

Trump-Zelensky Spat Proves Why Iran's Mistrust of US Persists



European troika has no legal standing to invoke 'snapback mechanism': Iran

TEHRAN – Iran has strongly rejected attempts by the UK, France, and Germany to activate the snapback mechanism under the 2015 nuclear deal, arguing that the three European countries have no legal or moral standing to do so after failing to uphold their own commitments.

In his speech during the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s Board of Governors on Wednesday, Mohsen Naziri-e Asl, Iran's representative to international organizations in Vienna noted the European Troika's violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2231 and the JCPOA, rendering their snapback claims baseless.

He reiterated that Iran has never sought nuclear weapons and remains committed to its non-proliferation obligations. However, despite years of patience and restraint, Iran saw no tangible results from its compliance with the JCPOA.

Tehran, he emphasized, is willing to fully restore its commitments—but only if the U.S. and Europe lift sanctions in a verifiable manner.

Snapback claims are 'illegal and delusional': Russia

Russia has also dismissed the European Troika's claims, with Mikhail Ulyanov, Russian Ambassador to the IAEA, condemning the move as illegitimate. ▶ Page 2

Tehran slams UK's 'confrontational policies' as London escalates tensions with unprecedented move

TEHRAN – The United Kingdom has intensified its confrontational posture toward Iran, designating the country under the "enhanced tier" of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme (FIRS), a move requiring Iranian state-linked entities to register activities in the UK or face severe penalties, including imprisonment.

Security Minister Dan Jarvis justified the decision by alleging Iranian threats against Jewish communities, Israeli-affiliated individuals, and anti-Iran Persian-language media.

Iran has vehemently rejected the claims as "baseless," saying UK's actions are part of a decades-long campaign of imperialist hostility now amplified by pro-Israel lobbying groups within British politics.

Esmail Baqaei, spokesperson for Iran's Foreign Ministry, condemned the FIRS designation as politically motivated.

"These accusations lack any credible foundation and are deliberately deflecting from Britain's own destabilizing role in our region," he stated, noting that the UK hypocritically hosts "anti-Iranian terrorist groups" while leveling unproven security threats. ▶ Page 3

The religious and moral duty of Muslim nations

By Najah Mohammad Ali

LONDON – The Holy Prophet of Islam (PBUH) said: "Whoever among you sees a wrong should change it with their hand; if they cannot, then with their tongue; if they cannot, then with their heart, and that is the weakest level of faith." This noble saying highlights a fundamental principle in combating corruption and deviation: every believer has a duty to stand against wrongdoings and strive to correct them to the best of their ability.

In our time, one of the ugliest and most dangerous wrongs is the act of treason and serving the enemies of Islam. Those who place themselves at the service of foreigners and act as hidden tools and soldiers within the Islamic community are not only betraying Islam and Muslims but also aiding the power and dominance of the enemies over Islamic lands. These individuals are, in truth, enabling the enemies' crimes against the Islamic community. ▶ Page 3

3rd Palestine World Prize for Literature opens call for entries

TEHRAN – The secretariat of the Palestine World Prize for Literature has officially published a call for entries for its 3rd edition, Mehr reported on Tuesday.

Established in 2018 as a non-governmental initiative, this prestigious award aims to recognize literary works related to Palestine and will be held every two years in collaboration with cultural and literary unions, as well as various associations and institutions across Islamic countries.

The 2026 edition of the award seeks to introduce and celebrate literary books published worldwide that focus on Palestine, honoring writers, poets, and publishers who advocate for the oppressed Palestinian people through their work.

A portion of the call highlights the enduring struggle for freedom: "The awakened conscience of freedom-loving people around the world bears witness to the heroic resistance of the Palestinian nation, particularly the steadfastness of the people of Gaza over the past eight decades. Today, more than ever, free peoples around the globe are concerned for the people of Palestine." ▶ Page 8

Arab League endorses Gaza plan

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – An emergency Arab summit in Cairo has approved Egypt's plan to rebuild the Gaza Strip.

The Egyptian government outlined its highly anticipated Gaza reconstruction plan in a detailed 112-page document.

The summit concluded with a final statement addressing key issues related to occupied Palestine.

The statement emphasized that the reconstruction plan seeks to keep Gaza and the West Bank under a single, unified authority.

The summit stressed the importance of finalizing the ceasefire in Gaza, acknowledging it as a major challenge.

The statement also reaffirmed the Arab position against any attempts to displace the Palestinian people, regardless of the pretext.

In a rebuke to U.S. President Donald Trump's Gaza relocation plan, the statement rejected any alternative that involves the forced displacement of Palestinians and reaffirmed support for a Palestinian state. ▶ Page 5

Syrian Druze between the pursuit of autonomy and Israeli threats

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT – Netanyahu's statements regarding southern Syria reveal an explicit Israeli desire to establish a loyal Syrian Druze ally in order not to lose the support of the Palestinian Druze, who form an essential part of the Israeli border forces.

The Palestinian Druze hold fake "Israeli" citizenship and are led by Sheikh Muwaffaq Tarif, one of the Druze spiritual references loyal to the occupation entity.

In recent years, Sheikh Tarif has turned into an octopus working for the Israeli agenda. He has managed to establish extensive relationships with Arab countries, especially those on the southern shores of the Persian Gulf.

In 2022, the Lebanese security forces arrested the representative of the Maronite Patriarchate in Lebanon and all of Antioch in Jerusalem, Bishop Moussa al-Hajj, while he was transferring money from the occupation entity to Lebanon. ▶ Page 5

Tehran hosts Iran-China talks on promoting women's scientific co-op

TEHRAN – Female Iranian and Chinese academicians held talks at Tehran's Al-Zahra University on Wednesday, discussing ways to expand international and scientific cooperation among women.

Zahra Nazem-Bokaei, the president of Al-Zahra University, highlighted the potential of the two nations in fostering joint scientific collaborations and the scientific research capacities of women in the two countries.

For her part, LI Ying, the vice president of China Women's University, expressed optimism that genius Iranian and Chinese women would play a stronger role in promoting peace and expanding societies. ▶ Page 7



Leader says tree planting shows foresight for future generations

TEHRAN – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has said planting trees is a beneficial act that highlights the nation's foresight for creating wealth for future generations.

All people should participate in planting trees as a good and righteous act so that with the increase of trees, the living environment will be refreshed and clean, Ayatollah Khamenei stressed.

The Leader made the remarks while planting tree saplings to mark the National Tree Planting Day, which is marked each year on March 5.

"Planting trees is not only related to young people. All people of different ages should find enthusiasm and motivation towards this important, necessary, and beautiful work." President Masoud Pezeshkian, Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Baqer Qalibaf, and Judiciary Chief Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei planted trees to mark the National Tree Planting Day.