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Does Trump's firing of Brian Hook signal a change in his Iran policy?

TEHRAN – Upon returning to the White House on Monday, U.S. President Donald Trump announced the removal of Brian Hook, who served as his special envoy for Iran during his previous term.

"My Presidential Personnel Office is actively identifying and removing over a thousand presidential appointees from the previous administration who are not aligned with our vision to Make America Great Again," Trump stated in a post on Truth Social.

He added, "Brian Hook from the Wilson Center for Scholars... YOU'RE FIRED!"

The U.S. president did not provide a specific reason for Hook's dismissal.

Brian Hook was affiliated with The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a U.S. government-owned think tank in Washington, D.C.

During Trump's first administration, Hook was the U.S. Special Representative for Iran and Senior Policy Advisor to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo from 2018 to 2020. ► Page 2

Resistance will continue as long as Israeli occupation exists: Zarif

TEHRAN – Resistance movements emerged in response to Israeli occupation, apartheid policies, and acts of genocide, and they will persist until these issues are resolved, said Iran's Vice President for Strategic Affairs Mohammad Javad Zarif.

Zarif made the remarks while speaking with CNN's GPS host Fareed Zakaria at the 55th World Economic Forum in Davos.

"The Resistance will stay as long as the occupation stays, as long as repression stays. Resistance to Israel, Israeli occupation, apartheid, and genocide, existed before the Iranian revolution," Zarif said adding that the formation of the currently active Resistance groups began back in the 1960s when Israel believed it had managed to wipe out such forces.

On the Gaza war, Zarif said: "Netanyahu did not achieve his goal of destroying Hamas. Hamas is still there. Israel had to come to a ceasefire. I hope it will be permanent, for the sake of 50,000 people who were massacred by Israel, so that there won't be another 50,000. But Resistance is not dead." ► Page 2

Israel's forced acceptance of ceasefire serves the grand U.S. plan

TEHRAN – Recent reports from American think tanks reveal that the U.S. has devised a comprehensive plan to curb the influence of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, in particular, the Resistance Axis in West Asia.

In this context, the Gaza war and its developments have emerged as major obstacles to the United States' broader strategies in the region. The U.S. has come to realize that continuing the Gaza war, coupled with Netanyahu's uncontrollable actions, could drag it into a quagmire even worse than its experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This scenario, which poses a significant threat to U.S. interests in the region, risks undermining its larger objectives, especially in countering Iran and the Resistance Axis. As a result, the U.S. has prioritized ending the Gaza war as a strategic necessity to safeguard its interests and prevent the escalation of regional crises.

The Americans have also recognized that assassinating Resistance leaders will not halt the momentum of the Resistance. On the contrary, the martyrdom of these leaders has reinvigorated the movement. Resistance, as a strategy against dominance and aggression, has cemented its place in the identity of the region's nations. ► Page 3

Reappearance of Hamas fighters shakes and humiliates Israel

By Matin Jamshidi

TEHRAN – After the ceasefire went into effect on January 19, the Hamas resistance fighters openly reemerged on the streets of Gaza with military uniforms and Kalashnikov rifles. They were handing three Israeli captives to the Red Cross in Gaza City.

The reappearance of Hamas fighters proved that 470 days of relentless bombardments and ground offensives had been mostly futile.

The reappearance of resistance fighters among the cheering of the youth will continue to constantly haunt those Israeli extremists who suffered from the illusion that they could exterminate the fighters who bravely struggled for their rights.

The re-emergence of fighters proved that no nation, including Palestinians, will forego their rights to freedom and justice.

The January 19 and similar scenes that will surface in future days will be recorded as black days in the history of the Israeli occupation regime. The occupiers must live with these humiliating scenes in their minds. There is no way out.

West Bank assault: Israel attempts to mask domestic divisions

TEHRAN – Israel has launched a large-scale military operation in the West Bank amid growing pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over his failed military strategy in the Gaza Strip.

Since a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas went into effect at the weekend, Israel has ramped up brutal attacks in the West Bank.

On Wednesday, the Israeli army continued raids in the flashpoint city of Jenin for the second consecutive day. A day earlier, Israeli forces killed 10 Palestinians in the city.

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad resistance movement has condemned the Israeli assault.

"We condemn in the strongest terms the systematic displacement, destruction and killing carried out by the [Israeli] army against the Jenin camp and its people," the movement said.

The resistance group also blamed the Palestinian Authority for the deadly violence.

"We hold the authority in Ramallah and its security services responsible for participating and colluding in this aggression,

Israel and Google: Partners in the first AI-enabled genocide

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN – Fresh revelations have blown the lid off the deep involvement of US technology giants in aiding and abetting Israel's genocide in Gaza.

The Washington Post implied on Wednesday that the first instance of genocide enabled by artificial intelligence (AI) unfolded in Gaza with the collaboration of Google and Israel.

The US media outlet disclosed that Google employees have worked to provide the Israeli military with access to the firm's latest artificial intelligence technology from the early weeks of the regime's war on Gaza.

According to documents obtained by the Post, a Google employee had warned that if the company didn't quickly provide Israel's war ministry with more access to its AI technology, the regime would turn instead to its rival Amazon. Both Google and Amazon work with Israel under the Nimbus contract.

Google and Amazon signed a joint multibillion-dollar contract with Israel in 2021.

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Tehran seeks to establish links with regional sci-tech parks

TEHRAN –Iran seeks to enhance cooperation with regional countries by establishing links with science and technology parks in the neighboring countries.

"Regional countries, particularly Iraq, are interested in establishing science technology parks; they seek to utilize Iran's experiences and expertise in the field," IRNA quoted Science, Research, and Technology Minister, Hossein Simaei-Sarraf, as saying.

"Having prepared the groundwork, we will provide scientific consultancy services to Iraq and any other interested countries in the region."

Referring to the second Iran-Iraq Science Week, which was held in the city of Karbala, Iraq, from January 18 to 20, Simaei-Sarraf said the two sides have agreed to grant 200 scholarships to their students to study in the other country. ► Page 7



Europeans can only dream of Iran's weakening: President Pezeshkian

TEHRAN – Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian has responded to European views on Iran's supposed vulnerabilities, confidently asserting that with the support of the people and industry leaders, Iran would overcome any challenges.

Pezeshkian, who is on a trip to Khuzestan province, had a meeting with economic activists from the southwestern province on Wednesday. ► Page 2