



Israel More Vulnerable Despite 15-Month War on Gaza

Four soldiers were killed during fighting in the northern Gaza Strip on Saturday, raising the total number of Israeli fatalities since October 7, 2023, to 835



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'Our missile power increases daily,' IRGC chief tells top officers

TEHRAN – Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) Commander-in-Chief, Major General Hossein Salami, issued a stern warning to adversaries, emphasizing the rapid growth and advancement of the nation's missile capabilities.

During a meeting with senior missile officers from Operations True Promise I and II at a newly unveiled missile complex on Saturday, Salami highlighted the precision, speed, and destructive force of Iran's missiles, underpinned by the unwavering resolve of their operators.

"Our missile capability is growing daily. Every facet of our power improves in quality, quantity, skill, and design," the major general stated.

He elaborated that Iran's missile forces are now capable of launching hundreds of missiles simultaneously in successive waves, stressing their accuracy, velocity, and destructive power, and the operators' unwavering determination.

"Operations True Promise I and II were merely minor demonstrations of this magnitude, a small glimpse of our vast and limitless potential," Salami asserted. ▶ Page 2

'A breach of intl. law': Iran condemns France for hosting terrorist gathering

TEHRAN – Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baqaei has strongly criticized France for hosting a gathering of the Mojahedin-e-Khalq (MEK) terrorist group, accusing the French government of supporting terrorism and failing to uphold its international legal obligations.

"Granting permission to a terrorist group to hold a meeting is a clear example of inciting violence, spreading hatred, and interfering in Iran's internal affairs," Baqaei stated in a statement on Saturday.

He stressed that such behavior contradicts the foundations of human rights and the principles of international law.

The notorious MEK recently held a rally outside Paris, attended by controversial figures such as former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former UK Prime Minister Liz Truss, and former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Another attendee, U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's incoming Ukraine envoy Keith Kellogg, told the gathering on Saturday, "The world must return to a policy of maximum pressure against Iran to turn it into a more democratic country."

"These pressures are not just kinetic, just not military force, but they must be economic and diplomatic as well," Kellogg added. ▶ Page 3

The future of the Lebanese Resistance after Aoun election

By Sondoss Al Asaad

SOUTH LEBANON – Amid undeniable fears about Lebanon's future, Hezbollah's vote for Aoun as president has established new security and political balances given the war-ravaged Lebanon's political fragility in the face of growing interference by US-led Western countries and Persian Gulf monarchies.

The election of Gen. Aoun as president was imposed, nevertheless the final say lies with the Shiite duo's shrewdness that prioritizes reconstructing what has been destroyed by the US-backed Israeli aggression; complete withdrawal from the south; and active participation in the new cabinet.

The Shiite duo's approved Aoun to preserve domestic cohesion and national affinities, thwarting the persistent foreign efforts to deepen sectarian and political divisions.

In his inauguration speech, Gen. Aoun affirmed his commitment to these pivotal priorities especially the necessity of agreeing on a defense strategy, as it is no longer acceptable to ignore the Israeli colonial ambitions.

World must take Trump's threats against Canada, Denmark extremely seriously: American professor

By M.A. Saki

TEHRAN – An emeritus professor of business and international affairs from George Washington University says President-elect Donald Trump's threats to grab Canada and Greenland by force are "stark warnings" that show "when a country turns on its own allies."

In an interview with the Tehran Times, Hossein Akari says, "It is a warning that the rest of the world must take extremely seriously and respond thoughtfully and decisively."

Following is the text of the interview:

Donald Trump has again threatened to reclaim the Panama Canal and has not ruled out using military force or economic sanctions to pursue acquisition of the Panama Canal and Greenland. What do such threats reveal about Trump's personality or state of mind?

Trump is an insecure bully who thrives by bullying and knocking others down.

From fires to firepower: LA burns as US fuels overseas conflicts

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN- The outgoing administration of President Joe Biden is facing significant criticism for prioritizing military expenditures overseas while neglecting pressing domestic issues, particularly in light of its inadequate response to the devastating wildfires in Southern California.

Huge wildfires have torn through Los Angeles since Tuesday. They have razed to the ground entire neighborhoods, reducing vast areas of the city to ashes.

According to private forecaster Accuweather, the raging fires have covered tens of thousands of acres of land and could potentially have an economic impact of up to \$150 billion.

An outage monitor that tracks blackouts across the United States said on Sunday that tens of thousands of homes and businesses in Los Angeles remain without electricity.

The blazes in Los Angeles County are believed to be the "most destructive" in modern US history.

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More nuclear sites become focus of defence forces in ongoing military drill

TEHRAN – Iran's military has commenced extensive air defense drills, code-named "Eqtedar" (Might), in its western and northern regions, focusing on protecting vital sites like the Fordow and Khondab nuclear facilities.

The exercises feature a broad range of military hardware, including sophisticated radar, missile, and electronic warfare systems, alongside manned and unmanned aircraft, with a focus on both offensive and defensive tactics.

The Iranian Army Air Defense Force and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) are taking part in the exercises, practicing reconnaissance, identification, interception, and engagement operations against simulated threats. ▶ Page 3



Exclusive Kolookhi welcomes back their 'young teacher' as president

By Soheila Zarfam

Kolookhi, a small and unassuming village nestled in the Sistan and Baluchestan Province of Iran, is the kind of place where not much ever seems to happen.

Life moves at a slower pace, and the rhythm of daily existence is generally uneventful. Yet, over five decades ago, this quiet village played a small but significant role in the early life of a man who would eventually become the President of Iran, Masoud Pezeshkian. ▶ Page 2