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Exclusive: Top Iranian security source denies alleged drone deal with PKK, says Turkish report fabricated

TEHRAN – An Iranian security source has denied claims circulating in Turkish media regarding a supposed secret meeting between Iranian officials and members of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) militant group, labeling the report as entirely fabricated.

The source, speaking to the Tehran Times, dismissed the allegations as baseless and a deliberate attempt to sow discord and propagate false narratives.

Several Turkish media outlets, including Yeni Safak, alleged Iranian officials met with PKK representatives in an Iraqi market, where the latter requested 2,000 kamikaze drones. Some outlets further claimed IRGC Quds Force Commander Esmail Qaani was present. These same reports asserted that Iran agreed to supply 1,500 drones for delivery to northern Iraq, but the shipment was canceled due to Turkish surveillance. Turkish media also claimed that Iran is now seeking alternative methods for delivery. ► Page 2

Iran set to join Pakistan’s AMAN-25 naval drills

TEHRAN – Iran’s Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Major General Mohammad Bagheri, has confirmed the nation’s participation in the upcoming AMAN-25 naval exercises, scheduled for February 7-11 in Karachi.

Bagheri made the announcement during his visit to Islamabad, where he held discussions with high-ranking Pakistani officials, including the army chief, air force commander, defense minister, prime minister, and president.

The biennial AMAN exercises, organized by the Pakistan Navy, aim to strengthen maritime security through international collaboration.

Key focuses include countering terrorism, preventing piracy, and executing search and rescue missions.

The drills will feature various naval operations, such as live-fire exercises, communication drills, and humanitarian assistance efforts, designed to enhance the capabilities of the attending forces.

These exercises offer a venue for naval forces to share tactics and strategies, boosting interoperability among participants. ► Page 2

JCPOA talks depend on changes in other parties’ behavior, says Iran deputy FM

TEHRAN – Iran’s Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, Kazem Gharibabadi, has reaffirmed the country’s willingness to resume negotiations aimed at lifting sanctions, provided other parties demonstrate readiness for constructive dialogue.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday morning, Gharibabadi emphasized Iran’s consistent openness to negotiations. “We have always been prepared for this, and if the other parties are ready as well, we believe talks can proceed and lead to a conclusion,” he stated.

He further noted that Iran’s approach would remain flexible and responsive to the policies of the other negotiating parties. “If we observe a different policy or approach from the other side, Iran will adjust its own policies accordingly,” he added.

Gharibabadi expressed optimism about the potential for meaningful dialogue, highlighting the peaceful nature of Iran’s nuclear program and criticizing the ineffectiveness of unilateral sanctions. ► Page 2

Hezbollah-Amal duo agree to participate in the Salam government

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT – Before the end of the 60-day Lebanon-Israel ceasefire agreement, and a week after Judge Nawaf Salam was assigned to form a new cabinet, meetings with parliamentary blocs are intensifying to dispel any obstacles, one of which is the Lebanese Forces’ insistence on monopolizing the ministries of foreign affairs and energy.

Reportedly, Samir Geagea, head of the Lebanese Forces (4 ministries), has also sent MP Melhem Riachi to meet Prime Minister-designate Nawaz Salam and know the details of the cabinet lineup.

Salam informed Riachi that he was determined to strengthen his relationship with Nabih Berri, Speaker of the Parliament, based on a promising future and putting national interests above anything else.

For his part, President Joseph Aoun, despite announcing that he is not seeking any ministry for his team, insists on granting him the power to place a “veto” on the names nominated for the sovereign ministries of foreign affairs, defense and interior.

Hamas scenes highlight Israeli failure

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – The sight of Hamas fighters on the streets of Gaza after the ceasefire will go down as a major blow to the Israeli regime.

Just hours after the ceasefire took effect on Sunday, Hamas fighters in military fatigues emerged unexpectedly.

Since then, additional footage has surfaced showing larger gatherings with an increased presence of Hamas fighters clad in military uniforms.

The images have not escaped the attention of Western news media.

“Hamas’s armed Qassam Brigades emerged in their distinctive black balaclavas and green headbands,” the Financial Times wrote on Tuesday with the headlines: “Is Hamas back?”

The paper notes that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had vowed to “destroy” the militant group in the wake of its October 7, 2023 attack.

Israel’s West Bank crackdown: A desperate attempt to whitewash Gaza failure

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN – The Israeli army and settlers have escalated brutal violence in the occupied West Bank since the ceasefire in Gaza went into effect at the weekend.

Israeli strikes on the city of Jenin on Tuesday killed several Palestinians and injured dozens of others.

According to the Wafa news agency, Israeli forces also arrested 18 Palestinians in towns near Hebron and Tulkarem.

Reports also said the Israeli army has set up checkpoints and closed roads, preventing people from entering or leaving cities, towns and villages across the West Bank.

On Monday, Israeli settlers set vehicles and properties of Palestinians in the West Bank on fire under the protection of the regime’s troops, wounding more than 20 Palestinians.

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Press TV launches Turkish language channel

TEHRAN – The head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) has announced the commencement of Press TV Turkey’s operations on Sunday, generating significant enthusiasm within Turkish-speaking communities.

Starting from Sunday, Press TV Turkey began its broadcasts, and its success is expected to elevate its position in the Turkish-speaking domain, Peyman Jebelli said, Mehr reported on Tuesday.

The IRIB director emphasized that one should not overlook the significant developments in overseas television networks.

Jebelli addressed the strategic measures taken by the IRIB’s Overseas Broadcasting Division, highlighting the launch of Hispan TV in Brazil, aimed at Portuguese-speaking audiences. ► Page 8



Islamic Jihad envoy talks Gaza ceasefire, future of enclave during Tehran Times visit

TEHRAN – The Palestinian Islamic Jihad Resistance movement’s envoy to Tehran, Nasser Abu-Sharif, stated that the terms of the Gaza ceasefire agreement were consistent with the group’s initial demands since the start of the conflict.

He emphasized that the group’s core condition for the ceasefire was the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and the release of a long list of Palestinian civilians jailed by Israel.

Speaking during a visit to the Tehran Times building, where he met with the CEO, Abu-Sharif stated, ► Page 2