

# Thirst for Genocide

The West covers up Israeli unspeakable crimes and promotes its propaganda campaign



An injured man reacts while sitting on the rubble of a building hit by an Israeli strike in Beit Lahia, in the northern Gaza Strip, Oct. 29, 2024.

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## Iran's monthly non-oil exports rise over 62%

TEHRAN – The value of Iran's non-oil exports increased by 62.6 percent in the seventh Iranian calendar month of Mehr (September 22-October 21), according to the spokesman of the International Relations and Trade Development Committee of Iran's House of Industry, Mining and Trade.

Ruhollah Latifi told IRIB that Iran exported 18.359 million tons of non-oil commodities worth \$6.771 billion in the mentioned month, also registering a 58.6 percent increase in terms of weight.

Meanwhile, some 3.45 million tons of goods valued at \$6.927 billion were imported into the country in the said period, indicating a 21.4 percent rise in terms of value, and a 2.2 percent increase in terms of weight, year on year.

Iran's top export destination during this month was Iraq with \$2.78 billion worth of imports from the Islamic Republic, followed by China with \$1.434 billion, Turkey with \$925 million, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with over \$783 million, and Afghanistan with \$249 million.

Meanwhile, the country's top five sources of imports in the first month of autumn were the UAE with \$2.18 billion, China with \$1.755 billion, Turkey with \$1.442 billion, Germany with \$200 million, and Russia with \$161 million worth of imports. ▶ Page 4

## U.S. F-15 pilots detail 'overwhelming' battle during Iran's True Promise Operation

TEHRAN – The U.S. F-15 fighter pilots, weapons officers, and ground crew have shared vivid details of their experiences during Operation True Promise, a large-scale Iranian retaliatory attack involving over 300 drones, ballistic missiles, and cruise missiles against Israel on April 13.

As CNN reported in an article published on Friday, the unprecedented scale of the operation left U.S. pilots and military personnel overwhelmed, marking one of the most significant tests of American air power in recent history.

As Iranian drones and missiles filled the skies, U.S. F-15 pilots scrambled to respond. Fighter jets like the F-15E Strike Eagle, typically equipped with only eight air-to-air missiles, quickly ran out of ammunition during the relentless onslaught.

"We ran out of missiles pretty quickly...maybe 20 minutes," admitted Lt. Col. Curtis "Voodoo" Culver, one of the pilots who took part in the mission.

With their primary weapons exhausted, pilots resorted to high-risk maneuvers, including using their jet's onboard gun at dangerously low altitudes in near-total darkness to target drones. Maj. Benjamin "Irish" Coffey, another pilot involved in the operation, ▶ Page 3

## Israeli war on Lebanon fails: Colonial settlers' hopes are undermined

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT – Since the start of the US-led Israeli genocidal war against Gaza, the colonial settlers had not hesitated to push their regime to wage a war on Lebanon as well.

The occupation regime had accordingly set 2-3 weeks for a ground attack to dismantle Hezbollah's military capability, disarm it, and expel it beyond the Litani River.

However, nearly after two months, Hezbollah's missile attacks on the occupied Palestinian territories have not stopped, reaching as far south as Tel Aviv and Haifa, not to mention the displacement of tens of thousands of settlers.

Hezbollah has outstandingly held out. It is backed by political and diplomatic support that is led by the unshakable steadfastness of Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri.

Since the onset of the US-led Israeli war on Gaza in October 2023, according to unprecedented Israeli confessions, Hezbollah has destroyed about 60 Merkava tanks, bulldozers, vehicles and large drones, while about 100 occupation soldiers were killed and nearly 1,000 were injured. ▶ Page 5

## Hezbollah attacks Israeli Golani headquarters

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – The Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah continues to target Israeli military sites and troops, showing no signs of retreating from the battlefield.

The resistance movement announced on Saturday that its fighters have targeted "the Shiraga base (the administrative headquarters of the Golani Brigade) north of the occupied city of Akka, with a rocket barrage."

Meanwhile, the command headquarters of the Israeli infantry battalion of the 769th Eastern Brigade in the Ramim barracks was struck with a rocket barrage for the second time in a row.

As part of the Khaybar Operations series, Hezbollah said the Stella Maris naval base (a strategic base for maritime surveillance and control at the northern coast), located 35 kilometers from the Lebanese-Palestinian border northwest of Haifa, was targeted with a rocket barrage.

Also, under the Khaybar Operations on Saturday, the Lebanese resistance conducted an "aerial operation with a squadron of assault drones on the special naval task force unit Shayetet 13 at the Atlit base, south of occupied Haifa, hitting their targets precisely." ▶ Page 5

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## Iran defense minister arrives in damascus for military talks

TEHRAN – Iran's Minister of Defense Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh arrived in Damascus on Saturday at the official invitation of his Syrian counterpart as the two countries move to strengthen military cooperation.

Upon his arrival, the Iranian Minister emphasized the critical role that Syria plays in regional security and stability. "Everyone is aware of Syria's important position in the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran," he stated. The discussions planned during this visit aim to address common issues, particularly in the realms of security and defense.

The Minister highlighted that meetings with key political and military officials in Syria will focus on enhancing cooperation and exchanging valuable experiences between the two nations. "Based on the recommendations of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, we are ready to provide all capabilities to friendly countries," he added, reaffirming Iran's commitment to supporting its allies in the region.

## Italian translation of Ayatollah Khamenei's "Cell No. 14" unveiled in Rome

TEHRAN – The Italian translation of the book "Cell No. 14" which recounts the memoirs of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei during his imprisonment and exile before the 1979 Islamic Revolution, was unveiled on Friday in Rome, Italy.

The unveiling ceremony was organized by the Cultural Attaché Office of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Rome and was attended by several Italian scholars, cultural figures, and media representatives, IRNA reported.

Speaking at the event, the Iranian ambassador to Italy Mohammad Reza Sabouri described the book as a valuable work by Ayatollah Khamenei. "It is more than a collection of memoirs as it offers profound lessons in faith, perseverance, and the pursuit of lofty ideals," he emphasized. ▶ Page 8

## TEHRAN PAPERS

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

## The need to return to the technical path

In a note, Jam-e-Jam discussed the visit of Rafael Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to Tehran and Iran's nuclear case. It wrote: Grossi said that the Iranian government must understand that the international conditions are becoming more tense every day and Iran's opportunities for maneuver are decreasing. If we look at Grossi's statements with an optimistic view, it should be said that the way to close the Iran case and prevent the formation of new tension lies in Grossi's hands. The technical approach and the Agency's return to a professional and impartial procedure is the only solution for fetching up the negotiations because the Iranians have behaved with honesty many times, but they have seen no results other than disruption and non-compliance by the Westerners. Grossi should have a technical view of the Iran case if he wants to be known as a fair and professional person. He should pay attention to the fact that Iran not only is not going to cease its legal (nuclear) path or forego its rights, but the resumption of the failed game of maximum pressure by the Americans may lead to a change in Iran's nuclear strategy.

## Javan: Mutual dependence of Israel and 'Woman, Life, Freedom' movement on each other

In an analysis, Javan dealt with Netanyahu's clear support for the Women, Life, Freedom movement and said: In his recent message, Netanyahu fired the final shot and revealed the mutual dependence of the Zionists and the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement. The saboteurs were disappointed with the results of the economic sanctions to change the regime in Iran and are waiting for a military attack on Iran now. But among Iran's hostile governments, they do not hope for anyone but Netanyahu to attack Iran. Therefore, they have supported his crimes. Now that Netanyahu (who is on the verge of facing another missile attack from Iran) and his assassinations and attacks failed to create a kind of deterrence, they are hoping to weaken Iran through internal chaos with the help of saboteurs. Netanyahu knows that neither the Zionist missile attack nor the riots of the fall of 2022 were successful. Netanyahu and the Iranian saboteurs have tied their fate to each other, and revealing their connections should be taken as a good omen because it will lead to the destruction of both together.

## AEOI chief marks new milestone in Iran's burgeoning nuclear program

TEHRAN – Mohammad Eslami, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), has inaugurated the nation's first plasma-based processing factory for dry fruits in the southern province of Kerman.

The groundbreaking facility will enhance food safety and represent a significant transition of plasma technology from research to practical industrial applications.

In an opening ceremony held on Saturday, Eslami highlighted that this facility is the result of two decades of dedicated research.

The official highlighted that, historically, plasma technology in Iran has focused primarily on medical applications; however, this new initiative expands its reach to the food processing industry, leading to the establishment of the factory in Kerman.

"The AEOI is deeply committed to leveraging nuclear technology to address domestic challenges and to enhance the quality of life for our citizens," Eslami emphasized, reflecting Iran's broader goal of integrating advanced technologies into everyday applications for the benefit of the populace.

Eslami expressed optimism that this innovation will reduce export losses and promote wider integration of plasma technology within the agricultural sector.

The factory is set to process up to 6,000 tons of nuts annually in its initial phase. It boasts the capability to handle a variety of

## Donya-e-Eqtasad: Trump's special envoy in Ravani's room?

In an article, Donya-e-Eqtasad addressed the claim of the New York Times about the meeting of the trusted man of President-elect Donald Trump with the Iranian ambassador to the United Nations in New York. The paper said: Elon Musk, a close adviser to President-elect Trump met with Iran's ambassador to the United Nations in New York. Two Iranian officials described the meeting as a discussion on how to reduce tension between Iran and the United States. Musk has emerged as the most powerful private citizen and has been present at nearly all of Trump's job interviews for individuals. The first face-to-face meeting between a senior Iranian official and Musk raises the possibility of a change of tone between Tehran and Washington in the Trump administration, despite its bad record during his previous presidency. Iran had banned any negotiations with the Trump administration, but now after Trump's reelection, Iran is openly debating whether it can now reach a new and more stable deal with the United States.

## Ettelaat: Prediction of possible talks between Iran and US

In an interview with Mehdi Motaharnia, an analyst on international issues, Ettelaat dealt with the possibility of resuming negotiations between Iran and the United States and the opportunities and threats concerning the reelection of Donald Trump. He said: In the discussion about the possibility of talks between the Islamic Republic and the United States, we cannot be indifferent to the moves of the Zionist regime these days. In such a situation if Trump has a feeling that the Zionist regime is seeking to increase tension in the region and cannot create a deterrence, Israel's moves in the region will become more escalatory. It is predicted that the West wants to increase moves against Iran by supporting the Zionist regime. If Iran refuses to sit at a negotiating table in which the interests of the United States are not observed the West will create a situation in which Iran will face an economic crisis. The Pezeshkian government is trying to reduce tensions and create a basis for the resumption of a new round of negotiations through international consultations. Of course, it is complicated and perhaps impossible to conduct negotiations between Iran and the United States in a way that is favorable to Iran.



products, including pistachios, almonds, peanuts, corn, grains, oilseeds, and legumes, with a processing capacity of three tons per hour.

Iran's nuclear program has progressed significantly in several areas over the past years.

In April, Eslami announced that Iran has positioned itself among the top three countries globally in the production of agents used for diagnosing medical conditions and treating various diseases.

Iran has advanced its nuclear energy program in recent years too, raising its uranium enrichment levels in an effort to meet domestic energy demands.

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Since last October, the Israeli regime has significantly escalated its lethal assaults on Lebanon, killing over 3000 civilians and the destruction of approximately 100,000 homes. In retaliation, Hezbollah has launched hundreds of counteroperations against Is-



Ali Larijani, senior advisor to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, gets interviewed by Lebanon's Al Mayadeen TV on November 15, 2024.

raeli positions in the occupied territories in defense of the Lebanese populace.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Larijani described Hezbollah as a rational and strategic organization, distinguished by its wise and politically astute leadership. "Hezbollah is mature both in thought and action," he said.

Furthermore, the senior advisor to Iran's Leader emphasized that Lebanon's Resistance requires no external counsel; instead, they are often the ones who provide guidance to others, underscoring that "Iran trusts them and their decisions."

Highlighting Hezbollah's defensive operations against Israeli aggression, the Iranian official emphasized that the ongoing ground battle in South Lebanon demonstrates the failure and irrationality

of the Zionists.

## Bibi's pipe dream

Concerning Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claims about his desire to "reshape a new Middle East [West Asia]," Larijani asked, "With what power will he realize this dream?"

"Everything he relies on comes from America, yet what has he accomplished so far?" the senior official inquired, adding, "Netanyahu is dreaming big; let him dream."

Larijani also referenced past failures of similar colonial ambitions, reminding that during the July 2006 War on Lebanon, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice aimed to reshape West Asia, yet both the U.S. and Israel were unsuccessful in the face of Lebanese Resistance.

The senior adviser to Iran's Lead-

er asserted that the creation of a new West Asia is not dictated by individual leaders. "[the future] is in the hands of those who resist on the ground."

## Emerging generation of Resistance

Discussing the martyrdom of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, Larijani stated that the Israeli genocide in Gaza has cultivated a populace defined by unwavering resistance and determination.

He noted that the world witnessed the courageous stand of the martyred leaders against Israeli atrocities, inspiring the emergence of thousands of similar Resistance figures.

He expressed his belief in the cyclical nature of history, emphasizing that great individuals fight and sacrifice their lives, thus paving the way for new generations of Resistance fighters.

"Today, we see a remarkable generation nurtured under the guidance of Sayyed Nasrallah and Commander Soleimani — a generation of brave and capable leaders of whom we are proud," he asserted, adding that "this is the legacy of Nasrallah and Soleimani."

Moreover, Larijani denounced Israel's intentional targeting of the press, which has resulted in the martyrdom of journalists in Lebanon, emphasizing that this aggression demonstrates the malice of the Israeli enemy.

## Iran calls for UN intervention to stop Israeli war crimes in Syria

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei stated that Israel's expansion of aggression into neighboring countries, violating Syria's territorial integrity and sovereignty, constitutes a blatant breach of the UN Charter. He urged urgent UN Security Council action to stop the attacks and hold Israel accountable.

Baqaei warned of dire consequences from Israel's continued targeting of civilian infrastructure and mass killings, a violation of international and humanitarian law.

He further asserted that Israel's arms suppliers are complicit in these crimes, specifically naming the United States as the largest weapons and political supporter of Israel and therefore a partner in its crimes. He offered condolences to the Syrian government and people, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the families of the victims.

These attacks, he noted, occur amid the ongoing war on Gaza and southern Lebanon, where Israeli actions have resulted in the deaths of over 43,760 Palestinians and 3,287 people in Lebanon, alongside tens of thousands injured.

## Israeli crimes against Iran

Also on Saturday, Iran's UN mission demanded the Security Council hold Israel ac-

countable for over four decades of aggression against the Islamic Republic.

Letters to UN Secretary-General António Guterres, Security Council President Barbara Woodward, and General Assembly President Philemon Yang detailed a sustained campaign of Israeli state terrorism, including assassinations, attacks on diplomatic facilities, and sabotage of Iran's nuclear program.

The mission cited the 1982 abduction of four Iranian diplomats in Lebanon as the starting point of this pattern of aggression, highlighting more recent incidents such as the September 17, 2024, attack on Iran's ambassador to Lebanon, the April 1, 2024, assault on Iranian diplomatic premises in Damascus, and the October 26, 2024, violation of Iranian sovereignty.

These actions, the letters stated, constitute gross violations of international law and the UN Charter.

After over a year of unchecked Israeli violence across West Asia, the UN and other international bodies have yet to take any decisive action against the regime, mainly due to pressure from Western politicians.



Family members of Lebanese fighters martyred in the fight against Israel gathered in Tehran on November 16, 2024, during which the Lebanese flag was raised atop the Iran Tower

## All Iranian consular services in Germany now in Berlin after closure of 3 consulates

TEHRAN – Following the closure of Iranian consulates in Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Munich, the Iranian Embassy in Berlin announced the centralization of all consular services at its location, effective November 18th.

On Saturday, a notice to Iranians in Germany explained that all consular services previously offered at the three closed consulates will now be provided exclusively at the Berlin embassy.

The embassy's announcement noted that per instructions from Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, other Iranian diplomatic missions in Europe will also be offering support to Iranian citizens in Germany.

Last month, Germany announced the closure of Iran's three consulates in the country citing the death of a "German citizen" in Iran.

Jamshid Sharmahd, a notorious terror ringleader responsible for a harrowing 2008 bombing that killed 14 civilians, had been sentenced to death by Iran's judiciary but died in October before he could be brought to justice.

Sharmahd led the Tondar terrorist group and often appeared on Western-based TV channels to boast about his killing of innocent civilians.

Germany's decision to overlook the needs of over 250,000 Iranian citizens living in the European country in support of a terrorist drew the ire of both the Iranian people and Iranian officials, with Foreign Minister Araghchi asking his German counterpart to stop hiding behind "hypocritical human rights slogans."

"A German passport does not provide impunity to anyone, let alone a terrorist criminal," the top diplomat said on X, adding, "Your government is an accomplice in the ongoing Israeli genocide. Germany is the No.2 provider of lethal weapons to Israel for its genocidal campaign in Gaza and carnage in Lebanon. Look around. Even your own people ridicule your arrogant human rights claims."

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The court's verdict states that



the families continue to live in a state of distress and fear due to the loss of their family members and their memories of their beloved ones' brutal murder.

The court determined that the actions of U.S.-supported terrorist groups and the martyrdom of those who helped defend Iraq and Syria have caused irreparable physical and mental injuries,

as well as financial and spiritual losses, to the families.

Iranian military advisors that helped vanquish Daesh in the two Arab countries are known as "Holy Shrine defenders" inside Iran, as both Iraq and Syria are home to tombs of prominent Shia figures.

In June 2024, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei praised the move-

ment of the Holy Shrine defenders for saving Iran and the region. He emphasized the importance of considering international and regional factors in any movement or revolution, citing examples of past Iranian struggles that were hindered by a focus on domestic issues and neglect of foreign interference.

Ayatollah Khamenei also highlighted the violent and inhumane nature of ISIS and similar groups, which were supported by the U.S. and the West. He stated that the goal of these organizations was to destabilize the region, including Iran, but the Holy Shrine defenders successfully countered this threat.

The commander who spearheaded the fight against Daesh during the 2010s, Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, was assassinated in a U.S. drone attack in 2020.

## President Pezeshkian pushes for speedy completion of North-South railway corridor

TEHRAN – In a high-level meeting on Saturday, Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian emphasized the urgency of expediting construction on key segments of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).

The session, attended by the Minister of Roads and Urban Development, Farzaneh Sadegh, and Iran's Ambassador to Russia, Kazem Jalali, highlighted progress and challenges in developing the railway link between Astara and Rasht.

The North-South Corridor, a critical transit route connecting the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea and beyond, has been a focal point for Iranian infrastructure development. Stretching 7,200 kilometers, the INSTC integrates maritime, rail, and road transport, facilitating trade between South Asia, Central Asia, Russia, and Europe. It is expected to bolster Iran's role as a regional trade hub and enhance economic ties with Russia.

During the meeting, Pezeshkian reiterated the importance of accelerating land acquisition along the Astara-Rasht route, a key barrier to progress. He directed the Ministry of Roads to prioritize this task, assuring that necessary financial resources would be allocated swiftly.

Minister Sadegh acknowledged that funding constraints remain the primary hurdle to completing land acquisition. In response, the President issued directives to overcome these limitations, signaling Iran's commit-



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian hold talks with Farzaneh Sadegh, Minister of Transport and Urban Development, and other officials in Tehran, November 16, 2024.

ment to this vital project.

Ambassador Jalali provided an update on Russia's involvement, emphasizing Moscow's keen interest in fast-tracking the corridor's development. He revealed that Russian officials are not only invested in the Rasht-Astara line but also propose constructing a separate rail link from Parsabad to Bandar Abbas using Russian-standard gauge tracks.

President Pezeshkian expressed enthusiasm for both projects, noting their potential to transform Iran's transportation landscape.

"Expanding our rail network from north to south benefits our economy and the people. These projects, executed in parallel, will serve as a cornerstone for improved connectivity and trade," he remarked.

The Rasht-Astara railway, a 163-kilometer segment funded by a €1.6 billion Russian investment, is slated for completion within 48 months. This project will feature nine stations and significantly enhance cargo transit capacity, contributing to the broader INSTC.

(See full text at [tehrantimes.com](http://tehrantimes.com))

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Lt. Col. Timothy "Diesel" Causey acknowledged the military's lack of preparation for such an event, admitting, "We hadn't started practicing on a large scale for this kind of attack."

The drones, designed to evade radar detection, challenged even the most sophisticated systems aboard U.S. fighter jets. Pilots struggled to "find, fix, track, and target" the slow-moving aerial threats, highlighting a gap in current U.S. defensive capabilities.

Moreover, the situation on the ground at a U.S. military base in West Asia was equally chaotic. As Iranian missiles and drones targeted the base, personnel worked under constant threat, refueling and rearming jets amid ex-

plosions and falling debris.

Iran's use of high-impact drones challenged the conventional reliance on expensive, high-tech fighter jets and advanced missile systems.

True Promise Operation inflicted damage on Israeli military bases across the occupied lands. The operation came after the Israeli attack on April 1 against the Iranian consulate in Damascus, located next to the embassy building in Damascus's Mezzeh district.

The Israeli airstrike killed two senior Iranian military personnel who were on an advisory mission to Syria as well as five of their accompanying officers.

## Tehran to continue 'legal' pursuit of U.S. assassination of Gen. Soleimani

TEHRAN – Iran has reiterated its commitment to pursuing legal action against the United States for the assassination of Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, dismissing a Wall Street Journal report alleging that Iran has discussed how it's going to avenge the commander's martyrdom with authorities in Washington.

The Iranian mission to the UN stated that Iran has consistently pursued legal avenues to address General Soleimani's assassination, rejecting the WSJ report of a secret deal to de-escalate tensions as unsubstantiated.

The U.S. has repeatedly accused Iran of plotting assassinations of American officials in retaliation for the January 3, 2020, drone strike that martyred General Soleimani, Iraq commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, and others. Iran's UN mission emphasized that it does not comment on the specifics of communications between the two countries but that its pursuit of justice in the General Soleimani case adheres to international law.

The statement follows Iran's June indictment of U.S. officials and its January demand for arbitration under the 1973 Protection of Diplomats Convention, citing the assassination as a violation of this anti-terrorism treaty.

General Soleimani spearheaded the fight against Daesh Terrorists in Iraq and Syria in the 2010s. He is widely known as a national hero inside Iran, with his funeral ceremony drawing millions of people to the streets across the country.

### Hamidnezhad wins silver at IFSC Youth Asian Championships

TEHRAN – Mahdisa Hamidnezhad of Iran won a silver medal at the IFSC Youth Asian Championships Jamshedpur 2024 on Friday.

She came second in youth female boulder division with 2 tops and 3 zones each in positions 4 and 9.

Japanese climber Saaya Ishikuro (2T4z 4 6) claimed the gold medal and her compatriot Miu Ito (1T4z 2 8) seized the bronze.

The IFSC Asian Youth Sport Climbing Championship 2024 is being held at the TSAF Sport Climbing Academy, JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur, India from November 14 to 17.

### Iran to meet U.S. at 2024 Cerebral Palsy World Cup quarters

TEHRAN – Iran's football team defeated Germany 4-0 in Group D of the 2024 Cerebral Palsy World Cup underway in Salou, Spain Friday night.

Amirmehdi Rahimabadi (two goals), Shamseddin Shahbazi and Amin Rezaei were on target for the Iranian outfit.

Iran had previously defeated Venezuela 4-0 and Ireland 3-0 in their first two matches.

Team Melli will face the U.S. on Sunday in the quarterfinals.

Germany also advanced to the next stage as the group's runners-up and will play the Netherlands.

The 2024 IFCPF World Cup continues IFCPF's commitment to promoting CP Football, a sport recognized by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and featured in the Paralympic Games since 1984.

The World Cup Final will be held on Friday, Nov. 22.

### Iran's women football team to play Jordan

TEHRAN – Iran's women football team will play two friendly matches with Jordan in Amman.

Team Melli Banovan will hold a six-day training camp from November 21 to 26 in Tehran.

The team will travel to Amman, capital of Jordan Nov. 26.

Maryam Azmoun's team will meet Jordan on Nov. 28 and Dec. 1 in two friendly matches.

Azmoun has called up 24 players to the national team.

### Sabre coach Rahbari aims for medals at 2028 Olympics

TEHRAN – Iran's newly-appointed sabre coach Mohammad Rahbari says that they have set their sight on winning medal in the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Under his leadership, Iran's sabre team won a silver medal at the 2024/25 Oran Sabre World Cup last week.

As a player, Rahbari has won two silver medals in the 2014 and 2018 Asian Games and he represented Iran at the 2020 Olympic Games.

Team Melli defeated the U.S., Ukraine and the U.S. but lost to South Korea in the final match.

"From now on we just think about 2028 LA. The team need change and we have to bring new blood into the team. The young and talented players have the chance to wear the national team's jersey and the deserved fencers will be invited to the national team," Rahbari said in an interview with Tehran Times.

"The 2026 Asian Games in Nagoya is an

opportunity for us to field our new team. The young fencers should show us how capable they are," he added.

"On equal terms, if a youth and a senior player get the same score, we will choose the young player for the competition. Because, as I mentioned, we are ambitious and have targeted medals in the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles," Rahbari concluded.

### Saman Ghoddos misses Kyrgyzstan match

TEHRAN – Iran national football team winger Saman Ghoddos has missed the match against Kyrgyzstan after suffering a hamstring injury.

Team Melli are scheduled to meet the Central Asian team in Group A of the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifier on Tuesday.

Ghoddos, 31, will travel to Dubai for treatment in his club Kalba.

Iran national football team lead the group with 13 points, while Kyrgyzstan sit fifth with three points.

### Mes beat Kazma at Asian Club League Handball Championship

TEHRAN – Sanat Mes of Iran defeated Kazma of Kuwait 26-20 at the 27th Asian Men's Club League Handball Championship on Saturday.

Mes Kerman's Reza Shojaei was also named the Man of the Match.

Sanat Mes had lost to Khaleej Club of Saudi Arabia 31-22 in Group B in their opening match and defeated Oman's Ahli Sidab 33-19 in the second match.

Mes are scheduled to meet Al Duhail of Qatar on Sunday.

The event is taking place from November 11 to 22 and serves as a qualifier for the 2025 IHF Super Globe.

Khaleej Club entered the tournament as the defending champion, having secured its first title in the 2023 edition held in Sabah Al-Salem, Kuwait.

Alongside Khaleej Club (Saudi Arabia), four other participating clubs have previously claimed the championship. Al-Duhail SC (Qatar) has won the title twice. Kazma SC (Kuwait) clinched the title in the first two editions, held in 1998 and 1999. The host, Al-Rayyan SC (Qatar), and Al-Kuwait SC (Kuwait) have each won the title once.

### Jahanbakhsh looks for warm welcome against Feyenoord

TEHRAN – After the international break, Alireza Jahanbakhsh will return to De Kuip, but this time with SC Heerenveen.

The attacker hopes for a warm welcome from Het Legioen, when the Frisians will take on Rotterdamers, slated for November 23.

"I'm looking forward to that. I hope for a warm welcome from the Feyenoord fans," Jahanbakhsh told Football International.

"When I played with Feyenoord against AZ and NEC, it was always nice to experience. I hope it goes the same way at Feyenoord. Like I said, I had a good time there in which I have gained many good memories. Hopefully it will be a nice evening," he added.

Jahanbakhsh has a good relationship with the SC Heerenveen head coach Robin van Persie.

"Of course, I still know him from Feyenoord, where he joined the training a few times a week to work with the attackers. I have had a good relationship with him since then. He called me to talk about the situation at Heerenveen, and that was a good conversation. I would like to convey my experience to the boys," said Jahanbakhsh.

## Iran's monthly non-oil exports rise over 62%



TEHRAN - The value of Iran's non-oil exports increased by 62.6 percent in the seventh Iranian calendar month of Mehr (September 22-October 21), according to the spokesman of the International Relations and Trade Development Committee of Iran's House of Industry, Mining and Trade.

Ruhollah Latifi told IRIB that Iran exported 18.359 million tons of non-oil commodities worth \$6.771 billion in the mentioned month, also registering a 58.6 percent increase in terms of weight.

Meanwhile, some 3.45 million tons of goods valued at \$6.927 billion were imported into the country in the said period, indicating a 21.4 percent rise in terms of value, and a 2.2 percent increase in terms of weight, year on year.

Iran's top export destination during this month was Iraq with \$2.78 billion worth of imports from the Islamic Republic, followed by China with \$1.434 billion, Turkey with \$925 million, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with over \$783 million, and Afghanistan with \$249 million.

## Car tire production increases 11% in H1

TEHRAN - Iranian tire manufacturers produced 131,733 tons (over 12.732 million) of car tires in the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-September 21), registering an 11-percent rise from the output in the first half of the previous year.

According to Mostafa Tanha, the spokesman of the Iranian Tire Syndicate, currently nearly 70 percent of the country's tire need is supplied by domestic producers and only one-third is imported, IRIB reported.

Production of the tires of agricultural vehicles experienced a decline of eight percent to stand at 4,436 tons, and that of road building and industrial vehicles increased 47 percent to 1,319 tons in the period under review.

The tire industry has a 60-year history in Iran. Currently, 11 tire manufacturing companies



are active across the country that produce tires for passenger cars, trucks, buses, vans, road construction, and agriculture machinery, as well as bicycles and motorcycles in addition to other types of tubes.

Some 15,000 people are directly employed in this industry and more than 250,000 people are indirectly involved in the value chain of this industry.

## TESPIX gains 45,490 points on Saturday

TEHRAN- TESPIX, the main index of the Tehran Stock Exchange (TSE), rose 45,490 points to 2,192,459 on Saturday, which is the first day of the Iranian calendar week.

TSE is one of the four Iranian stock exchanges, and the most important one. The other three ones are Iran Mercantile Exchange (IME), Iran Energy Exchange (IRENEX), and Iran's over-the-counter (OTC) market, known as Iran Fara Bourse (IFB).

In mid-September, the head of Iran Securities and Exchange Organization (SEO) said the entity will take the necessary measures to ensure that the direct and indirect interests of the stock market are considered in next year's budget bill.

"We are taking special measures in relation to the budget bill and issues that directly or indirectly affect the capital market," Hojatollah Seyedi stated.

He has also said that improving the stock market's efficiency is the main priority of the SEO in the current government administration.

"In the 14th government, our mission is to protect the rights and interests of shareholders, facilitate the formation of capital, and improve the efficiency of the market which is the priority of the SEO programs," Seyedi underlined.

"The capacities of the capital market are huge and I believe that this market has room for a leap and now we are on the threshold of that leap," the official further noted.

"Now, in addition to great capital and capabilities of the companies, we have powerful workforces, investors and competent managers in the market, so there is no reason why our capital market should not develop and reach

at least 300 to 400 billion dollars of gross domestic product," he added.

Emphasizing that big steps should be taken in this regard, the official continued: "I have decided to work to this end with high motivation to play a small role in the development of the country."

The head of the Securities and Exchange Organization pointed to the capital market as a regulatory and supervisory body and said: "In this regard, our mission is to protect the rights of shareholders, promote market efficiency and facilitate capital formation, which are connected to each other like the sides of a triangle. But the question is, which of these factors can be the driving force as a more independent variable?"

"The important variable is the improvement of market efficiency, that is, the formation of more capital, which, in addition to increasing capital, also preserves the rights of shareholders," he finally said.

In late January, the deputy governor of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) stressed the need for diverse financing tools in the country, noting that such tools are currently being provided by the stock market.

"To reduce the speculative and profit-seeking activities of dealers in the country, financing tools should be diversified," Mohammad Shirjani said.

"The capital market is an institution that directs capital to production in an efficient manner. Now, to accelerate the process of resource transfer and high productivity, the financing should be directed to the enterprises," the official explained.

# Iran, Uzbekistan discuss expansion of railway co-op

TEHRAN - The head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways (RAI) has announced Iran's readiness to transport 10 to 15 million tons of rail freight annually from Sarakhs, Incheh Borun, Amir-Abad, Caspian and Astara crossings.

Jabar-Ali Zakeri made the remarks in a meeting with Nurlan Sauranbayev, the head of Kazakhstan National Railways Temir Zholy, on the sidelines of the 81st meeting of the Council for Rail Transport of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

"In order to activate the International North-South Transit Corridor (INSTC), the volume of exchanges must be increased, and despite the bottlenecks, if the volume of cargo is ensured, it is



possible to increase the capacity," Zakeri said at the meeting.

Sauranbayev, for his part, referred to his country's interest in the development of transit and transport cooperation with neighboring countries and said: "The

position of Kazakhstan's railway is such that it plays an essential role in the region's transit, and I hope that we can work together to transport four million tons of cargo through the North-South corridor."

He thanked the Iranian Railways for reducing freight tariffs and reducing the time of cargo processing, and added: "Kazakhstan has the ability to send 15 million tons of cargo annually through this corridor (NISTC), and for this purpose we need more cooperation from Iran."

The official invited Zakeri to pay an official visit to Kazakhstan.

The 81st meeting of the CIS Rail Transport Council was held earlier this month concurrently with the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Uzbekistan Railways, and on the sidelines of the event, Zakeri also held talks with the head of the railways of Uzbekistan to discuss ways of increasing international rail transport between the two countries.

## SP refineries supplying 613 mcm/d of gas to national network

TEHRAN - Head of South Pars Gas Complex (SPGC) Gholam-Abbas Hosseini says South Pars refineries are currently supplying 613 million cubic meters per day (mcm/d) of natural gas to the country's national network.

In an interview with Shana, Hosseini outlined the complex's performance, including high-quality maintenance, stable gas production and byproducts, collaboration with knowledge-based companies, and the flare reduction project in the thirteen refineries of South Pars.

According to the official, since establishing the South Pars Complex 26 years ago, 2,126 billion cubic meters of natural gas have been processed and injected into the national network.

He also noted that the complex has been able to play a critical role in the country's economic growth by conducting significant maintenance, implementing innovative measures, collaborating with knowledge-based and domestic manufacturers, sending sweet gas to the national pipeline, supplying feedstock to petrochemicals located in South Pars region, and increasing the volume of exports.

The flare reduction project is one of the most important operational projects this year in the South Pars Complex, Hosseini added.

Regarding the amount of gas received from the South Pars platforms since the beginning of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20), he announced that over 130 billion cubic meters of gas have been received and entered the refineries of the South Pars Gas Complex.

According to Hosseini, since the beginning of this year, over 113 billion cubic meters of gas have been sweetened and injected into the national pipeline as well.

He also referred to the production of other products from this complex since the beginning of this Iranian calendar year, stating that during this period, over 11 million tons of ethane, 139 million barrels of gas condensate, 1.9 million tons of propane, and 370 thousand tons of sulfur have been produced across the refineries of the South Pars Gas Complex.

Hosseini mentioned sending feedstock to the petrochemicals in the South Pars region and the Persian Gulf Star Refinery, noting that through this year, over 2.2 million tons of feedstock have been delivered to the local petrochemicals and over 100 million barrels of gas condensate to the Persian Gulf Star Refinery.

Regarding maintenance, he said that maintenance of all refineries in 2024 started on April 23 and successfully ended on November 7, adding that the primary objective of the maintenance process is to cover all the operational and engineering requirements to ensure stable gas production during the cold season while emphasizing safety.

Hosseini highlighted that this year's overhaul program included over 22,000 types of fixed equipment, valves, electrical, and instrumentation tools across the South Pars refineries, aiming to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the equipment.

He also mentioned that with the implementation of short-term projects, the gas flare emissions from all twelve refineries combined would be reduced by about 1.2 billion cubic meters annually compared to 2021.

He explained that these short-term flare gas emissions reduction projects made good progress by the end of 2023, and it is expected that by completing these projects by the end of this year, the flare gas emissions will drop



from 8.7 million cubic meters per day to 5.3 million cubic meters while it is currently at 7.4 million cubic meters per day.

Hosseini stated that following directives from the president and oil minister, activities regarding the purchase, execution, and bidding for flare gas have commenced, and they hope to achieve favorable outcomes this year.

He acknowledged that upon completion of the flare gas selling projects, the emissions would be further reduced by about 900 million cubic meters annually, with projections suggesting flare gas burning could reach about 3 million cubic meters daily.

Hosseini also reminded that project progress reports are monitored in weekly meetings involving the head of the complex and the director of coordination and oversight over national gas production, with solutions proposed for challenges and bottlenecks.

Emphasizing the use of domestic capacity, Hosseini stated that the thirteen refineries of South Pars have achieved a 90 percent utilization rate of domestic production and equipment while supporting knowledge-based companies and Iranian youth, and have registered the highest volume of domestic equipment usage within the Oil Ministry's subsidiaries.

## Annual MTCP alumni gathering in Tehran celebrates Malaysia-Iran ties

TEHRAN- The Malaysian Embassy in Tehran recently hosted its much-anticipated annual gathering for alumni of the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) on November 15, 2024 at Nakaya Restaurant.

The event brought together 50 MTCP alumni, as well as members of the media, to celebrate the strong ties fostered between Malaysia and Iran.

Since 1980, MTCP has created opportunities for participants worldwide to gain skills and build networks, and Iranian alumni have been active contributors, applying their expertise in sectors ranging from finance to disaster response.

Addressing the ceremony, Malaysian Ambassador to Iran Khairi bin Omar expressed pride in the accomplishments of these alum-

ni, noting, "Our MTCP alumni are more than just participants—they are ambassadors for the shared values and goals that define the Malaysia-Iran relationship."

The gathering included discussions on the alumni's achievements and collaborative projects and underscored the Embassy's commitment to sustaining strong connections with Iran through knowledge-sharing and capaci-

ty-building.

Alumni were able to reconnect, share experiences, and explore new possibilities for joint initiatives, emphasizing the lasting impact of MTCP in Iran.

The Embassy looks forward to deepening these partnerships and supporting new avenues of cooperation in the future.

## Export from Semnan province up 63% in 7 months on year

TEHRAN - As announced by a provincial official, the value of non-oil export from Semnan province rose 63 percent during the first seven months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20-October 21), as compared to the same period of time in the past year.

Morteza Hajian-Nejad, the director-general of Semnan province's Customs Department, said that 245,000 tons of commodities worth over \$134 million were exported from the province in the seven-month period, indicating also 26 percent rise in terms of weight year on year.

He mentioned Iraq, Afghanistan, Russia, Pakistan, and Turkey as the main export destinations of the products exported from the province in the said time span.

Semnan province is one of the 31 Provinces of Iran. It is in the north of the country. Its capital is the city of Semnan.

The province of Semnan covers an area of

96,816 square kilometers and stretches along the Alborz mountain range, bordering desert in its southern parts.

The province is divided into two parts: a mountainous region and the plains at the foot of the mountains.

The province neighbors Golestan and Mazandaran Provinces to the north, North Khorasan Province to the northeast, Tehran and Qom Provinces to the west, Isfahan Province to the south, South Khorasan Province to the southeast, and Khorasan Razavi Province to the east.

As previously announced by the former head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA), the value of Iran's foreign trade reached \$99.7 billion during the first seven months of the present Iranian year.

Mohammad Rezvanifar said that of the mentioned figure, \$60.2 billion was the value of the country's export, and \$39.5 billion was the worth of the import.

He put the value of non-oil export at \$32.5 billion, the oil export at \$27 billion, and technical-engineering export at \$700 million in the seven-month period.

Saying that the value of the country's non-oil export rose 15 percent in the first seven months of this year, as compared to the same period of time in the past year, the official put the weight of non-oil export at 88.7 million tons in the mentioned seven-month, with 11.48 percent growth, year on year.

He further put the weight of the seven-month import at 21.7 million tons.

According to Rezvanifar, the average value of each ton of exported goods has increased by three percent to \$367 and the average worth of each ton of imported products has risen six percent to \$1,819 in the first seven months of this year, as compared to the same time span of the past year.

# Thirst for genocide

## The West covers up Israeli unspeakable crimes and promotes its propaganda campaign

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN - Nothing is more synonymous with genocide than slaughtering defenseless civilians, in particular women and children.

Israel has committed this heinous act over the past decades, especially since launching war on Gaza on October 7, 2023.

More than a year into the conflict, the Israeli army has butchered nearly 44,000 Palestinians. According to the United Nations Human Rights Office, almost 70 percent of the victims are women and children.

Israel has internally displaced almost all of the Gaza Strip's 2.3 million population.

Israel also launched a new offensive in northern Gaza last month. It has obstructed the delivery of essentials such as food to Jabaliya, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun since the offensive and tightened siege began on October 5.

Experts have warned the United Nations Security Council that famine is "occurring or imminent" in parts of northern Gaza.

The regime remains accused of carrying out an ethnic cleansing campaign in northern Gaza to expel Palestinians and pave the ground for settlers to move in.

Israel claims that its strikes in Gaza target Hamas fighters and denies committing genocide in the enclave.

Nonetheless, a UN special



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**A UN special committee says Israel is running an "apartheid system" in the West Bank likening the regime's actions in Gaza to genocide.**

It said in a report that Israel's war conduct in Gaza "is consistent with the characteristics of

genocide."

"Through its siege over Gaza, obstruction of humanitarian aid, alongside targeted attacks and killing of civilians and aid workers, despite repeated UN appeals, binding orders from the International Court of Justice and resolutions of the Security Council, Israel is intentionally causing death, starvation and serious injury, using starvation as a method of war and inflicting collective punishment on the Palestinian population," the committee, which is composed of three UN member states, namely Malaysia, Senegal and Sri Lanka, added.

The report further said civilians have been indiscriminately and disproportionately killed en

masse in Gaza.

The committee also touched upon Israel's crimes in the West Bank. It said the regime is running an "apartheid system" in the West Bank, including in East Jerusalem (al-Quds).

Israeli forces and settlers have killed more than 700 Palestinians in the West Bank since the start of the war on Gaza.

Israel already stands accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

In January, the ICJ responded to the genocide case brought by South Africa. It ordered Israel to refrain from acts violating the Genocide Convention, prevent and punish incitement to genocide and ensure that humanitarian aid would reach Gaza citizens.

But Israel has turned a blind eye to the ruling and massacred more Palestinians.

Israel has made a mockery of international law. The regime tries to justify its brutal strikes in Gaza by arguing that it has the right to defend itself against attacks carried out by resistance fighters.

Israel smears resistance fighters while its Western allies, especially the United States, echo its propaganda.

The increasing global outrage over Israel's atrocities in Gaza, which have extended into Lebanon since mid-September, indicates that the propaganda efforts of Israel and its Western allies have fallen flat.

## Israeli war on Lebanon fails: Colonial settlers' hopes are undermined

Hezbollah's rise, following the Pager and Talkie-Walkie Massacre and the assassination of Hezbollah leaders, has highly embarrassed both the Israeli military and political circles, especially as the invaders have failed to occupy any Lebanese border village, though the regime has destroyed large residential neighborhoods with American-supplied fighter jets and bombs.

Thanks to this humiliation, the settlers' support for the aggression against Lebanon has declined from 67% to 46%, as Hezbollah's rise has dealt a severe blow to the occupation regime's leaders who were intoxicated by imaginary victories.

Hebrew media has published a clip of a fleeing Zionist settler asking: "Where is the victory over Hezbollah? How can a defeated organization launch 90 rockets in half an hour? No one should deceive us with imaginary victories!"

Yedioth Ahronoth has confirmed that more than 80% of small business owners in the occupied eastern Galilee and Golan are suffering from a decline of more than 65% in their financial revenues, as the aggression on Lebanon has paralyzed industry, agriculture, trade, and tourism, in addition to the daily deaths and injuries.

Yona Yahav, Haifa's mayor, has also said Israel is facing an unprecedented economic crisis. "After Hezbollah launched about 100 rockets towards the Krayot Complex, the economy in the city is collapsing sharply, which will negatively affect all parts of Israel," the mayor stated.

Between October 2023 and August 2024, according to data released by the Zionist regime, the Israeli government paid about 4.4 billion shekels (more than a billion USD) indirectly in compensation for damages incurred by investment companies in the occupied

northern territories due to Hezbollah's missile and drone strikes.

Obviously, the colonial settlers feel quite disappointed with the failure of Egoz and Sayeret Matkal – two of the Israeli elite forces – to make any progress in the valleys and hills of Lebanon, which are full of surprises, while Smotrich's wailing rises as he moves from one funeral to another, exposing the terrible psychological humiliation among the Zionist occupiers.

Who knows what Hezbollah has in store for the coming days: Unexpected field and operational tactics? Capturing or assassinating Zionist soldiers and officers? Shooting down military helicopters? Counter-invasion into the occupied Palestinian territories? etc.

Hezbollah – along with other forces of the pro-Resistance Axis – will humiliate the Zionist invaders and protect their sovereign rights.

## Picking Mike Huckabee for ambassador to Israel spells more misery for Palestinians

By Benjamin Hardy

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, our incoming ambassador to Israel, has never been shy about his opinions on the Middle East: Palestinian land belongs to Israel alone, and Palestinians themselves do not exist as a people.

As ugly as that rhetoric is, though, is it really worse than the blood-soaked reality on the ground today in Gaza, Lebanon and the West Bank – a situation the Biden administration has helped create with billions of dollars worth of weapons? In my opinion, no.

Donald Trump's appointment of Huckabee and other hardliners shows just how little the president-elect cares about what happens to Palestinians – no surprise there. The idea that a vote for Trump might serve to end the war was always terribly misguided.

But personally, I can't blame Arab-Americans in Michigan or any other voters who withheld support for Kamala Harris over the killing in Gaza. Because the fact is that there's less daylight than Democrats would

care to admit between the explicitly stated position of zealots like Mike Huckabee and the tacit position of the U.S. under Biden, Trump, Obama and all the presidents before them who have not only excused Israel's abuses toward Palestinians but supplied the Israeli with an endless stream of military aid.

Here's Huckabee on the 2008 presidential campaign trail, responding to two Orthodox Jewish men who asked the former governor his thoughts on establishing a Palestinian state somewhere outside of Israel and the occupied territories. (That's the land in the West Bank and Gaza Strip that by rights belong to Palestine, but which Israel has occupied ever since the 1967 war between Israel and neighboring Arab states.) Video of the exchange was published by BuzzFeed News in 2015, when Huckabee was seeking the 2016 GOP nomination.

"Basically, there really is no such thing as – I need to be careful about saying this, because people will really get upset – there's really no such thing as a Palestinian,"

Huckabee says. "There's not."

The men he's speaking to nod and smile. "Finally, someone said it!" a person says off camera.

Huckabee continues: "You have Arabs and Persians, and there's such complexity in that. But there's really no such thing. That's been a political tool to try and force land away from Israel."

Do the millions of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza exist simply as a "political tool" to be used against Israel? Radical as that may sound, it's not exactly a new sentiment, or even a marginal one in Israeli politics. The most infamous instance of the line came from Israeli prime minister Golda Meir – whom President Joe Biden has often bragged about meeting as a young senator – in a 1969 interview with a British newspaper:

There was no such thing as Palestinians. When was there an independent Palestinian people with a Palestinian state? It was either southern Syria before the First World War and then it was a Palestine including Jordan. It was not

as though there was a Palestinian people in Palestine considering itself as a Palestinian people and we came and threw them out and took their country from them. They did not exist.

What Meir meant then, and what Huckabee and similar hardliners mean today, is presumably that "Palestinians" are a subset of Arabs who did not have their own national identity before Israel's declaration of independence gave it shape. How the Palestinians themselves see the situation doesn't matter to pro-Israel hardliners, of course.

The goal of such rhetoric is to disguise the undeniable fact that Israel – like the United States! – was built on the forced expulsion of hundreds of thousands of human beings from their homes. It's also meant to excuse Israel's ongoing occupation of the West Bank, a roughly 2,000-square-mile area on the western side of the Jordan River that would make up the bulk of any theoretical future Palestinian state.

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## Turning tents into symbols of steadfastness



An artist has initiated a project to spotlight the resistance of Palestinians in the face of Israel's crimes in the Gaza Strip.

University lecturer Majdi Abu Shinar has painted scenes and symbols representing Palestinian life and culture on the tent homes

of people forcibly displaced by Israeli strikes and evacuation orders in Gaza City.

His initiative has boosted the morale of Palestinians who have been forced to abandon their residences since Israel launched its genocidal war on Gaza in October last year.

## "Don't bite the hand that feeds you":

### British farmers unite against PM Starmer



Hundreds of British protesters opposing changes to inheritance tax rules for farms gathered outside the Welsh Labour conference as the prime minister defended his government's recent Budget measures, the BBC reported.

Farming unions have said the planned changes will have "disastrous" consequences.

Keir Starmer told the conference in Llandudno, Conwy, he would defend the Budget "all day long" for taking "tough decisions that were necessary to stabilize our economy."

Dozens of tractors and farm vehicles were parked on the prom outside the conference at Venue Cymru.

Signs reading "Enough is enough" and "No

Farmers No Food" were held up as conference attendees entered the building.

Conwy county farmer and broadcaster Gareth Wyn Jones said he and others were taking part in the protest to "air their frustrations".

He described the changes to inheritance tax rules as a "massive bombshell" that would affect "thousands" of farming families.

Meanwhile, one of the organizers Gareth Wyn Jones, a Welsh farmer and YouTuber, told Sky News that farmers will deliver Starmer a letter which starts "don't bite the hand that feeds you".

The UK premier was accused of "running out the backdoor like a rat" to avoid scores of angry farmers outside the conference.

## Hezbollah hits Israeli Golani headquarters

From page 1 ▶ The regime's military came under more fire when Hezbollah fighters targeted a "gathering of Israeli enemy forces in the newly established headquarters of the Western Brigade Command at the Ya'ara Barracks, with a rocket barrage."

A squadron of assault drones was used to attack a gathering of Israeli forces near a military checkpoint in Avivim settlement, "hitting their targets precisely".

Another aerial operation "with a squadron of assault drones" struck a gathering of "Israeli enemy forces in the Yir'on settlement, hitting their targets precisely".

A gathering of Israeli occupation forces was hit east of the Lebanese village of Maroun Al-Ras with a rocket barrage.

The Lebanese resistance also targeted a gathering of the Israeli occupation forces east of the town of Markaba with a barrage of rockets.

Israeli enemy forces gathering in Doviv barracks were struck with a missile barrage, according to Hezbollah.

Elsewhere, Hezbollah announced that Israeli forces were struck with rocket barrages in the settlements of "Katzrin, Avivim, and Manara in northern occupied Palestine."

Hezbollah has published scenes of its fighters targeting Israeli occupation forces between the town of Maroun al-Ras and the city of Bint Jbeil in southern Lebanon with Nasr-1 missiles.

The Lebanese resistance has also released

footage of its fighters targeting the Tira Carmel base used by the Israeli army south of Haifa.

The base has been targeted at least twice over the past few days.

Footage was also circulating on Saturday of an Israeli drone being targeted and shot down in southern Lebanon.

The Israeli military's botched ground invasion of Southern Lebanon has proved very costly.

More than 110 Israeli troops have been killed in clashes with Hezbollah on the Lebanese border alone. Over 1,000 others have been injured.

The officially stated war goal by Tel Aviv of returning settlers back to the north has, so far, failed with more settlers fleeing Hezbollah's daily rocket barrages.

The Lebanese resistance movement has issued evacuation orders for scores of Israeli settlements near the Lebanese border warning civilians to leave "for their own safety".

According to Israeli media, Hezbollah is still an active and powerful organization that launches a large number of missiles towards Israel.

This comes as Lebanese officials have expressed "reservations" to a joint U.S.-Israeli truce proposal.

"There can be no undermining of our sovereignty," Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri stressed after being handed the draft proposal by the United States.

## Iranian handicrafts cultural ambassadors to the world, says deputy minister

TEHRAN – On Friday, Maryam Jalali-Dehkordi, the deputy minister of handicrafts at the Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts, highlighted the vital role of crafts in promoting the nation's artistic and cultural heritage.

She lauded Iranian artisans for their dedication and creativity during her routine inspection of the 37th National Handicrafts Exhibition, held from November 12 to 16 at the Tehran International Exhibition Center.

Jalali-Dehkordi described their works as "cultural ambassadors" that connect Iran to the world, showcasing its rich traditions and artistry.

"Iran has long been recognized as a cradle of art," she said, emphasizing the global reputation of Iranian handicrafts in both production and sales.

Jalali-Dehkordi noted that the government's support extends beyond production, with a focus on sales, exports, and addressing key challenges such as providing insurance for ar-

tisans.

The deputy minister also praised the exhibition as a vital platform for artists to present their remarkable creations to a wider audience.

The event features handcrafted goods from across the country, accompanied by live demonstrations of various crafts, creating an interactive experience for visitors.

A special highlight of the exhibition was the celebration of Esfahak Village, recently recognized globally for its contributions to traditional crafts.

The deputy minister also congratulated this achievement, emphasizing its positive impact on the handicrafts market and its alignment with the objectives of cultural heritage, tourism, and handicrafts sectors.

The major annual exhibition brings together artisans from all Iranian provinces and enthusiasts to celebrate and help preserve the country's artistic legacy passed down from generation to generation.

## Iran's Kordestan, Turkey's Van arrange fam tour

TEHRAN – A tourism official with Iran's Kordestan has announced plans for a joint familiarization (fam) tour between the western Iranian province and Turkey's Van province.

Arman Vatandoust, the provincial deputy tourism chief for investment affairs, announced the plan on Friday on the sidelines of the Sulaymaniyah International Tourism Expo.

Vatandoust said the fam tour was among several agreements that governmental and private sector representatives from Kordestan province reached with their Turkish counterparts, CHTN reported.

Furthermore, the Iranian team has arranged several business-to-business (B2B) meetings between accommodation providers, travel agencies, tourism operators, and companies with counterparts from Sulaymaniyah, Erbil, Duhok, and Halabja, the official said.

"The expo is an excellent platform for showcasing the tourism potential of western Iran," Vatandoust said, noting the participation of Kordestan, Kermanshah, and Hamedan provinces in an 80-square-meter pavilion. This joint initiative highlights the capabilities and attractions of western Iran to both national and international audiences.

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# Executive VP hails National Handicrafts Exhibition as a symbol of unity

TEHRAN – Executive Vice President Mohammad-Jaafar Qaempanah has lauded the 37th National Handicrafts Exhibition as a celebration of national unity and cultural diversity, describing it as a "rainbow of Iran's ethnic groups."

"Art, including handicrafts, is immune to unjust sanctions," the official said referring to the severe U.S. sanctions targeting Iran's economy.

He made these remarks on Saturday during a visit to the major exhibition, emphasizing the role of art and handicrafts in fostering national unity and promoting Iranian culture globally. Qaempanah then highlighted the potential role of government institutions, particularly the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in supporting the sale and export of handcrafted works created by Iranian artists.

Expressing admiration for the diversity and creativity on display, Qaempanah said: "The exhibition reflects the greatness and creativity of the



Iranian people. Artists from every province and ethnic group have come together here, showcasing the profound beauty of Iranian handicrafts."

The official also praised the exhibition's booth designs, noting their innovative incorporation of Iran's historical and cultural landmarks.

Referring to the government's focus on unity and inclusivity, Qaempanah added, "This exhibition

embodies the national solidarity the government aspires to achieve.

These artists, united by their dedication to Iran and its culture, represent the harmony and pride of their country." He then acknowledged handicrafts as a vital medium for sharing Iran's rich heritage and said: "Handicrafts are a key avenue for introducing the culture of Greater Iran to the world. The government's plan

is to fully support this valuable industry across various sectors."

He further advocated for promoting the use of locally made handicrafts in government offices and among the public, emphasizing their role in strengthening national identity and fostering unity.

"Each handcrafted piece reflects the culture of its region, and adopting them can promote national solidarity and security." Qaempanah concluded with words of encouragement for the artisans, stating, "We take pride in our handicraft artists.

You are the guardians of Iran's great heritage, capable of preserving and sharing it with the world."

The 37th National Handicrafts Exhibition, which came to an end on Saturday evening, brought together artists and craftsmen from across Iran, who celebrated diverse cultural and artistic traditions passed down from generation to generation.

## Iran stages tourism roadshow in Sulaymaniyah

Tehran – Iran has organized a tourism roadshow in Sulaymaniyah, in the Kordestan Region of Iraq, to highlight its diverse tourism opportunities.

The event featured active participation from the western provinces of Kordestan, Kermanshah, and Hamedan, showcasing their cultural, historical, and recreational attractions to regional stakeholders. Attending the roadshow on Friday, the deputy minister of tourism Ali-Asghar Shalbafian, highlighted the initiative as part of the tourism ministry's strategy to foster collaboration between private sectors in target markets.

Shalbafian emphasized the importance of promoting tourism through roadshows in emerging markets and for the countries that the Islamic Republic has [unilaterally] waived visa requirements, aiming to strengthen regional tourism ties.

"This year, Iran has hosted roadshows in several countries, including India, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the neighboring Turkey, and Iraq,"

Shalbafian noted.

Highlighting the significance of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in tourism exchanges, the official said that the Sulaymaniyah event provided a platform for showcasing Iran's tourism potential, with active participation from travel agencies, healthcare providers, and tourism representatives from both sides. The roadshow drew participation from 50 Iranian travel agencies, hospitals, and tourism facilitators, alongside over 50 agencies and representatives from the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, the official explained. The event focused on promoting Iran's historical, cultural, recreational, and medical tourism opportunities as well.

Shalbafian also detailed special facilities offered to Iraqi tourists, such as visa exemptions and simplified travel procedures, including vehicular transit across various Iranian cities.

According to organizers, the roadshow enjoyed an active engagement by private sector representatives from Iran's western provinces of Ker-

manshah, Kurdistan, and Hamedan.

These provinces demonstrated their tourism potential and facilitated discussions with counterparts from the Kurdistan Region to expand business and tourism ties, Shalbafian said.

The roadshow also coincided with Iran's participation in the Sulaymaniyah Tourism Expo, reinforcing efforts to position the country as a premier destination for regional visitors.

Iran expects to reap a bonanza from its numerous tourist spots such as bazaars, museums, mosques, bridges, bathhouses, madrasas, mausoleums, churches, towers, and mansions, of which 28 are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Last year, the country unilaterally waived visas for citizens of approximately 30 countries including India, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Indonesia, Brunei, Japan, Singapore, Cambodia, Malaysia, Brazil, Peru, Cuba, and Mexico.

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# Tehran, Ashgabat discuss ways to foster ties in ICT

TEHRAN –In a meeting held on Thursday in Ashgabat, Iranian and Turkmen officials explored the potential for expanding joint efforts in information and communication technology (ICT).

During the meeting, the CEO of the Telecommunication Infrastructure Company (TIC), Behzad Safari, and the director general of Turkmenistan's Agency for Transport and Communications, Chakyev Mammethan Berdimyradovich, discussed ways for developing digital infrastructure, turning the two countries into an East-West telecommunication transit route, IRIB reported.

## ICT in Iran

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology is the highest authority in the field of ICT in the country. All activities related to the information and communication technology industry are directly related to the ministry.

The government pays special attention to plans and policies in this sector in order to maximize the use of ICT to facilitate people's lives.

The successful designing, building, and launching of a satellite show the growth of the national technology and scientific power of a country.



Space technology has been considered a tool to expand prosperity, peace, scientific-cultural development, and economic progress in human societies.

Different nations of the world exploit this technology in some way based on their capacity, capabilities, and efforts.

Currently, 13 universities and a research institute affiliated to the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology are offering aerospace majors, thus Iran has a high capability in training specialists and experts in the aerospace sector and is a leading country in the region.

The former ICT minister Issa Zarepour said in April 2023 that

more than 91 percent of villages with a population of over 20 households across the country have now access to the internet via the national information network.

## The government pays special attention to plans and policies in information and communication technology.

The villages with above 20 households having access to the

internet have increased from 80 percent to 91 percent since the incumbent administration took office in August 2021, said the minister.

Access to telecommunication services in rural areas of the country had improved over the period as the overall number of villages with access to communication services rose to 52,182, around 93 percent of all villages, while 47,837 villages had access to home landline services.

Moreover, the number of Iranian mobile users reached nearly 135.890 million, according to the CRA which put the mobile phone penetration rate in the country at 161.67 percent.

The figures showed, however, that fixed broadband adoption in Iran had stalled at 14 percent with nearly 11.921 million customers having access to the Internet via those services.

This statistic shows that fixed broadband internet has grown by less than 2 percent compared to last year and mobile internet has experienced a growth of 10 percent.

However, it can be said that the speed of mobile internet expansion is 5 times the speed of fixed internet.

## Safe driving, a social responsibility



By Maryam Tavassoli

TEHRAN –The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is held on the third Sunday in November each year, falling on September 17 this year.

Millions of people lose their lives in road accidents with the death toll growing year by year.

Themed 'Safe driving, a social responsibility', in Iran the day is observed by holding different programs, carrying out maneuvers, and holding two cultural, and educational workshops as well as conferences and technical roundtables.

Traffic-related accidents have claimed the lives of 10,097 Iranians during the first six months of the current Calendar year (March 20-September 21), which marks a decrease of 618 deaths compared with the same period last year, IRNA reported.

About 62 percent of the accidents are attributed to private vehicles; cars and motorcycles accounted for 25 percent each, vans for 6 percent, trucks for 5 percent, and public transportation for 1 percent of

the accidents.

In the country, pedestrians account for 16 percent of victims of all accidents. Their share reaches 24 percent in inner-city areas, and 8 percent on roads.

Accidents are more likely to happen in the evening and at night as 25 percent of the accidents occur from 4 to 8 p.m., and 22 percent from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The Global Status Report on Road Safety, launched by the World Health Organization (WHO) in December 2018, highlights that the number of annual road traffic deaths has reached 1.35 million.

## Road traffic injuries are now the leading killer of people aged 5-29 years.

More than half of all road traffic deaths are among vulnerable road users: pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists.

Pedestrians, cyclists, and riders of motorized 2- and 3-wheelers and their passengers are collectively known as "vulnerable road users" and account for half of all road traffic deaths around the world.

A higher proportion of vulnerable road users die in low-income countries than in high-income countries.

Road traffic injuries are now the leading killer of people aged 5-29 years. The burden is disproportionately borne by pedestrians,

cyclists and motorcyclists, in particular those living in developing countries.

The report also indicates that progress to realize Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 3.6 – which calls for a 50 percent reduction in the number of road traffic deaths by 2020 – remains far from sufficient.

The WHO celebrates the day with the theme of Remember. Support. Act.

The objectives of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims are to provide a platform for road traffic victims and their families to remember all people killed and seriously injured on the roads, acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services, draw attention to the generally trivial legal response to culpable road deaths and injuries, advocate for better support for road traffic victims and victim families, promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries.

The 'That Day' campaign 2024 tells the stories of THAT DAY when traffic collisions stopped or changed the course of the victim's lives forever.

Each victim has her/his own story of that day, which their relatives, friends, and acquaintances carry in their memory.

The emotional charge of that day is so strong that it remains in the memory forever.

Therefore, on World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2024, we remember the stories of "that day".

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## All-Iranian COVID-19 diagnostic kits to be released

Iran will commercialize domestically-made COVID-19 diagnostic kits by the Iranian calendar month of Farvardin (March 21-April 22), secretary of biotechnology development of Vice Presidency for Science and Technology announced.

Following a call by the headquarters for the production of COVID-19 diagnostic kits, a contract was signed with five knowledge-based companies and manufacturing process began, ISNA quoted Mostafa Qane'ei as saying on Monday.

Diagnosis is the most important part of coronavirus treatment, he highlighted.

## کیت‌های ایرانی تشخیص کووید ۱۹ روانه بازار می‌شوند

دبیر ستاد توسعه زیست‌فناوری معاونت علمی و فناوری ریاست جمهوری گفت: کیت‌های تشخیصی کووید ۱۹، فروردین ماه وارد بازار می‌شوند.

مصطفی قانع، دبیر ستاد توسعه زیست‌فناوری معاونت علمی و فناوری ریاست جمهوری، اظهار داشت: به دنبال فراخوان این ستاد برای ساخت کیت‌های آزمایشگاهی تشخیصی کووید ۱۹، با پنج شرکت دانش‌بنیان برای ساخت این کیت‌ها قرارداد منعقد شده است. تشخیص، مهم‌ترین راه ورود به درمان بیماری کرونا است.

## WIPO 2024 releases Iran's ranking based on GII report

TEHRAN –The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has published the Global Innovation Index (GII) report based on which Iran's innovation capabilities are ranked in seven criteria that include institutions, human capital and research, infrastructure, market sophistication, business sophistication, knowledge and technology output, and creative output.

Iran is ranked 133 in Institutions globally. In this category the country's global rankings in Operational stability for business, Government effectiveness, Rule of law, Business environment, Entrepreneurship policies and culture were 130, 120, 118, 128, and 85, respectively.

In Human capital and research criterion, the country is placed 64. It ranked 93, 109, 67, 66, and 96 in Education, Expenditure on education, Government funding/pupil, School life expectancy, and Pupil-teacher ratio, respectively.

Iran's ranking in Tertiary education, Graduates in science & engineering, Research and development (R&D), and Researchers is 35, 8, 48, and 47, respectively.

The global ranking of the country in Infrastructure is 95. It ranked 5 in Gross capital formation, and 50 in General infrastructure.

In Market sophistication criteria, with a global ranking of 17, Iran is placed 70, 58, and 19 in Finance for startups and scaleups, Domestic industry diversification, Domestic market scale, and Market capitalization.

In Business sophistication, Iran is ranked 110. It is ranked 86 in Females employed with advanced degrees, 82 in Public Research-Industry co-publications, 121 in University-industry R&D collaboration, 55 in Research talent, and percent in businesses.

Iran has been ranked 49 in knowledge and technology outputs. In Labor productivity growth, Production and export complexity, Software spending, ICT services exports / total trade, it is ranked 68, 72, 3, and 125, respectively.

Within creative output criteria, Iran is ranked 52. Under this category, the country is placed 23 in Intangible assets, 1st in Trademarks by origin, 59 in Entertainment and media market, 93 in Mobile app creation, 74 in Creative goods exports, and 102 in Creative goods and services.

According to the 2024 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) report, Iran ranks second among the countries of the Central and Southern Asian region, unchanged compared with the last two years.

India and Kazakhstan ranked first and third, respectively. According to this year's report, Iran ranks 5th among the 38 lower-middle-income group economies, which has improved compared to the 2023 ranking, 6th.

However, the country's ranking, among the 133 economies featured in the GI 2024, has dropped from 62 in 2023 to 64th this year.

Switzerland secured the first rank in the GI 2024 report with a score of 67.5 for the 14th consecutive year, closely followed by Sweden and the US at the second and third positions with scores of 64.5 and 62.4, respectively.

As stated in the 2024 edition, over the past four years (2020-2024), the statistical confi-

dence interval for the ranking of Iran in the GI 2024 is between ranks 56 and 80.

Iran performs better in innovation outputs (48th) than in innovation inputs (85th) in 2024.

Iran's ranking in knowledge and technology output, as well as business sophistication, has improved from 55 and 117 in 2023 to 49 and 110 in 2024, respectively.

Also, the country's ranking in market sophistication and infrastructure has risen by two positions from 19 and 97 in 2023 to 17 and 95 in 2024.

However, Iran's ranking in creative output, human research, and capital, as well as institutions has lowered compared to 2023.

## GII 2023

According to the 2023 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) report, the Islamic Republic of Iran ranked second among the countries of the Central and Southern Asian region.

The report ranked Iran 19th, 43rd, and 55th in "Market sophistication", "Creative outputs", and "Knowledge and technology outputs", respectively.

The GI 2023 used 80 indicators to track global innovation trends in 130-plus economies, guiding policymakers and business leaders in stimulating human ingenuity. The report's findings were unveiled against a background of slow economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, high interest rates, and geopolitical conflict.

The 2023 edition identified an increasingly uncertain outlook for venture capital (VC) that helps transform human ingenuity into new products and services, with the global value of VC funding marking a significant plunge last year.

According to the GI 2023 rankings, Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Singapore were the top countries.

China, India, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Iran were the middle-income economies making the most headway in innovation over the last decade.

In knowledge and technology outputs, creative outputs, market sophistication, human capital, and research, and infrastructure, Iran's performance was above the average of the lower middle-income group.

On the other hand, Iran performed above the regional average (Central and South Asia) in all these indexes, except for the infrastructure.

Under the 6.2.2 index, which was presented in the 2022 report under the title of "New Businesses" and in the new report under the title of "Unicorn Valuation", Iran's rank had risen from 90 in 2022 to 48 in 2023.

Iran had no data for 10 out of 80 indicators evaluated and 18 indicators were not up-to-date, which requires inter-institutional coordination with the evaluator institution to include a more accurate and realistic assessment of the country's state of innovation development.

Iran's main innovation strengths are Trademark by origin (rank 1) graduates in science and engineering (rank 3), Market capitalization (rank 5), gross capital formation (rank 9), industrial designs (11), and intangible assets (13).



## Cow-calf vaccination against lumpy skin

A vaccination program against lumpy skin disease is being carried out in Khuzestan province. Lumpy skin is characterized by fever, nodules on the skin, mucous membranes and internal organs, and sometimes death.



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

Prayer Times > Noon:11:49 Evening: 17:15 Dawn: 5:16 (tomorrow) Sunrise: 6:43 (tomorrow)

## Actor Mostafa Zamani honored at Tunisian National Theater Festival

TEHRAN-Iranian actor Mostafa Zamani was honored at the closing ceremony of the 2nd Tunisian National Theater Festival for his performance in the Iranian series "Prophet Joseph".

The festival, which was held in Tunis from November 7 to 14, honored Zamani for his role as Prophet Joseph in the historical drama series, ISNA reported on Friday.

Produced, written, and directed by Farajollah Salahshour, the series was first aired in 2008 in Iran. It is based on the Islamic account of Joseph from Quran and Islamic traditions. The series, dubbed in several languages such as English, Arabic, Urdu, and Turkish, is sometimes regarded as the world's most watched Iranian TV series.

The story of the series begins with Joseph's father Prophet Jacob and follows prophet Joseph's journey from being sold by his brothers to Egypt, his trials in Potiphar's house, imprisonment, rise to power interpreting dreams, and reunion with his family after proving his brothers' remorse.

In a press conference held on the sidelines of the festival, Zamani voiced his sorrow over the ongoing violence against Palestinians in Gaza and Lebanon.

"Seeing the images of the brutal attacks by the Israeli regime on the defenseless people of Gaza and Lebanon is extremely distressing for me," Zamani said.

Zamani highlighted the human toll of the violence, with houses, hospitals, and civilians—including women and children—becoming targets in Gaza. "The fact that homes, hospitals, and innocent people are being attacked in Gaza by the Zionist regime is, for me, truly heartbreaking," he said.

He called for an immediate ceasefire, underscoring the urgent need for relief for civilians who have endured some of the most intense attacks over the past year.

"I believe the best step forward right now is

to establish a ceasefire in Gaza, so the people, who have been under brutal assaults for over a year, can be spared further suffering," he added.

Zamani also urged Arab nations to strengthen solidarity with Palestinians through symbolic acts, such as sharing images and videos of Gaza's resilience across social media.

"Sharing scenes of the Palestinian people's resistance on social networks will strengthen solidarity and help prevent the ethnic cleansing being waged by the Zionist regime from becoming acceptable," he said.

Concluding his remarks, Zamani emphasized that Israel's goal in its attacks on Gaza and Lebanon over the past year appears to be aimed at dismantling resistance movements like Hamas and Hezbollah. However, he stressed that Israel would ultimately "fail to achieve its objectives".

Born in Fereydunkenar, northern Iran, Zamani began his acting career with this role in 2008, which showcased his talent and launched his successful career.

Zamani, 42, has received various accolades, including a Hafez Award and two Iran Cinema Celebration Awards, in addition to nominations for a Crystal Simorgh at Fajr Film Festival, and an Iran's Film Critics and Writers Association Award.

He is famous for many roles in Iran's film industry, but his memorable acting as Joseph in the TV series, "Prophet Joseph" was the beginning of his stardom. Since then, he has acted in several series, such as "In the Eye of the Storm" (2003-2009), "Shahrazad" (2015-2018) and "Amirli" (2024).

Zamani made his cinematic debut in 2010 with "Aal". His other movies include "Farewell Baghdad" (2009), "Retribution" (2009), "Parya's Story" (2010), "Parinaz" (2010), "The Final Whistle" (2010), "A Simple Romance" (2011), "The Queen" (2011), "I'm Her Spouse" (2011), "Mirror and Candlestick" (2012) and "The Exclusive Line" (2013) among many others.

# Italian translation of Ayatollah Khamenei's "Cell No. 14" unveiled in Rome

TEHRAN-The Italian translation of the book "Cell No. 14" which recounts the memoirs of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei during his imprisonment and exile before the 1979 Islamic Revolution, was unveiled on Friday in Rome, Italy.

The unveiling ceremony was organized by the Cultural Attaché Office of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Rome and was attended by several Italian scholars, cultural figures, and media representatives, IRNA reported.

Speaking at the event, the Iranian ambassador to Italy Mohammad Reza Sabouri described the book as a valuable work by Ayatollah Khamenei. "It is more than a collection of memoirs as it offers profound lessons in faith, perseverance, and the pursuit of lofty ideals," he emphasized.

"In today's world, marked by numerous challenges and crises, such works are more valuable and inspiring than ever," he noted.

Sabouri further stated that "Cell No. 14" is not merely a personal account of a struggle but a testament to universal human and Islamic values that serve as a guide across all times and places.

Elaborating on the book's relevance and universal appeal, he noted that it sheds light on global issues such as injustice, violence, sanctions, and discrimination. "The book is a beacon of resistance against oppression for all free people worldwide."

The ambassador also remarked on the book's significance in the context of ongoing global injustices, especially those faced by the oppressed peoples of Palestine and Lebanon. He criticized the ac-



Iranian ambassador to Italy Mohammad Reza Sabouri speaks at the unveiling ceremony of the book in Rome on November 15.

tions of the Israeli regime and the broader implications of its occupation and aggression, portraying "Cell No. 14" as a source of inspiration for resistance and resilience against such injustices.

Another speaker at the event was Fulvio Grimaldi, an Italian writer, documentarian, and journalist, who praised the Iranian resistance and its role in inspiring hope and faith in the face of evil and oppression. Grimaldi likened the figures of modern resistance to iconic leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Patrice Lumumba, Che Guevara, and Hugo Chávez, emphasizing their shared values of courage and defiance.

Also speaking at the event, David Nieri, head of La Vela Publishing House and the book's translator, described his experience translating the book as transformative. He noted the spiritual depth and moral lessons embedded in the narrative, highlighting its emphasis on

prayer, devotion, and faith.

The ceremony concluded with discussions about the book's themes, as well as broader topics such as developments in the West Asia and Iran's membership in BRICS, to which the Iranian ambassador responded.

"Cell No. 14" covers the first half of the life of Ayatollah Khamenei, from his early childhood all the way to the 1979 Islamic Revolution that brought the monarchical regime to an end in Iran.

In his book, the author skillfully transports readers to a tangible and realized space through simple yet comprehensive literature. The book's narrative is devoid of imposing or imaginative elements, resulting in a striking sense of concreteness and realization.

It is a remarkable saga of a young cleric blessed with an indomitable spirit who fights a dictatorial regime with his sermons and

speeches as well as with his organizational abilities. He never loses hope despite being sent to prison and exile and finally emerges victorious against all odds.

The book serves as a source of inspiration to all activists around the globe who are trying to bring about social and political change.

It also contains unpublished photos of the Leader, his father, and his children, in addition to a photo collection of paintings related to the topics in the book.

The Persian edition of the book was published in 2019. It was a Persian translation of "Inna Ma as-Sabri Nasra" the Leader had written in Arabic. The memories were then compiled by the Iranian Arabic language scholar Mohammad-Ali Azarshab.

Since then, the Spanish, Portuguese, Urdu, Bengali, and Chinese translations of the book have also been published.

## Book highlighting experiences of young Iranian filmmakers released

TEHRAN- The book "First Film Memoirs," authored by Iranian film critic Peyman Shojqi, has been published by Amir Kabir Publications in Tehran, with the aim of showcasing the experiences of young Iranian filmmakers in the realm of cinema.

The book includes enlightening interviews with 14 young directors who discuss the challenges and achievements encountered during the production of their first feature films.

This book is based on conversations with Mehdi Jafari, Masoud Amini, Hadi Moghadam Doost, Monir Qeydi, Arsalan Amiri, Bahram Tavakoli, Shahram Mokri, Marjan Ashrafzadeh, Adel Tabrizi, Mohammad Reza Kheradmandan, Roqayeh Tavakoli, Hossein Darai, and Bahram and Bahman Ark.

In Iranian cinema literature, the term "first film director" holds a significant place, referring to filmmakers who, after years of effort



and perseverance, succeed in creating their first feature film.

This book explores the journeys of young filmmakers who have often transitioned from the initial stages of filmmaking, particularly the production of short films.

The serious pursuit of short films in Iran commenced around sixty years ago, and contrary to the perception in some countries,

short films are recognized in Iran as serious and professional works. Practitioners in this field strive to showcase their skills to producers through the creation of short films, aiming for entry into the professional cinema landscape.

"First Film Memoirs" introduces the experiences of these young filmmakers, using the interview format to provide insightful details for cinema enthusiasts.

The author highlights the impact of social media and new platforms on the economics of short films as well.

This book has been published in collaboration with the Iranian Young Cinema Society with interviews taking place in the spring of 2021 and are organized by the age of the interviewees, offering a suitable historical perspective for the reader.

## Iran's "21 Weeks Later" to compete at Duhok International Film Festival

TEHRAN- Iranian short film "21 Weeks Later," written and directed by Nasrin Mohammadpour, will go on screen at the main section of the 11th edition of Duhok International Film Festival in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region.

The 14-minute film, a 2023 production, is about a young woman who has decided to have an abortion while her husband disagrees.

Banafsheh Riazhi, Leila Hassanzadeh, Soudabeh Bahraminejad, and Parisa Asgari are in the cast.

The Duhok International Film Festival is a unique cinematic event located in Kurdistan, rooted in the area's profound historical significance as part of ancient Mesopotamia, often referred to as the cradle of civilization.

The festival aims to reshape the

region's cultural identity, promoting it as a place of creativity and development rather than political conflict. It seeks to cultivate a vibrant environment for storytelling, where ancient culture intersects with contemporary artistic expression.

By fostering cultural exchange and dialogue, the Duhok International Film Festival invites audiences to explore the rich tapestry of Kurdish culture through its cinema.

Organized by the General Directorate of Culture, Arts, Sports, and Youth of Duhok City in collaboration with mitosfilm Berlin, the festival stands as a testament to the transformative power of film in uniting communities and celebrating artistic diversity.

The 11th Duhok International Film Festival will be held from December 9 to 16.

## "I Remember Fallujah" at Iranian bookstores

TEHRAN- A Persian translation of Iraqi-French journalist and documentary filmmaker Feurat Alani's book "I Remember Fallujah: A Novel" has recently been published.

Abolfazl Allahdadi is the translator of the book released by Ofoq Publications in Tehran.

"I Remember Fallujah" is a deeply evocative debut novel that explores themes of memory, identity, and generational trauma through the lens of a father-son relationship. The narrative centers on Euphrates, the son of Rami, a political refugee who fled Iraq in the early 1970s to escape Saddam Hussein's oppressive regime. As Rami grapples with terminal

cancer in a hospital, the estranged father and son confront the silence that has long defined their lives.

Rami, once a young man in a war-torn Iraq, navigates the intricacies of growing up amidst political turmoil and societal upheaval. His recollections of Fallujah reveal a landscape fraught with resistance against Arab nationalism and the complexities of loyalty among left-wing factions. However, these memories are shrouded in pain and loss, leading Rami to suppress his past as he builds a new life in France, where he struggles to communicate the weight of his experiences

to Euphrates.

As Euphrates seeks to understand his father's history and, in turn, his own identity, the story oscillates between poignant memories of Iraqi life and the challenges of immigrant experiences in France. The novel captures the essence of the immigrant dream, illustrating the burdens of silence and the quest for connection across generations.

Inspired by Feurat Alani's personal journey, "I Remember Fallujah" is a heart-wrenching homage to the bonds of familial love, the search for truth, and the indelible impact of political history on personal lives.

## Cartoon of Day



Hunger As Weapon in Gaza  
Cartoonist: Mikail Çiftçi from Turkey