

Bullying Governments Want Negotiations to Impose Their Will



Iran says OIC must move from 'rhetoric' to 'action' as it demands collective sanctions on Israel

TEHRAN – At the extraordinary Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) meeting in Jeddah on Friday, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi delivered a harsh condemnation of Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza and demanded immediate collective sanctions against the regime.

The meeting, convened at Iran's request, saw Araghchi accuse Western powers of complicity in a "genocidal campaign" against Palestinians.

"Collective sanctions against Israel should be imposed as a practical and immediate measure to halt its crimes," Araghchi asserted, emphasizing that the OIC must translate rhetoric into action.

He criticized the U.S. for enabling Israel's aggression through military and diplomatic support, stating, "The Zionist regime, emboldened by unconditional U.S. backing, has committed unimaginable atrocities—including war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and genocide—while evading accountability." ▶ Page 2

Steadfast and resilient: Widow of terror victim on love, loss, and life after terrorism

By Faramarz Kouhpayeh

TEHRAN – On the occasion of International Women's Day, we reached out to a woman whose life has been intertwined with the pain and anguish of terrorism.

Kobra Mahluj, the steadfast and resilient wife of the esteemed martyr Abbas Goudarzi, lost her husband in a cruel terrorist attack that forever changed the trajectory of her existence.

In a heartfelt interview, she shared the story of her martyred husband's life, the circumstances of his martyrdom, and the profound impact this tragedy has had on her.

Below is the full text of the interview:

Could you please tell us about your late husband and the circumstances surrounding his martyrdom?

I am Kobra Mahluj, wife of the revered martyr Abbas Goudarzi and sister of the esteemed martyr Mohammad Hossein Mahluj. ▶ Page 3

Iran announces nominees for Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava

TEHRAN- Iran has chosen 12 books to represent the country in the 30th Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB), scheduled to take place from October 3 to January 10, 2026, at Bratislava Castle in Slovakia.

The nominees were picked by a jury comprising experts from the Institute for Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults – Kanoon, the Children's Book Council of Iran and Iranian Illustrators Society, Kanoon has announced.

"The Da'al's Daughter," illustrated by Noushin Sadeghian and written by Ahmad Akbarpour; "Bahram and the Tale of Seven Domes," illustrated by Narges Mohammadi and written by Zahra Nematollahi; and "The Marvelous Zippy Whiz Cubs Academy," illustrated by Ghazaleh Bigdelou and written by Payam Ebrahimi are the highlights of the list.

"The Da'al's Daughter" is a folk tale that tells the story of a girl raised by a vulture known as Da'al. The narrative unfolds as the king's son falls in love with her and employs an old woman to locate the mysterious girl. However, the old woman deceives him, tying the true Da'al's Daughter to a tree, while marrying her own daughter to the prince instead. ▶ Page 8

Why the fragmentation of the Islamic nation

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT — In the first ten days of Ramadan, Muslims commemorate the passing of two founding Islamic figures who played a pivotal role in defending Prophet Muhammad and Islam: His uncle Abu Talib and his wife Sayyeda Khadija. From their exceptional struggle, there are many lessons that the nation can learn.

Abu Talib (ra) challenged the enemies of the Prophet, believing that the religion he brought was to liberate the Quraysh society from ignorance, domination, savagery and slavery. Likewise, Sayyeda Khadija devoted her money, herself and all her energies to building the Islamic society.

This is the reality of Islam, which has been fought since the passing of Prophet Muhammad. The enemy is one, the goal is one, which is to prevent the establishment of a unified Islamic entity that preserves the nation's capabilities, wealth and sovereignty.

Indeed, the dear price we are paying today is due to our negligence and deviation from the supreme values of Islam.

Over 400 civilians killed near Syria's coast

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Hundreds of Alawite civilians have been executed in cold blood by Syrian security forces along the western coast.

Monitoring groups have sounded the alarm, warning of a potential genocide against the minority group as massacres in various cities continue to escalate.

In the city of Baniyas in Tartous province, Alawite residents have issued urgent pleas for help.

They are calling for rescue from widespread killings targeting families at the hands of armed militants from the Turkistan group.

Reports emerging from Syria have cited sources as saying, "The Turkistan Islamic Party began a sectarian cleansing operation in Baniyas on Saturday morning, targeting people indiscriminately — whether children or the elderly."

The residents urged security forces and anyone who could help to intervene and stop the ongoing sectarian executions.

Syria is on the brink again

By Parviz Rashidi

TEHRAN – That violence has returned to some parts of Syria is extremely annoying. If calm is not restored to Syria's western coastal cities and villages, the entire country may burn in flames.

The Syrian people have suffered greatly in more than a decade of civil war and Takfiri terrorism.

The HTS, under the leadership of Abu Mohammad al-Julani, took control of Syria in December 2024 in just a few weeks as the army refused to resist.

Julani, now called Ahmed al-Sharaa, asked his loyalists not to act violently when its militiamen first took control of Syria. This created hope among people, especially Syrians, that a new page was opening up in Syrian history.

It was reported that the HTS had said goodbye to its violent and terrorist past. But the massacre of Alawites, a minority group who were loyal to the Assad regime, is sending shivers into the hearts of the countries in the region and beyond.

Forbes reported on Saturday that security forces and pro-government militiamen backed by armor and artillery killed at least 38 Alawites execution-style in the town of al-Mukhtareyah. Eyewitnesses also said security forces were indiscriminately targeting civilians.

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Intl. Women's Day highlights rights, equality, and empowerment for all women

By Maryam Tavassoli

TEHRAN – Observed on March 8 annually, International Women's Day is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic, or political.

Officially recognized by the United Nations in 1977, International Women's Day first emerged from the activities of labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe. ▶ Page 7



Iran signs \$17b deal to boost pressure at South Pars gas field

TEHRAN – Iran signed a \$17 billion contract on Saturday to implement a pressure-boosting project at the South Pars gas field, with President Masoud Pezeshkian and senior oil industry officials in attendance.

The agreement was signed between the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) and domestic firms Petropars, Khatam al-Anbiya Construction Headquarters, Oil Industries' Engineering and Construction (OIEC), and MAPNA Group.

The project aims to compensate for pressure declines, maintain maximum gas production, reduce imbalances in gas and gasoline supply, and prevent gas migration to Qatar from the shared field. With the signing of these contracts, the project has officially entered its operational phase. ▶ Page 4