

Hebrew media exposes resounding defeat of Israeli aggression

By Sondoss Al Asaad

SOUTH LEBANON — Critical analyses continue in the Hebrew media regarding the Israeli disappointment with the return of the southern Lebanese to their border villages carrying Hezbollah flags and pictures of Martyr Sayyed Nasrallah, after the expiration of the 60-day deadline for the withdrawal of the Israeli forces.

Urieh Keshet, i24NEWS channel's correspondent in occupied north Palestine, said, "The scenes in Lebanon worry the settlers of the north, and reinforce their fears of the return of Hezbollah fighters. It also poses a challenge to our security capabilities, and exposes the Israeli army

Keshet added, "The Lebanese tried to cross the earthen barriers and checkpoints of the Israeli army, chanting slogans praising Nasrallah in defiance of the forces present there."

In turn, Yair Kraus, Yedioth Ahronoth's correspondent, said, "These are exactly the images that they fear in the north after 15 months of fighting, pictures of the residents of southern Lebanon near the border returning and raising Hezbollah flags."

Triumphant return to the north

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have returned home to northern Gaza, marking yet another victory against the occupying regime of Israel

Families who had been displaced countless times made the journey on foot, crossing the Israeli-built Netzarim corridor that had divided the northern enclave from the south for more than a year.

The Israeli military was forced to clear the way, allowing Palestinian families to pass through the corridor. This retreat marked another significant Israeli concession, as the resilience of the returning families could no longer be denied.

Northern Gaza had been the most heavily attacked region throughout the U.S.-backed genocidal Israeli war suffering relentless daily bombardment and destruction.

Since October of last year, much of the region had been cut off, with its remaining residents enduring extreme hardships in total isolation.

Amidst the regime's war crimes, including the use of starvation as a weapon of war, Israeli politicians were openly discussing the process of reestablishing illegal settlements in the region, fueling debates over the future of the Palestinian territory.

Troubling tune: Trump dancing to Zionist drumbeat

By Shahrokh Saei

TEHRAN - US President Donald Trump's insistence on the proposal to relocate Palestinians from the Gaza Strip evidently reflects his alignment with the expansionist aspirations of Zionist ideologies.

On Monday night, the US president doubled down on his suggestion for moving out Gaza's population to Egypt and Jordan. Trump added that Cairo and Amman will comply with his request to take in Palestinians.

Trump reiterated his suggestion while trying to initiate a charm offensive directed at the Palestinian people.

"I want them to live in a place without violence. Gaza has been hell for so many years. They can live in much better and more comfortable areas," Trump said while referring to Israel's devastating war on the Palestinian territory.

On Saturday, Trump floated the idea of transferring Gazans to Egypt and Jordan to "clean out" the enclave.

"It is literally a demolition site right now, almost everything is demolished and people are dying there. So, I would rather get involved with some of the Arab nations and build housing in a different location, where they can maybe live in peace for a change," he said.

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Turkey's trade minister stresses strengthening Tehran-Ankara cooperation

TEHRAN - Turkey's Minister of Trade emphasized the importance of expanding economic relations and cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey, IRNA

According to Iran's Ministry of Transport and Urban Development, Ömer Bolat, speaking at a joint press conference with his Iranian counterpart on Monday, highlighted the 29th meeting of the Iran-Turkey Joint Economic Committee and the signing of a memorandum of understanding.

He mentioned the goal of increasing bilateral trade to \$30 billion and noted that trade between the two countries had grown in 2024, with Turkish companies investing approximately \$2 billion in Iran. ▶ Page 4



Courageous confrontation: Brave Lebanese woman stands up to Israeli tank

Footage of a Lebanese woman confronting an Israeli tank in southern Lebanon has been shared thousands of times on social media, garnering widespread admiration for her

The videos posted online on Sunday were taken as displaced residents in the village of Maroun el-Ras confronted Israeli forces who had remained in the area in violation of the ceasefire agreement with Hezbollah.

The woman can be seen standing with her arms stretched while shouting at the Israeli forces, who she dares to open fire. Shots from the Israeli soldiers can be heard firing off in the background.

Any attack on Iran's nuclear facilities would lead to 'disaster' for region: Araghchi

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has issued a warning about the potential fallout from any Israeli or American military strike on Iran's nuclear facilities, describing such an attack as a "very bad disaster" for the entire West Asia.

In an interview with Sky News in the Iranian capital, Araghchi emphasized that any assault on Iran's nuclear sites would be met with an immediate and decisive response from Tehran.

"But I don't think they will do that crazy thing," he added, stressing that it would lead to a catastrophic scenario for the region. He underscored the seriousness of the threat, stating that the consequences would affect not only Iran but the entire West Asia.

Iran's nuclear program has long been a point of contention on the international stage. In 2015, Iran sought to demonstrate the peaceful intent of its nuclear ambitions by entering the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with six world powers. ▶ Page 2

Damaged airdefense systems replaced and tested in drills, asserts senior Iranian general

TEHRAN - Brigadier General Ali Shadmani, deputy coordinator of Iran's Khatam al-Anbia Central Headquarters, debunked claims regarding the alleged destruction of Iran's air defense systems in a Monday interview with an Iranian news agency.

"Only a few systems sustained damage, and they have since been replaced with new, fully operational systems," he stated.

Israeli regime's sources and some Western media had claimed that the regime's October 26 strike on Iran had "severely compromised Iran's air defense infrastructure, leaving its airspace vulnerable."

However, General Shadmani emphasized that the systems have not only been restored but also tested in recent military drills.

Iran has conducted a series of military exercises to highlight its robust defensive capabilities and preparedness.

The recently concluded "Great Prophet Authority 19" drill showcased sophisticated air defense strategies, including the integration of newly developed systems and electronic warfare capabilities. ▶ Page 2

Sadeh: an ancient celebration of fire and light

TEHRAN - Every year on the tenth of Bahman (which this year falls on Jan. 29), Zoroastrians worldwide, along with some Iranians deeply interested in their ancient traditions, gather to celebrate Sadeh, one of the oldest and most captivating traditions from ancient Persia.

Celebrated 50 days before the UNESCOregistered Nowruz, the Iranian New Year, and 40 days past the UNESCO-listed ancient festival of Yalda Night, the festival is widely believed to symbolize warmth, unity, and the triumph of light over darkness.

A celebration rooted in history and myth

The origins of Sadeh remain a mystery, but its significance as a mid-winter ritual is profound. According to Persian mythology, the festival commemorates King Houshang's discovery of fire. Legend recounts how the mythical king, while attempting to slay a dragon, struck two flintstones together, sparking the first fire. This discovery became a symbol of humanity's power to illuminate and warm the earth, laying the foundation for agricultural life. ▶ Page 6