanghai, with overseas enterprises gathering to take the pulse of the Chinese market, the China Daily reported.

The previous six editions saw nearly 2,500 new products, technologies and services make their debuts, with combined intended turnover reaching over \$420 billion.

The CIIE serves to showcase China's major opening-up measures and confidence, and to share China's new development opportunities with other countries.

It has become a platform for high-level opening up and a public good for the whole world.

China has continued to roll out policies to spur foreign trade growth and attract foreign investment, cultivating new international competitive advantages and achieving mutual benefits with other countries.

On October 25, the country issued a guideline to promote the experience in aligning some eligible free trade zones and the Hainan Free Trade Port with high-standard international economic and trade rules.

The eligible FTZs are in Shanghai, Guangdong, Tianjin, Fujian and Beijing. The pilot measures, which will be replicated in other FTZs or even nationwide, cover six aspects: trade in goods, trade in services, digital trade, personnel entry, business environment, and risk prevention and control.

China has built 22 pilot FTZs, covering coastal, inland and border areas, contributing about 20 percent of the country's total foreign investment and import-export volume. Foreign trade of the FTZs expanded by 11.99 percent year on year in the first three quarters of 2024.

Continuous efforts have been made to lower tariffs.

In September, China announced it would give all the least developed countries having diplomatic relations with the country zero-tariff treatment for 100 percent tariff lines starting from December 1 this year.

China also keeps rolling out policies to nurture fertile ground for foreign investors. The new edition of the national negative list for foreign investment took effect on Friday, scrapping the two remaining items in the

manufacturing industry on the previous list.

The items on the latest negative list, specifying fields off-limits to foreign investors, have been further slashed to 29.

This fully demonstrates China's active willingness to expand mutual benefits and a clear attitude to supporting economic globalization, said Jin Xiangdong, an official with the National Development and Reform Commission, adding that further efforts will be made to improve the level of foreign investment liberalization and facilitation, and to optimize service for foreign-invested enterprises.

Besides the manufacturing sector, China is also pushing forward broader and deeper opening up in the service sector.

China announced in September that it would allow the establishment of wholly foreign-owned hospitals in certain cities and regions, including Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Nanjing, Suzhou, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and throughout the island of Hainan.

In October, the country decided to allow foreign investors to operate wholly-owned businesses such as internet data centers and engage in online data processing and transaction processing in certain areas as part of a pilot program to expand opening up in value-added telecom services.

A total of 42,108 new foreign-invested firms were established across China in the first nine months of 2024, up 11.4 percent year on year. Notably, foreign direct investment inflows into medical equipment and instrument manufacturing surged 57.3 percent, while inflows into computer and office device manufacturing grew by 29.2 percent during this period.

Opening up to the outside world is not just a matter of "opening the door," but, more importantly, is actively aligning with international economic and trade regulations as well as other high-standard rules, said Zhang Bin, deputy director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Zhang underlined the need to enhance synergy between the domestic and international markets as well as resources to constantly cultivate and consolidate new advantages in international economic cooperation and competition.

CIIE to help LDCs access China market

Amid a tepid economic recovery globally, the China International Import Expo is leveraging its role as an international public good to better support least developed countries (LDCs) in accessing China's super-sized market and further integrating into the world economy, experts and executives said, the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce published on its website.

According to the latest data from the United Nations, as of 2023, there were a total of 45 least developed countries globally, of which 33 are in Africa.

The African product zone at this year's CIIE will be significantly expanded, providing a platform to highlight a variety of specialty agricultural products from the continent, such as shea butter, coffee, sesame, peanuts and soybeans, the ministry said.

The CIIE is just one component of China's

broader initiative to support the world's least developed countries, especially those in Africa.

In a recent announcement, China said that it would grant duty-free access to 100 percent of products originating from 33 African countries, further bolstering its commitment to advancing inclusive global growth.

The duty-free access pledge will dramatically improve the competitiveness of exports from these African countries, enabling them to penetrate the vast Chinese market more effectively and diversify their economic activities, said Wang Zhimin, a researcher at the Academy of China Open Economy Studies, which is part of the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.

The synergies between China's duty-free access pledge and initiatives such as the CIIE can have a truly transformative impact, empowering African countries to better integrate into global supply chains and drive sustainable economic progress, Wang added.

'CIIE marks China's commitment to opening up'

The seventh China International Import Expo (CIIE) highlights China's commitment to global openness and willingness to engage in trade with countries worldwide, a Zambian economic expert has said.

Bernadette Deka-Zulu, founder of Shaping Futures Zambia, a non-governmental organization supporting youth involvement in policy, described China's move to embrace opening up as a significant step toward fostering a global environment conducive to free trade among nations.

"The CIIE has offered itself as a leading example to bring about different countries and companies representing various regions, and this is offering an openness.

China is saying we are ready to trade with anyone, it also shows that China is open for business," she told Xinhua in an interview on Thursday.

She noted that the CIIE not only contributes to China's economic growth but also serves as a gateway for emerging economies to access an open market, allowing them to display their products and tap into China's demand for diverse commodities.

As a former executive director of the Policy Monitoring and Research Center, Deka-Zulu emphasized that the CIIE will also offer a valuable platform for China to learn from other nations and for other countries to observe China's industrialization progress.

She further emphasized that China's commitment to globalization through events like the CIIE has set a benchmark for global economic integration, ensuring equal participation for all countries regardless of economic size -- a move critical for enhancing global livelihoods.

In an era marked by protectionist policies, China's openness creates a strategic advantage for emerging economies in global trade, she said, praising China's zero-tariff policy for all least-developed countries with diplomatic relations, calling it a tangible example of its commitment to fair trade.

She expressed optimism that this initiative would boost exports and elevate economies in these countries.

Yemeni military expert: Resistance has imposed new rules of engagement

From page 1 ▶ The exercises included simulations where forces defended Yemeni territory against enemy forces attempting to seize control of a village through an aerial assault. The maneuver comes within the framework of “the battle for promised conquest and holy jihad”, which is being fought by its forces in support of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

The maneuver is codenamed “Le Yasoua Wojohakum” (We will make you sad).

Following is the text of the interview:

First, how do you assess the strength of the resistance in the occupied Palestinian territories and Lebanon?

With modest capabilities, Gaza, under siege for decades, is challenging an unequal war. The Zionist enemy uses internationally banned weapons in its aggression against the people of Palestine and Lebanon. It is provided with logistical, intelligence, military and material support by the US and NATO. They use Israel as a military base and weapons stockpile. The goal is to tighten control over the region and weaken the valiant resistance movements, which in turn drain the enemy and hasten its downfall.

The resistance has inflicted heavy losses on the enemy as it has failed to exterminate the Palestinian people and establish a Zionist state extending from the Nile to the Euphrates called the “New Middle East”.

The holy battle planned by the martyr hero Sinwar has thwarted these ambitions and revived the Palestinian cause. It has also thwarted the normalization conspiracy.

The resistance in Palestine and Lebanon proves, more than ever before, that it is more cohesive, valiant, steadfast and innovative in promoting military capabilities that have penetrated the strategic depth of the Zionist entity.

For the first time in history after seven decades, the resistance has imposed new rules of engagement. Despite the siege,



Maj. Gen. Al-Jafari says ‘there’s no room for neutrality’ in Israeli war on Gaza and Lebanon

crimes of genocide and destruction of infrastructure, the resistance, which started from scratch, has grown in strength until it has become a source of confusion for the (Israeli) army, which is ranked the fifth strongest army in the world.

It is also unable to invade southern Lebanon because it faces legitimate resistance with a solid doctrine that believes in the justice of its cause. This is happening while the regimes that have normalized relations with the enemy persist in their failed conspiracies against the peoples of the region and their sanctities.

What is the message to Yemenis from the “Le Yasoua Wojohakum” maneuvers?

In light of the escalating aggression against the people of Palestine and Lebanon and the ongoing American and British threat to the people of Yemen, the Yemeni armed forces decided to raise combat readiness and prepare for any potential aggression on Yemen’s diverse coastal, mountainous and desert terrain. The maneuver has also been attended by the General Mobilization Forces.

It is an affirmation that Yemen will not allow the trinity of the axis of aggression – the US, Britain and Israel – to single out the people of Palestine and Lebanon, no matter the cost. Yemen is fully prepared to engage directly in defending them

if the battle entails it.

The maneuver also demonstrated the growth of Yemeni military industries, as a drone submarine called “Al-Qari’ah” was unveiled. It has tremendous capabilities that enable it to bypass enemy battleships and repel any landing, in addition to a series of combat technologies that are being developed successively. It also has tactical capabilities in clearing mines and blowing up giant naval destroyers.

Today, Yemen – leadership, army and people – is proceeding with industrial power and targeting hostile strategic sites in the occupied Palestinian territories. This marks a new era of resistance that the region has not witnessed, thus implementing a complete siege on the enemy in coordination with the joint room of the Axis of Resistance.

Don’t the Yemenis fear the continuous Western threats regarding their insistence on supporting the people of the region?

From a religious, humanitarian and moral standpoint, no one cares about Western threats. As the leader of the Yemeni revolution, His Eminence Sayyed Abdul-Malik Al-Houthi, has repeatedly emphasized they have failed over a decade to bring the Yemenis to their knees through the Saudi-Emirati coalition.

We are defending our sovereignty. We believe in the justice

of the nation’s cause and the sanctity of its sanctities. History will record that we were the first to target hostile American warships. We are fighting a battle between right and wrong. The world has not moved a finger in the face of the crimes of genocide.

As far as we are concerned, we will not abandon this option even if it requires the shedding of all our blood. It is a fateful existential battle. We will not stop targeting warships until the siege on the Palestinian people is lifted and the war stops.

How does Sanaa assess the Iranian approach toward regional developments?

Iran has been the first to take the initiative to open a Yemeni embassy on its territory. The relationship between Sanaa and Tehran is solid and distinct. An exceptional people and a powerful international one, we are united by religious, human and moral ties.

We do not deny Iran’s support for Yemen and the peoples of the region in confronting the Zionist-American imperialism. Iran’s position has been unwavering. Since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, it has spared no effort in supporting the Palestinian cause. It has armed and empowered the resistance movements and repelled the arrogance of imperialist colonialism that is primarily fueled by Washington.

The enemy’s miserable confusion today is owed to Iranian support, which is accelerating the pace of the fall of this cancerous structure in the region. Iran is no longer Israel’s policeman, as was the traitorous Shah, who was involved in enabling the enemies to plunder the resources of his people, impoverish them, and divide the region. He (Shah) was also involved in the June 1967 setback, when he provided great facilities to the Zionists.

(See full text at tehrantimes.com)

Save the Children condemns Israeli ‘mass slaughter’ in northern Gaza



Israeli airstrikes in northern Gaza killed more than 50 children.

British aid group Save the Children has denounced an Israeli massacre in northern Gaza which left dozens of children dead.

“How many times must children in Gaza face mass slaughter? What will it take for world powers to say ‘enough’? Intervention isn’t just a plea; it’s a legal obligation for which all must be held accountable,” Save the

Children’s Regional Director Jeremy Stoner said.

Israeli airstrikes pounded two residential buildings in the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza on Friday.

The Media Office in Gaza said at least 84 Palestinians, including more than 50 children, were killed.

Wafa: Japan examining recognition of Palestinian state

Japan is studying the possibility of recognizing Palestine as a state, Wafa news agency cited Japan’s ambassador to the State of Palestine as saying.

Yoichi Nakashima told Palestine TV: “The international community is convinced that there is no solution except for the existence of two states, Palestine and Israel,” Wafa said in its report.

As one of the largest donors to the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), Nakashima said Tokyo is making every effort, along with partner countries, to support the work of the UN agency and its relief opera-

tions for the Palestinian people.

“The scenes of killing and destruction in Palestine touch the hearts of the Japanese because they have suffered from wars in the past,” the ambassador said.

Some ministers in the cabinet of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have rejected the possibility of establishing a Palestinian state. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir have time and again called for the forcible transfer of Palestinians from their motherlands and paving the way for settlers to move in.

Behind BBC bias: British broadcaster backs Bibi’s barbarism

From page 1 ▶ It also demanded that the BBC implement a series of editorial commitments including “reiterating that Israel does not give external journalists access to Gaza; making it clear when there is insufficient evidence to back up Israeli claims; making clear where Israel is the perpetrator in article headlines; including regular historical context predating October 2023; and robustly challenging Israeli government and military representatives in all interviews”.

One current BBC staff member who signed the letter told The Independent that some colleagues have stepped down over the corporation’s coverage of the Gaza onslaught.

“I have never, in my entire career, witnessed such low levels of staff confidence. I have colleagues who have left the BBC in recent months because they just don’t believe our reporting on Israel and Palestine is honest. So many of us feel paralyzed by the levels of fear.”

Another employee said fellow colleagues are “losing faith in the organization [they] work for,” having observed a “huge disparity” in the BBC’s treatment of “Israel”, adding that, “people are going elsewhere to find the reality of what is happening because we are simply not giving it to them”.

The letter further highlights shortcomings in other media outlets including ITV and Sky.

In addition to the BBC staff, the letter was also signed by more than 200 members of the media industry.

The BBC has already been criticized for exhibiting bias in favor of Israel during the Gaza war.

Back in October, ten journalists who have covered the war on Gaza for CNN and the BBC revealed the inner workings of their newsrooms since the start of the genocidal war on the territory.



More than 100 BBC employees accuse the British broadcaster of pro-Israel bias in the Gaza coverage

Speaking to Al Jazeera’s The Listening Post, they cited pro-Israel bias in coverage, systematic double standards and frequent violations of journalistic principles.

In several cases, they accused senior newsroom figures of failing to hold Israeli officials to account and of interfering in reporting to downplay Israeli atrocities.

Israel has slaughtered more than 43,300 Palestinians in Gaza and injured nearly 102,000 others since October 7, 2023.

Israel stands accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) over its brutal onslaught on Gaza.

In May, Karim Khan, the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), applied for arrest warrants against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, known as Bibi, and war minister Yoav Gallant.

The request was made over war crimes and crimes against humanity that Israel has committed in Gaza.

Israel also continues to starve Palestinians in the Gaza Strip by obstructing the delivery of essentials such as food. The regime’s army is further pressing ahead with its ethnic cleansing plan in northern Gaza by massacring people in the region.

Israel targets civilians under the pretext of hitting Hamas fighters.

The Netanyahu regime smears Hamas and news outlets such as the BBC promote its propaganda.

Israel has perpetrated the most heinous crimes in Gaza while Western broadcasters serve as the apologists for the apartheid regime.

Barbaric attacks carried out by the Israeli army across the Gaza Strip have sparked global anger. But the BBC and alike try to downplay such brutalities.

The US and British governments are among Israel’s main allies and media in these countries align with their policies.

Iraqi resistance strikes Israel’s Eilat

An umbrella group of anti-terror fighters in Iraq said on Saturday its fighters have carried out four drone attacks on the southern Israeli resort of Eilat.

In a statement, the Islamic Resistance in Iraq said it was behind the attacks on what it called “four vital targets” in the resort on Israel’s Red Sea coast, all conducted within one hour.

Hezbollah rains down missiles across Israel

From page 1 ▶ In another operation, Hezbollah targeted the “Zvulun Military Industries Base north of Haifa with a qualitative missile barrage”.

A quick Hezbollah statement followed in which it said it had targeted the same Israeli military base for the second time.

Footage also showed extensive damage after missiles fell in the Hasharon area of Tel Aviv also known as Tira.

It is unclear whether this was from a Hezbollah missile after local sources told Hebrew media the missile that hit Tira area was an interceptor missile for the Israeli air defenses, not a Hezbollah missile.

Hebrew media noted that Hezbollah remained silent for 12 hours and then began firing ballistic missiles into the depths of Tel Aviv.

Scores of rockets and missiles, along with swarms of drones, were launched from Lebanon, most of them targeting the Western Galilee, Krayot, and Haifa.

According to Israeli media, the Israeli electricity company carried out a number of maintenance and repair operations for electricity networks and high-voltage lines that were damaged by the missile bombardment that targeted a number of them in western and upper Galilee.

Hebrew Channel 12 also published a video showing the moment a drone exploded in a factory north of Nahariya.

Israeli forces in Safad city, north of Safad, the Bar-Yohai settlement as well as east of Maroun Al-Ras (in Lebanon) came under fire.

This is while in the Krayot area north of Haifa, the Biryia, Yesud HaMa’ala, Dalton, Sha’al, and Al-Malkiya settlements were bombarded with missile barrages, according to other statements by Hezbollah.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese resistance movement has issued more evacuation orders.

In a video message, accompanied by a list of settlements, Hezbollah said: “To all residents of the settlements mentioned in this statement. You are requested to evacuate immediately. Your settlements have become a place of deployment and settlement for the enemy military forces attacking Lebanon. As a result, they have become legitimate military targets for the air and missile forces of the Islamic Resistance, Hezbollah.”

In other developments, the commander of Israel’s Northern Command, Uri Gordin and the commander of the Central Command, Avi Belot, have been injured. Hebrew media reported that both senior commanders were injured in southern Lebanon.

MPs visit restorations of historical monuments in Yazd

TEHRAN – On Friday, the members of the Iranian Parliament's internal affairs committee toured several historical monuments in Yazd currently undergoing restoration under the supervision of the Revitalization and Utilization Fund for Historical Places.

The visit aimed to assess the progress of restoration, revitalization, and private-sector partnerships in preserving architectural heritage, ILNA reported on Saturday.

During their visit, committee members were briefed on the ongoing restoration and handover process for these historical sites.

They emphasized the importance of such projects, describing them as tangible examples of heritage-based economic growth and essential for preserving Iran's historical identity.

Among the structures visited by the members of the parliament were the historical Laleh Hotel, Namir Garden, Kashefi House, Alexander's Prison, Honar House, Lari House, and the Fahadan complex.

Each of these locations has been restored or is in the process of restoration in collaboration with private partners, drawing admiration from the committee members, the report said.

During the visits, the managing director of the Revitalization and Utilization Fund, Shahab Talai-Shokri, provided an overview of the organization's initiatives, noting that the Minister of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts has prioritized accelerating restoration projects across the country.

In addition to these visits, the committee members explored the historical fabric of the UNESCO-designated city and its nationally and globally recognized heritage sites.

The MPs expressed appreciation for the

city's unique cultural and architectural contributions, the report said.

Earlier in September, the tourism minister Seyyed Reza Salehi-Amiri praised the "progress" made in the restoration and revitalization of historical buildings. "Current efforts are incomparable to the past and there have been some significant advancements."

"The restoration and revitalization activities I observed in several provinces are on the right track," Salehi-Amiri told Talai-Shokri in a meeting.

According to Talai-Shokri, the fund is currently involved in 154 projects, with 42 buildings under design, 50 in the process of restoration, and 62 already operational, managed by private sector investors.

The Fund (known by its Persian acronym SAABTA) provides the opportunity for privately owned businesses to run certain old structures to be maintained and repurposed into boutique hotels, traditional restaurants, or lodging places, among other businesses.

Iran hosts some of the world's oldest cultural monuments, including bazaars, museums, mosques, bridges, bathhouses, madrasas, and gardens, as well as rich natural and rural landscapes, 28 of which have gained UNESCO World Heritage labels.

In July 2017, the historical core of Yazd was named a UNESCO World Heritage site. Yazd is regularly referred to as a delightful place to stay, or a "don't miss" destination by almost all of its visitors. The city is full of mudbrick houses that are equipped with innovative badgirs (wind catchers), atmospheric alleyways, and many Islamic and Iranian monuments that shape its eye-catching city landscape.

Hundreds of artifacts from Sassanian and Babylonian eras unearthed in Iraq

TEHRAN - Archaeologists in Iraq have recently uncovered hundreds of ancient artifacts dating back to the eras of ancient Babylon and the Sassanian Empire.

Despite being over 3,000 years old, some of these items have remained remarkably well-preserved, CHTN reported on Saturday.

The objects include various pottery pieces, seals, and clay tablets inscribed with cuneiform script, which shed light on the development of some of humanity's earliest civilizations. Cuneiform, one of the world's oldest writing systems, was used for over three millennia but gradually faded from use, likely due to its syllabic structure that required extensive memorization of symbols rather than an alphabetic system.

Situated in Fayadia District, Babylon Governorate, the excavation site has been divided into two sections, labeled Area A and Area B. Area A, covering approximately 6,000



square meters, includes two distinct historical layers.

The upper layer, identified as Sassanian, has suffered damage due to both natural erosion and previous excavations. The Sassanian Empire, which ruled from the 3rd to the 7th century, encompassed areas of modern-day Iraq, Iran, Armenia,

Egypt, and parts of Syria.

The lower layer, more protected from erosion and human interference, remains one of the best-preserved sections of the site. Meanwhile, Area B, spanning about 9,000 square meters, provides insights into urban life during the Old Babylonian period (circa 1894-1595 BC).

Within this area, two residential units were also discovered.

The excavation, led by archaeologist Qahtan Abbas Hassan Aboud, uncovered 478 artifacts, including clay pots, cuneiform texts, and cylinder seals. The clay tablets often served as legal records, while the cylinder seals were used to imprint designs on clay as a form of signature.

According to Ancient Origins, the excavation is far from complete, with work continuing in both sectors to uncover additional layers of Babylon's long history. The committee overseeing the project has emphasized the importance of sticking to scientific excavation methods. This includes thorough documentation of all findings, using photography, drawings, and proper recording of archaeological meetings. These methods ensure that the discoveries can be analyzed and shared with the broader academic community.

Nahavand aims to join UNESCO Creative Cities Network

TEHRAN - With the recent opening of the National Creative Cities Institute's office in Nahavand, the Iranian city is moving closer to securing a spot among UNESCO's Creative Cities.

Speaking at the inauguration event on Saturday, Kamran Rahmati-Shadbad, the Institute's CEO, expressed optimism about Nahavand becoming Iran's sixth UNESCO Creative City, highlighting the city's rich cultural and economic resources.

Rahmati-Shadbad called on local officials to

promote Nahavand's strengths in tourism, handicrafts, food industries, and historical sites to sponsor its creative city status.

He outlined four essential pillars of a UNESCO Creative City: creativity, knowledge, creative industries, and a knowledge-based economy.

A truly creative city, he emphasized, fosters an environment for artists, researchers, and specialists across various fields to thrive and contribute to a better quality of life.

Currently, five Iranian cities hold UNESCO Creative City designations: Isfahan and Bandar Abbas for crafts, Kermanshah and Rasht for cuisine, and Sanandaj for music.

Nahavand, located in the southwest of Hamedan province at an altitude of 1,661 meters, is the province's third-largest city and boasts a rich history, cultural heritage, and a thriving economy based on agriculture, animal husbandry, handicrafts, and rug weaving.

Tehran to host 37th National Handicrafts Exhibition

TEHRAN - The 37th National Handicrafts Exhibition is set to take place at the Tehran International Permanent Fairgrounds from November 13 to 16, bringing together hundreds of artisans, craftspeople, and nomadic artists from across Iran.

The exhibition will provide an expansive

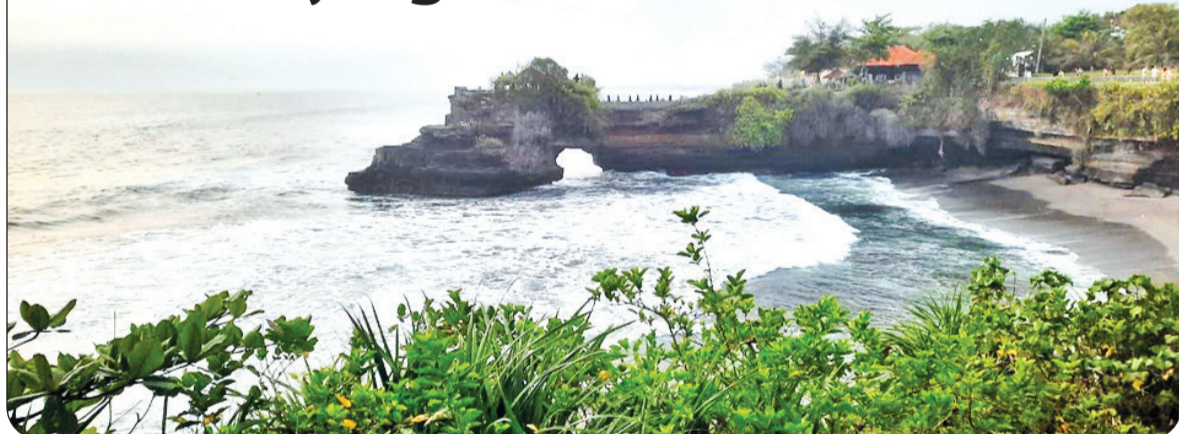
sales platform for a vast range of traditional and innovative crafts, celebrating the nation's rich artistic heritage.

From pottery, metalwork, and textiles to handwoven carpets and traditional jewelry, the event will feature diverse offerings from various regions, giving attendees a rare

chance to experience Iran's crafts firsthand.

According to organizers, the event is an invaluable opportunity for artisans to share their craft and stories with a wider public, promoting cultural exchange and preserving traditional skills for future generations.

Indonesia Hosts Familiarization Program for Iranian Travel Agents and Tour Operators, Eyeing Increased Tourism



Jakarta, Indonesia – November 3rd, 2024 – Indonesian government, through collaboration between the Indonesian Embassy in Tehran and the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia initiate a program called "Familiarization Trip" ("Famtrip") as an effort to boost tourism ties and promote Indonesia's most iconic destinations. This program invites nine Iranian travel agents and tour operators to travel to Lombok and Bali. The reason for this initiative is threefold: Firstly, it aims to introduce these key industry players to both places – especially Lombok, as Iranian market is already more familiar to Bali. Secondly, it seeks to enable cooperation between Iranian agents with local stakeholders through networking event. Thirdly, it seeks to gather perspective as to what the potential areas to develop are and what the hindrances have been in regard to tourism between the two countries.

The program starts from October 9th 2024 and lasts for a week. It is part of a broader effort by the Indonesian government to diversify its tourist markets and showcase the country's rich cultural and natural heritage. As Bali continues to be one of the most sought-after destinations globally. Lombok, for instance, is located very close to Bali but not as crowded. Famtrip is also in

line with the MoU between Indonesia and Iran on culture exchange programs for 2023-2025 signed during the late President Raisi's visit to Indonesia in May 2023.

"We see great potential in attracting more Iranian tourists to Indonesia, especially with the growing interest in cultural and leisure travel from Iran. The upcoming winter season and Nowruz could make travelling to Indonesia very enticing. By providing first-hand experiences, we aim to strengthen the connection between Iranian travel operators and Indonesian destinations," said Ronny Prasetyo Yuliantoro, Indonesia's Ambassador to Iran.

The Indonesian government projects in 2024, Indonesia will host more Iranian tourists than in 2023. In 2023, the number was 7,177, meanwhile from January to August 2024, the number has already reached 6,477, according to Indonesian Bureau of Statistics. However, that number is still far-fetched from pre-pandemic number of 16,301 back in 2017. In attempt to reignite the number to its peak, the familiarization tour includes a mix of site visits, cultural performances, and networking events. The networking events are particularly of interest for many Iranian participants, as they get to meet fellow travel agents/



tour operators from Indonesia seeking to collaborate, regional government officials, and hotel association representatives. For many of them, this is their first time visiting Indonesia, and the Indonesian government is ensuring a comprehensive experience.

With this familiarization program, the Embassy and the Ministry hope to see increased tourist arrivals from Iran significantly in the coming years, further bolstering Indonesia's reputation as a world-class travel destination, and enhancing people-to-people exchanges.

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TEHRAN –National Nurses Week started on Saturday with the theme of 'Nurses, the society's health asset', highlighting the key role of nurses in the country's healthcare system.

In this line, the health ministry will hold various programs, including scientific meetings, educational workshops, and nursing care exhibitions.

Meeting senior nurses and families of martyred nurses, and implementing cultural programs are among other programs.

The event's main objective is to appreciate hardworking nurses, promote their scientific knowledge, raise their awareness, and motivate them to provide better services to patients.

Also, each day of the week focuses on a specific topic.

Saturday, November 2, Nursery, sacrifice, professional insights

Sunday, November 3, Nursery, science and knowledge

Monday, November 4, History and culture of nursery

Tuesday, November 5, Nurse, health economy, and society

Wednesday, November 6, Nurse, the frontrunner of the healthcare system

Thursday, November 7, Nursery, and health policies

Friday, November 8, Nursery,



family, physical and spiritual health

First exhibition on nursing care

The first exhibition in West Asia on nursing equipment and care services for patients, elderly, and children, named Nursing Carex, is scheduled to be held in Tehran from November 5 to 8.

The exhibition will serve as a platform to feature nurses' key role in society, and provide an opportunity for sharing expertise in nursing services with regional countries; the companies will also have the chance to display their capabilities and latest achievements in the field, IRNA reported.

"International Nurses Day (IND) celebrated on May 12

highlighted the economic power of care which creates healthy people and societies and drives healthy economies under the theme: Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care," IRNA quoted Ahmad Nejatian, an official with the Iranian Nursing Organization, as saying.

Despite being the backbone of health care, nursing often faces financial constraints and societal undervaluation. IND 2024 aimed to reshape perceptions, demonstrating how strategic investment in nursing can bring considerable economic and societal benefits.

Holding this exhibition also highlights the importance of the economic role of nurses' services and the equipment that nurses use to provide ser-

vices to people, while the most important achievement of the exhibition will be showcasing the role of nurses, he stressed.

The main approach of the scientific exhibition is that nurses are the primary users of medical tools, the official added.

As the existing diseases progress, home care services will also grow to play an important role in patient care. It will soon compete with hospitals in terms of the volume of patients and the services provided.

"During the Covid-19 outbreak, the role of nurses in society became very prominent and people recognized that, too.

Nurses are on the front line of health services and are exposed to the greatest threats, but new perspectives such as home care services and in-home care, especially with the aging population, have created new markets for providing nursing services that will shape the future of the healthcare sector."

Holding the exhibition will certainly contribute to improving the status of nurses and enhancing nursing services in Iran, Nejatian highlighted.

On the sidelines of the exhibition, several seminars and scientific events will be held which will definitely be useful for nurses and update their information.

IRCS, IFRC discuss ways to enhance co-op in crisis management



TEHRAN –The Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have explored the potential to boost joint activities in crisis management and addressing natural disasters, particularly in the Middle East and North African (MENA) region.

On the sidelines of the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the IFRC undersecretary general for national society development and operations coordination, Xavier Castellanos Mosquera, held a meeting with the IRCS secretary general, Meysam Afshar, and the IRCS director for international affairs, Razieh Alishvandi.

Acknowledging the IRCS capacities, Castellanos Mosquera highlighted that the IRCS is well-known all over the world for its high capabilities.

The IFRC is interested in enhancing cooperating with the IRCS on conducting joint specialized training courses, and organizing different teams, like logistics teams, the IRCS website reported.

"The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has different specialized groups and teams active in various sectors. Considering the capacity, knowledge, and valuable experiences of the Iranian Red Crescent Society, we are eager for the society to join these groups and teams to further support their peers as well as the federation," the IFRC official went on to say.

Afshar, for his part, elaborated on logistic capacities and the capabilities of the IRCS in rescue and relief services, pharmaceutical and medical equipment productions, Helal textile products, medical and rehabilitation centers in the country, and 14 other countries.

Referring to accident-prone areas in the country, especially the areas susceptible to natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, and drought, the official called for more support from the IFRC to deal with the problems in these regions.

"The Iranian Red Crescent Society has applied for the Capacity Building Fund (CBF) and the National Society Investment Alliance (NSIA) fund regarding water management projects and is still waiting to receive the funds. The faster the society receives the funds, the better the projects will be implemented," Afshar noted.

During the meeting, Alishvandi, for her part, proposed expanding cooperation with other societies in the region through establishing a regional network for aid and assistance as well as holding joint programs, and joint regional maneuvers in coordination with the IFRC.

Referring to cruel sanctions, particularly on medicines, Alishvandi said the coercive sanctions have influenced and delayed the delivery of international financial aid in times of crisis, so the IFRC should find a way to tackle the problem.

The 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent was held from October 28 to 31 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The conference is held every four years, bringing together representatives of the states parties to the Geneva Conventions, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies, the IFRC, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The conference was held under the theme of Navigate Uncertainty – Strengthen Humanity.

This year's conference agenda focused on important issues such as compliance with

International Humanitarian Law, safeguarding humanitarian access, and the protection of civilians and humanitarians.

The International Conference is a platform for collaboration and dialogue. Its apolitical nature ensures that the focus remains steadfastly on humanitarian action and collective commitment to save lives and alleviate suffering.

Discussions centered particularly on compliance with international humanitarian law; enhancing the protection of civilians and humanitarians; the promotion of sustainable locally-led humanitarian action; anticipation, preparation, and adaptation in the face of the climate challenge, the importance of 'disaster law'; the impact of digital technologies in warfare.

Sanctions hinder Iran to address natural disasters

The imposition of unilateral sanctions by the United States on Iran has significantly hindered the country's capacity to address humanitarian emergencies effectively, according to the IFRC.

These sanctions have restricted access to vital resources, including medical supplies and equipment, thus impeding disaster response initiatives and worsening the effects of natural disasters on already vulnerable populations, the IFRC website reported in a press release on October 10.

Iran is highly susceptible to seismic events, with earthquakes occurring frequently and resulting in severe humanitarian crises. Additionally, seasonal flooding poses a significant risk, often intensified by deforestation and inadequate infrastructure. For instance, in 2019, extensive flooding affected over 25 provinces, leading to loss of life, large-scale displacement, and widespread damage to homes and critical infrastructure.

The World Risk Index 2023 and the vulnerability rate for Iran suggest that Iran has a relatively high level of vulnerability and the significant lack of coping capacities highlight the need for improved disaster preparedness and capacity building.

The challenges issuing from the pandemic, coupled with increasing US sanctions imposed in mid-2018, have led to the deterioration of Iran's economy. Unemployment and inflation rates have increased, weakening the banking system and decreasing income generation in the country. With limited fiscal space and high inflation, economic pressures on poor households are expected to continue.

The country's recovery is projected to be slow and gradual. The repeated sanctions on Iran have led to a wide range of negative economic outcomes for Iran, which include the rapid devaluation of the Iranian currency, severe trade and fiscal deficits, inflation, and a rise in the poverty rates in the country.

Moreover, Iran is home to a substantial number of refugees, primarily from neighboring Afghanistan. The country continues to face a multitude of humanitarian challenges, such as natural disasters, economic strain, displaced populations, and public health crises.

Kuala Lumpur to host Iranian-Malaysian universities fall camp

TEHRAN – A total of 50 Iranian students and professors are scheduled to take part in the third joint international school run by Iranian and Malaysian universities (fall camp), which will be held from November 3-11 by Malaya University, Kuala Lumpur.

Following the agreement signed between the University of Isfahan and the UM University of Malaysia on the sidelines of the D-8 meeting in October 2023, the third joint Iran-Malaysia school will be held with the theme of 'training young global scientists and leaders to address modern international challenges'.

The course includes comprehensive collective programs in line with student-scientific diplomacy, IRNA quoted Mohsen Sarraf, Scientific and Research Counsellor of Iran in Southeast Asia and Oceania, as saying.

The course will focus on six main topics including the impact of artificial intelligence on security and privacy, integrated water resources management, artistic heritage and Islamic civilization, sustainable governance in climate change and crisis management, and the balance of faith and reason in lifestyle.

D-8 to boost ties with Malaysian universities

In October 2023, the D-8 International University signed a memorandum of understanding and a memorandum of cooperation with five Malaysian universities.

D-8, also known as Developing-8, is an organization for development cooperation



among eight Islamic nations, namely Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

The agreements were signed in the city of Hamedan on Sunday with the Malaysian universities of UM, UPM, UKM, UiTM, and UMPASA.

The organization aims to create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at the international level, and improve standards of living in the member states.

First joint winter school

In February, the first joint winter school run by Iranian and Malaysian academics commenced in the city of Isfahan, and the two-week event concluded on March 12.

The Iran-Malaysia winter school was launched following a visit last year by a high-ranking Malaysian delegation to Isfahan and the signing of a memorandum of under-

standing between the top universities of the two countries.

The higher education minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, heading a delegation of presidents of a number of universities traveled to Isfahan in October 2023.

A total of 27 professors and students from different Malaysian universities participated in this scientific and cultural event which started on February 27 and lasted for two weeks, IRNA quoted Mohammad Amirousetfi, an associate professor of the University of Isfahan, as saying.

The University of Isfahan and the Islamic Azad University hosted the first and the second week respectively, he added.

"As agreed, a group of Iranian students and professors will also participate in the joint school in Malaysia next year," he went on to say.

"The most important goals of the scientific and cultural event are the expansion of scientific diplomacy, enhancing communications and scientific synergy of the two countries to solve the problems of society and industry and also to attract foreign students," Amirousetfi further noted.

The two-week event includes scientific lectures in various fields such as political science and law; introducing the city of Isfahan; cultural, industrial, and technological tourism; and visiting different sections of the University of Isfahan and the city's scientific and research estate.

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Smugglers of fuel, livestock fined \$570m

Smugglers of fuel and livestock have been fined 24 trillion rials (about \$570 million at the official rate of 42,000 rials) since the beginning of the current [Iranian calendar] year (March 21).

The figure represents a 47 percent increase compared to the same period last [Iranian calendar] year.

Out of a total of about 42,000 smuggling cases, about 28,000 are related to export smuggling, of which 20,000 are related to the smuggling of fuel and petroleum products, mostly to Pakistan and Afghanistan, and to a lesser extent to Turkey and Iraq.

A number of these cases are related to livestock trafficking. Most of the cattle are smuggled to Iraq, and then to the Persian Gulf countries.

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What's in Tehran art galleries

Collage

* Collages by Mohsen Mousavi are currently on display in an exhibition at Idea Gallery.

The exhibition titles "Immortal" will be running until November 6 at the gallery located at 26, 18th St. off Sanai St., Karim Khan Ave.



Painting

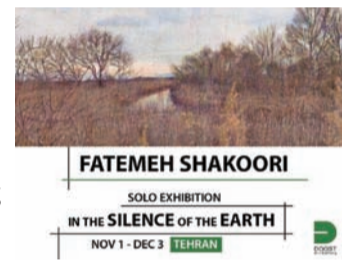
* Paintings by Fatemeh Shakouri are on display in an exhibition at Doost Gallery.

Entitled "In the Silence of the Earth", the exhibit will be running until December 3 at the gallery, which can be found at No. 4, 4th St. off Eshqyar St., Khorramshahr Ave.



* Bashgha Gallery is playing host to an exhibition of paintings by Mehdi Rahemi.

Entitled "Living Fragments", the exhibition will be running until November 15 at the gallery located at No.13, Hosseini St., Karim Khan Ave.



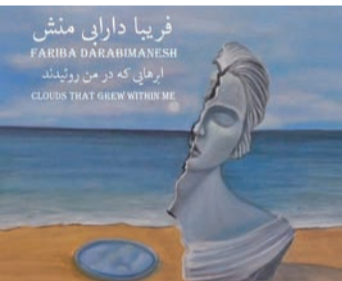
* An exhibition of paintings by Fariba Darabimanesht is underway at Ebteda Gallery.

The exhibition titled "Clouds That Grew Within Me" will run until November 5 at the gallery located at 35 Farrokhi Alley, near Vali-e Asr Square.



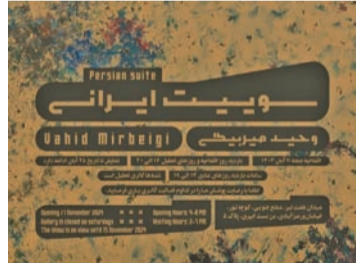
* Javid Gallery is hosting an exhibition of paintings by Saeid Chavari.

Entitled "Seven Domes", the exhibition runs until November 11 at the gallery that can be found at 17 Zartosht St., Vali-e Asr Ave.



* Paintings by Marjan Vanaki are currently on view in an exhibition at Shokuh Gallery.

Entitled "My Romance", the exhibit will continue until November 11 at the gallery located at 19 Amir Nuri Alley, North Salimi St. off Andarzgu Blvd.



* Nian Gallery is currently playing host to an exhibition of paintings by Vahid Mirbeigi.

The exhibition entitled "Persian Suite" will be running until November 15 at the gallery located at 5 Abhari Alley, Vafai St. off Tur St. off South Mofatteh St.

* Paintings by Soheila Haqiqat are currently on view in an exhibition at Vaali Gallery.

The exhibition named "Transformation Within" will continue until November 12 at the gallery located at 72 Khoddami St., Vanak Sq.



Photo

* Photos by Razi Miri are on display in an exhibition at Aria Gallery.

The exhibit entitled "Fissure" will be running until November 15 at the gallery located at No. 10 Zarrin Alley, near Beheshti St., Vali-e Asr Ave.

* An exhibition of photos by Nasrollah Kasraeian is underway at Yafteh Gallery.

The exhibition named "As I Have Seen" will run until November 15 at the gallery located at 8 Taleqani Dead End, Yarmohammadi St. in the Darus Neighborhood.



Iran's children's theater festival kicks off in Hamedan

TEHRAN- The 29th edition of Iran's International Theater Festival for Children and Young Adults opened in Hamedan on Friday, welcoming one of the most prominent theatrical events in the country.

The opening ceremony was attended by several distinguished Iranian artists in the field of children's theatre, cultural officials, high-ranking representatives from Hamadan province, and foreign participants of the event.

Among the esteemed artists present were Reza Babak, Alireza Khamseh, Majid Qanad, Amin Zendegani, Maryam Motaref, Mohammad Javad Kaboudarahangi, Soroush Jamshidi, Fariba Daliri, and Giti Qasemi, along with participating groups from the International Theatre section.

Speaking at the ceremony Masoud Vijeh, the Director General of Culture and Islamic Guidance in Hamadan stated that Hamadan, the capital of the history and civilization of Iran, is a center of cultural values.

"The city boasts numerous literary figures, and the true treasures of this city are its children."

He continued: "This festival returns to Hamadan after a year's absence, and this outcome is the result of the heartfelt cooperation of provincial officials, which has brought joy to the children of Hamadan."

He also condemned the atrocities committed by the Zionist regime in recent months, which have led to the martyrdom of innocent children in Gaza, stating: "Children in Gaza and Lebanon dream of peace returning to their lands. It is



vital that we honor the memory of the martyrs and safeguard the security we enjoy in our country. We hope that the children of Iran remain joyful in remembrance of the precious blood of the martyrs who achieved martyrdom for the peace of the people of Iran."

For his part the festival's secretary Amir Mashhadi Abbas expressed gratitude to the wonderful audience of Hamadan, stating: "I thank the people of Hamadan, who are the best audience in the world."

While providing a report on this year's festival, he stated that 59 performances will take place during the event, including six performances from six different countries.

Hamedan province's Governor-General Hamid Molanouri, in another part of the program, ex-

pressed his gratitude to the city of Hamadan and its officials, asserting that the opening ceremony was splendid and beautiful. He acknowledged the warm reception the citizens of Hamadan have for cultural programs.

He emphasized: "We need programs that inject enthusiasm and joy into the community, particularly for children and young adults; however, alongside this must come education, as we all know that nothing conveys concepts better than art. In this regard, theatre establishes a dialogue and connection with itself and its audience."

The 29th Iran's International Theater Festival for Children and Young Adults is organized by the Dramatic Arts Center of the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance, supported by Hamadan Municipality and in partnership with the

Hamadan province's Cultural and Islamic Guidance Office, as well as the Iranian Dramatic Arts Association.

The event aims at enhancing unity and companionship, growth, awareness, and the confidence of Iranian children through the medium of theatre as well as achieving social participation of children and adolescents, promoting public culture, strengthening the foundations of family and inter-generational communication, and educating citizens and increasing responsibility through the active participation of Iranian children and adolescents in the production of theatrical works.

With the motto "Theater: Dialogue Without Borders", the 29th edition of Iran's International Theater Festival for Children and Young Adults will run until November 7.

"Mahfel" Quranic program celebrates Iranian identity on Persian Gulf island of Abu Musa

TEHRAN- The popular Quranic program "Mahfel" was held on the Persian Gulf island of Abu Musa, located in southern Hormozgan province, on Friday.

This symbolic event was organized in response to recent claims made by the United Arab Emirates regarding Iran's three Persian Gulf islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb, and Lesser Tunb.

The event, attended by the residents of the island and the program crew, aimed to demonstrate the Iranian commitment to these islands, which are considered inseparable parts of Iran's territory.

Prominent Quranic scholars, including Hojatolislam Gholamreza Qasemian, Ahmad Abolqasemi, and Hamed Shakernejad participated as the judges for the program and gathering. Additionally, a group of Iranian girls donned traditional outfits from diverse ethnicities, performing songs in various Iranian

dialects to emphasize the unity and grandeur of Iran.

Young vocalist Hossein Haqiqi, known for his fervent dedication to Iran, delivered musical pieces including "Hello to the Future" and "Raise the Flag."

Brigadier General Ozmaei, Commander of the Fifth Naval Zone of the IRGC, referenced the martyrs from the island of Abu Musa who sacrificed their lives during the Sacred Defense and as the Defenders of The Shrine, stating: "The residents of this island will not allow the enemy to cast an evil eye on Iran's territorial waters."

The ceremony unfolded under the display of numerous Iranian flags flying high above the island, affirming the Iranian identity of Abu Musa.

On October 17, a joint meeting was held in Brussels featuring the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council and the European Union.

The final statement from this gathering included unfounded claims regarding Iran's territorial integrity, calling on Iran to end its alleged occupation of the three islands—Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb, and Abu Musa—that are claimed by the United Arab Emirates.

The statement asserted that this occupation violates the sovereignty of the UAE and contravenes the principles outlined in the United Nations Charter.

Legal experts indicate that when British colonial rule ended in the region in 1971, the newly established nations, including the UAE and Bahrain, rightfully transferred ownership of the islands to Iran, as all historical records affirm their Iranian heritage.

Following the EU's support for baseless claims regarding the three Persian Gulf islands, a widespread wave of solidarity for these islands has emerged among artists, social media activists, and various segments of society.

Short film "The Plain Sings" competing at Early Bird International Student Film Festival

TEHRAN-The Iranian short film "The Plain Sings" directed by Gita Feizi is present at the 20th Early Bird International Student Film Festival, underway in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The film depicts Zhina, a 13-year-old girl, who lives in a village with her family. she loves to sing and whenever she takes the sheep to pasture, she uses this opportunity to sing, but her father realizes that it can get her into trouble.

The 14-minute fiction is a production of 2024. Daria Kakaei,

Afshin Khedri, and Sara Ahmadnejad are in the cast, IRNA reported.

Born in Sanandaj, Kordestan Province, Gita Faizi, 27, has an associate degree in animation and a bachelor's degree in cinema, and she is a senior student of directing now."The Plain Sings" is her second short film.

The Early Bird International Student Film Festival is the biggest Bulgarian forum dedicated to support the creation of student short films. For two decades, the festival has remained

steadfast in its mission to empower emerging filmmakers, providing them with platform to showcase their work and connect with audiences around the world.

It was created by the American Foundation for Bulgaria in 2005 as a continuation of the successful initiative of the Foundation to support university students film projects.

The main goal of the festival has always been to present the specific point of view of the young filmmakers and their bold opinion on the topics of the day in

order to preserve a visual record of what excites them.

In an effort to be useful to the filmmakers Early Bird ISFF has special educational modules. Every year the festival organizes master classes and workshops - a place for discussions and exchange of experience between proven professionals in different spheres and the future ones.

Having launched on November 1, this year's edition of the festival will conclude on November 5.

Actress Fatemeh Mokhtari wins award at IndieFEST

TEHRAN-The Iranian short film "Stupid" directed by Meysam Mohammadhani won an award at the 15th IndieFEST, held in California, the U.S.

According to the list of winners announced last week, the movie received the Award of Recognition for Leading Actress for Fatemeh Mokhtari. The award is presented to the winners for their achievement in a specific category of entry, IRNA reported on Saturday.

A production of 2024, the 23-minute film is about Marzieh, a short student who lives in a

dormitory. She finds out that she is being teased by her roommates.

Fatemeh Mokhtari plays in the lead role as Marzieh along with Elham Ahmadi, Saghi Hajpour, Kimia Khalaj, Saeedeh Roudbaraki, and Motahare Musavi.

The IndieFEST is an international awards competition for independent filmmakers worldwide. It has been the premier virtual competition for serious Indie Filmmakers for 15 years. It is recognized for the talent it attracts - from stu-

dents, to first-time filmmakers to Oscar-Winners - and everyone in between.

For veteran Filmmakers - IndieFEST offers a brilliant starting point on your festival journey. It is a great predictor of future success on the festival circuit as well as interest for potential streaming services. For aspiring Filmmakers - the festival offers you an opportunity for valuable feedback in the form of any score it might receive and a chance to see how your projects compare to other indie films.