

White-Clad Man Who Confronted Tanks with Bare Hands



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Al-Jolani's pursuit of Israeli affection

By Mona Hojat Ansari

TEHRAN – The leader of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), the group that led the offensive toppling President Bashar al-Assad's government less than a month ago, has asserted that his forces averted a regional conflict that could have resulted in direct combat between Israeli troops and Iraqi and Iranian forces.

In an interview with Saudi media, the terrorist leader turned politician said Israel was planning to invade Syria before the fall of Assad. "If Israeli forces had entered Syria, then Iranians would have brought in Iraqis. The chain of events would have eventually affected Turkey," he said, without mentioning that Israel appears to have proceeded with the alleged plan, as it has occupied new areas in the Arab country since Assad's departure. "Then Russia and America would have entered a war as well, and the situation could become extremely dangerous for the region," he said, apparently suggesting that the overthrow of Assad at the hands of HTS-led factions prevented an all-out regional war.

Abu Mohammad al-Jolani's remarks follow almost three weeks of incessant airstrikes by the Israeli regime, which have destroyed about 90% of Syria's military infrastructure and injured scores of civilians in the process. ▶ Page 2

Jimmy Carter: Architect of normalizing Arab ties with apartheid Israel

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN- As Americans mourn the death of former president Jimmy Carter, the disastrous impacts of his legacy, particularly in the Middle East are thrust into the limelight.

Carter died at the age of 100 on Sunday, forty-four years after he left the White House.

His tenure as the 39th US president began with his inauguration on January 20, 1977, and ended on January 20, 1981.

Undoubtedly, the ongoing Israeli genocide in Gaza and its brutal crimes in the West Bank, Lebanon and beyond are rooted in the policies pursued by Carter.

Abetting apartheid

Carter played a key role in aiding and abetting the Israeli apartheid regime by brokering a seemingly peace deal between Egypt and Israel in 1978. ▶ Page 5

Iran objects to Afghanistan's construction of Pashdan Dam on Harirud

TEHRAN- The spokesman of Iran's water industry considered the unilateral exploitation of the Harirud river to be a violation of customary rights and said the effects of this unilateral action by the Afghan side will not only affect the supply of drinking water and health of several million people, but also lead to widespread damage to the downstream environment.

Issa Bozorgzadeh, said that the construction and impoundment of Pashdan dam in the Harirud border basin causes the reduction of the natural flow of the Harirud border river and the occurrence of social and environmental damages in the downstream areas, especially the problem of serious damage to the drinking water supply of the holy city of Mashhad.

Referring to the multi-dimensional economic, social and cultural ties of Mashhad and Herat, Bozorgzadeh said: "We believe that all the people who live in a watershed have the same destiny, and applying any strictness and pressure to a part of the people of the watershed will inevitably affect all the residents." ▶ Page 4

Who is Hussam Abu Safiya?

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Palestinian doctor Hussam Abu Safiya made international headlines and his face went viral online amid the ongoing Israeli genocidal war on Gaza.

Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya is a prominent medical professional and a humanitarian figure known for his significant role in the healthcare sector in Gaza.

He served as the director of Kamal Adwan Hospital, providing essential medical services under extremely challenging circumstances.

Furthermore, he had a line of contact with the World Health Organization (WHO), updating the UN agency on the health crisis in northern Gaza.

Israeli forces briefly detained him in late October when they raided the hospital and killed his son.

Beyond his professional expertise, he was also an active voice for the struggles of Palestinians, effectively using social media to issue video statements and raise awareness about the dire conditions in Gaza.

This led to his rise in fame among social media users who even made cartoons depicting the struggle and brave resistance of Gaza's healthcare workers amid the ongoing genocide.

What happened at Kamal Adwan Hospital?

Kamal Adwan Hospital became a focal point of the U.S.-backed Israeli genocidal war on Gaza.

The facility, located in northern Gaza's Beit Lahiya, often

found itself at the center of bombardments and other forms of Israeli military actions.

Despite this, Dr. Abu Safiya continued his work, treating the injured and providing critical care. His leadership during these times turned the hospital into a symbol of resilience and defiance.

On Friday, Israeli forces attacked and set the hospital ablaze. Many Palestinians inside the medical center, including doctors, nurses, and patients, were detained, including Abu Safiya.

According to the Gaza Health Ministry, Israeli troops physically assaulted Abu Safia with batons and sticks while forcing him to take off his clothes.

Why was the hospital significant?

The Kamal Adwan Hospital was strategically important due to its location and role as a major healthcare provider in besieged northern Gaza.

For the Israeli military, targeting medical facilities serves as a way to exert pressure on Gaza's already dire health sector.

Amid more than 80 days of Israel's siege on many parts of northern Gaza, Abu Safiya's refusal to evacuate Kamal Adwan Hospital angered the Israelis.

The partially functioning hospital offered a last beacon of hope for Palestinians requiring medical care amid daily Israeli airstrikes and artillery shelling.

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National Document for Handicrafts Development unveiled

By Afshin Majlesi

TEHRAN – The unveiling ceremony for the National Document for the Development of Handicrafts was held on Monday at the headquarters of the Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts.

The event was attended by a number of high-ranking officials, members of the Iranian Parliament (Majlis), craftspeople, and media personnel.

It featured remarks by Seyyed Reza Salehi-Amiri, Minister of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts; Abdolkarim Hosseinzadeh, Vice President for Rural and Underserved Areas Development; Zahra Behrouz-Azar, Vice President for Women and Family Affairs; and Reza Alizadeh, Chair of the Parliament's Industry Committee, among several others. ▶ Page 6



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Iran, Oman offer common ground on Syria, trade, and regional issues during FM's Tehran visit

TEHRAN – Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has stated that the Islamic Republic's guiding principle is the advancement of peace and security within the region and among all nations in the Muslim world.

This commitment was highlighted during a meeting with Oman's Foreign Minister, Said Badr al-Busaidi, in Tehran on Monday. Pezeshkian emphasized that Iran's foreign policy is centered on strengthening ties with both Muslim countries and its neighbors. ▶ Page 3