

# Will US, co-conspirators force Israel to leave from Lebanon's lands after appointing Aoun?

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SOUTH LEBANON - On his first working day after being elected president, President Joseph Aoun called for binding parliamentary consultations next Monday to name the prime minister-designate to form the next government.

External pressures, however, suggest that Najib Mikati will keep the post until May 2026, the date of the next parliamentary elections.

During his visit to Beirut, Yazid bin Farhan, the Saudi envoy, had reportedly made clear the prime minister that Riyadh and the five-member committee favour.

The five-member committee includes representatives of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar, the US and France.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah-Amal Movement duo, in addition to the Marada Movement and the Socialist Party would apparently nominate Mikati unlike the Free Patriotic Movement, the Lebanese Forces and the Kataeb Party.

# Iraq's Hashd al-Shaabi faces smear campaign

## By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Amid fluid regional developments, a mediadriven propaganda campaign has been waged against Iraq's Hashd al-Shaabi, also known as the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU).

Some Iraqi satellite channels have tried to join the bandwagon against the Hashd al-Shaabi.

Fabrications against the PMU's dissolution have long circulated on social media platforms but Iraqi satellite station al-Rasheed took the disinformation campaign to another level

In a news broadcast, the TV station ran a report based on an alleged informed source about meetings between Iran's IRGC Quds Force Commander General Esmail Qaani, Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani, and several PMU commanders.

According to an "informed source", General Qaani entrusted the decision regarding the future of the Iraqi PMU to the Iraqi government and asked the commanders to act in line with the official stance of the Iraqi government. The meetings reportedly lasted only a few hours.

# Waterloo on the horizon: Israeli military on brink of collapse

## By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN- The fundamental reason behind Israel's inability to avert the Hamas attack on October 7, 2023, has remained the major elephant in the room.

On Friday, an Israeli opposition politician reopened old wounds by asking the Israeli military Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi to step down.

Gadi Eisenkot, a member of Israel's Knesset with the opposition National Unity party, demanded that Halevi, resign along with "those who had a role on October 7, from division commanders and their counterparts to the prime minister".

Speaking to Israeli media, Eisenkot, who served as the 21st Chief of Staff of the regime's army from 2015 to 2019, said Halevi "will not be forgiven" for the "giant failure" in preventing the Hamas attack dubbed the Al-Aqsa Storm.

Eisenkot was also the war cabinet observer of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyuahu's emergency unity collation who stepped down along with cabinet minister Benny Gantz in June.

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# agreement to include new emphasis on territorial integrity

Iran-Russia

TEHRAN – Iranian Ambassador to Russia, Kazem Jalali, announced on Saturday that the new comprehensive strategic partnership agreement between Iran and Russia explicitly includes respect for each other's territorial integrity.

During an interview with an Iranian news agency, Jalali emphasized, "We expect our partner countries to respect our territorial integrity," highlighting that this commitment is clearly outlined in Article Three of the agreement which is poised to be signed later this month. Page 2

# Resistance remains indispensable in Lebanon, says Iranian envoy

TEHRAN – Iran's ambassador to Lebanon, Mojtaba Amani, has dismissed claims that the election of Joseph Aoun as Lebanon's president signifies a defeat for the Resistance.

Speaking on the Jahan-e Emrooz program, Amani characterized such assertions as misguided illusions, asserting that the Resistance remains a central force in Lebanese politics. He underscored that, while Joseph Aoun was not the Resistance's preferred candidate, the process demonstrated the Resistance's influence, as no president could be elected without its agreement.

"Some are attempting to frame the agreement reached as a loss for Hezbollah, but this interpretation is inaccurate," Amani said.

The ambassador elaborated that the Resistance played a decisive role in shaping the presidential outcome, highlighting that electing a president without its consent would have been impossible. Page 2

# "Yahya's Prophecy" exhibit showcases stories of resilience in war refugee camps

TEHRAN- A photo exhibition titled "Yahya's Prophecy" has opened in Qazvin, offering a unique and immersive experience that combines imagery, text, and sound.

The exhibition delves into the realities faced by Lebanese refugees in Syria, particularly in the war-torn areas, during the Israeli attacks.

The exhibition showcases the remarkable work of Mahsa Alviri, the first female photographer from Qazvin to document life in conflict zones, specifically in Syria and Lebanon, where she engaged with Lebanese war refugees through interviews and visual storytelling. Page 8

## Iran's export to Eurasian countries rises over 20%

TEHRAN – The value of Iran's foreign trade with member states of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) reached \$2.704 billion in the first nine months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 20 – December 21, 2024), according to the head of Iran's Customs Administration (IRICA).

Foroud Asgari, speaking to IRNA's economic correspondent, provided details on Iran's exports and imports with EAEU countries.

He stated that Iran's exports to the EAEU amounted to approximately \$1.494 billion, reflecting a 20.79 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

He added that the weight of exports during this period was estimated at 3.857 million tons, marking a 21.69 percent rise year-on-year. > Page 4



## Iran announces readiness to help victims of LA wildfires

TEHRAN –The head of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS), Pirhossein Kolivand, has announced the country's readiness to dispatch humanitarian aid to assist the people affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles.

In a message to Cliff Holtz, the CEO of the American Red Cross, Kolivand offered condolences and expressed sympathies, saying, "Widespread fires in Los Angeles, which has demolished houses, threatened lives, and turned the scenic landscape into ashes, has affected the whole world, particularly responsible and sympathetic people. Page 7

