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## Ayatollah Khamenei's Prediction Comes True: Resistance Becomes Stronger

' Hamas has added up to 15,000 fighters since start of war', US intel figures say

### Over 70 women in charge of key positions

TEHRAN – More than 70 women are acting as vice president, minister, spokesperson, and other key positions in the government.

Constituting half of the human resources of the country, women play a key role in sustainable development, Fakhrossadat Fatemi, an official with the Vice Presidency for Women and Family Affairs, said.

She made the remarks in an address to the 48th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), in Geneva on Friday.

Reducing the gender gap in education to 3 percent, increasing the share of women in the student population to more than 52 percent, and increasing the presence of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are among the important achievements of Iran, she highlighted.

### Gandhi Peace Prize awarded to Iran for advocacy of Palestinian rights

TEHRAN – Iran has been awarded the International Gandhi Peace Prize for its ongoing support of Palestinians and its contributions toward peace in West Asia.

The award was presented to Iran during a conference in New Delhi, the capital of India, on Saturday. The event brought together diplomats, cultural figures, and peace advocates from various countries, highlighting the importance of international cooperation for peace and justice in the region.

As the Israeli regime continues its genocidal campaign in Gaza, Iran's consistent support for Palestinian rights and its stance against occupation have earned it global recognition. ▶ Page 2

### Alive and kicking: Four Israeli captives freed in good condition

Hamas released more Israeli captives from the Gaza Strip on Saturday as part of a ceasefire between the regime and the resistance movement.

Four female soldiers were handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross in Gaza City.

They ascended a podium, where they waved and smiled before being escorted away. The captives seemed to be in good condition. They later arrived in Israel.

A total of 200 Palestinians also walked free from Israeli jails. More than 120 of them were serving life sentences behind bars.

It was the second captive-prisoner swap since the ceasefire took effect on January 19.

### US political meddling in Lebanon aimed to compensate for Israel's defeat

By Sondoss Al Asaad

SOUTH LEBANON – It was not surprising when the Israeli occupation regime announced that it does not intend to completely withdraw from southern Lebanon following support from the Trump administration. The announcement confirms the occupation regime's usual policy of disrespecting any UN agreement.

The refusal along with its aggressive policies are in line with Washington's imperialist schemes. This is what Mike Herzog, the Israeli ambassador to Washington, acknowledged by stating that the American administration "has to take into account Israel's security needs."

### Hamas reveals stunning details of October 7

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – For the first time, details of the Al-Aqsa Storm Operation carried out by the armed wing of Hamas have been revealed.

In the first series published by Al Jazeera, the al-Qassam Brigades revealed never-before-seen footage of the al-Aqsa Storm on October 7, 2023.

Entitled "What is Hidden is Greater," the footage highlights the Hamas military leadership meetings, how the operation was executed, and the events that followed.

It also showed rare footage of the al-Qassam Brigades commander, Muhammad Deif, fully visible and standing on his feet (dismissing reports of his injuries) inside the military operations room, putting the final touches on the attack plan.

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### 40th International Fajr Music Festival to host 6 international musicians, bands

By Mohamadreza Seyedagha

TEHRAN-The 40th International Fajr Music Festival aims to enhance the artistic quality of the festival based on the available resources, focusing on more serious and art music, said the head of the Music Office at the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance Ahmad Sadri.

Speaking at a press conference held on Saturday at Vahdat Hall in Tehran, Sadri added: "To do so, we have invited professionals in the field to participate in the festival". ▶ Page 8

## 'Pioneers of Progress' exhibit manifestation of private sector's capabilities

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President Pezeshkian talks to private sector's representatives



Visiting exhibition, I feel extremely proud: Zarif



Parliament tries to solve challenges of private sector: Qalibaf