

IRGC Chief:

Iran to Unveil New Missile and Drone Cities



As part of an ongoing nationwide drill, 110,000 Basij forces join Tehran parade

Iran security chief urges Armenian PM to solve problems locally during Yerevan visit

TEHRAN – During a visit to Yerevan, the Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council told Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan that regional countries should resolve their issues independently, without relying on foreign powers.

"The presence of extra-regional and foreign forces complicates the political and security equations of the region and will not help resolve issues," Ali Akbar Ahmadian said during a meeting on Thursday.

Ahmadian visited Yerevan after a meeting with Azeri President Ilham Aliyev in Baku. The two countries located in the South Caucasus have been locked in a decades-long territorial dispute.

Both, particularly Baku, seem unwilling to lay down their arms. During a recent interview with state TV, the president called Armenia a "fascist state," claiming that Azerbaijan might have no other choice but to "destroy" its neighbor's so-called "fascist ideology."

During the Thursday meeting, Ahmadian also spoke about bilateral ties between Iran and Armenia. ▶ Page 2

Iranian agriculture minister visits Ankara for bilateral co-op meetings

TEHRAN – Iran's Minister of Agriculture Gholamreza Nouri Qezeljah and Samad Hasanzadeh, the head of Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines, and Agriculture (ICCIMA), departed for Turkey alongside a delegation of agricultural and food industry professionals.

As reported, the agriculture minister and his accompanying delegation also attended an Iran-Turkey Agricultural Business Forum on Friday, January 10, in Ankara.

The events featured Nouri Qezeljah, Hasanzadeh, Hossein Pirmoazen, the deputy head of the Iran Chamber of Commerce, senior Agriculture Ministry officials, and private sector representatives.

Discussions focused on addressing trade barriers, fostering bilateral ties, and enhancing export potentials.

Nouri Qezeljah will also meet Turkish government officials, while Hasanzadeh will hold bilateral talks with Rifat Hisarcikloglu, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey.

Speaking at a gathering of Iranian agricultural professionals in Ankara, Nouri Qezeljah stated that the government's resolve to support private sector growth, removing obstacles to agricultural and food exports remains a top priority. ▶ Page 4

Yemeni army targets US aircraft carrier in Red Sea

Yemen's Ansarullah movement said in a statement on Friday that it has launched a missile attack on the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier in the northern Red Sea and has fired three bomb-laden drones at Tel Aviv.

"We carried out several military operations during the past 48 hours, the most prominent of which was targeting the American aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman and a number of its escorts in the northern Red Sea, using cruise missiles and drones," Yemeni military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in the statement aired by al-Masirah TV.

"The operation succeeded in thwarting a new air attack from that carrier, which was forced to leave the area," he noted. This is the second time in nearly a week that the Yemeni army claimed to have targeted the US aircraft carrier in the Red Sea.

Sarea added that the Yemeni army also carried out an attack on several targets in Tel Aviv with three drones on Thursday, claiming those drones hit the targets "successfully."

He reiterated that the Ansarullah attacks against Israel would not stop until "aggression ends on the Gaza Strip and the siege is lifted."

The Lancet: Deaths from Israeli attacks in Gaza undercounted by 41 percent

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Research published in The Lancet reveals significant underreporting of the Gaza death toll due to the US-backed genocidal Israeli war.

Researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Yale University, and other institutions estimate that the Palestinian Ministry of Health undercounted deaths by 41% between October 7, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

While the Gaza Health Ministry reported 37,877 deaths, the study estimates 64,260 Palestinians were killed during this period.

The findings highlight that 59% of the fatalities were women, children, and the elderly, underscoring the devastating impact on civilians by mostly US-made munitions.

The study further estimates that approximately 3% of Gaza's population has been killed due to violence during the nine months analyzed.

Charity begins at home: LA wildfires rage as US funds Gaza genocide

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN – The administration of US President Joe Biden is under fire over its handling of the devastating wildfires which continue to rage across Southern California.

According to CBS News, the Palisades Fire has burned nearly 20,000 acres since it broke out Tuesday morning in the affluent Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles. The wildfire presently ranks as the most extensive in the Los Angeles area. It grew out of a brush fire that exploded as powerful winds ripped through the region.

The US news outlet said on Friday that firefighters were still battling the Eaton Fire, which trails the Palisades Fire in size and has engulfed more than 13,000 acres in northern Los Angeles County. Thousands of structures have so far been destroyed and hundreds of thousands of people have been ordered to evacuate.

The deadly infernos are on track to be among the most devastating and the costliest in the US history. ▶ Page 5

Makkoran Coast is a potential platform for Iran's development, tourism minister says

TEHRAN – The Makkoran Coast, which is located in Sistan-Baluchestan province, stands among the finest coastal regions in the world and serves as a significant platform for Iran's development, said Minister of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts, Seyyed Reza Salehi-Amiri, on Thursday.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Iranian President's visit to the southeastern province, Salehi-Amiri highlighted the critical role of infrastructure in the country's progress.

"Infrastructure in the country operates on multiple levels," he stated, adding, "The first level includes essential utilities such as roads, water, electricity, and gas. ▶ Page 6



Projects inaugurated in president, ministers visit to Sistan-Baluchestan

TEHRAN – President Masoud Pezeshkian arrived in Chabahar port city for a two-day visit to the southeastern Sistan-Baluchestan province, his second trip to the region in less than two months.

This visit highlights his administration's focus on addressing inequality, fostering development in underprivileged areas, and leveraging the province's strategic significance.

During the trip, Pezeshkian stressed his commitment to eradicating poverty and injustice, describing Sistan-Baluchestan as a critical starting point for the country's broader growth strategy. ▶ Page 4

Hezbollah's sudden endorsement of Aoun's election is a political victory

