

# Syrian Alawites Left Abandoned to Horrific Crimes



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## Iraq seeks to maintain gas and electricity imports from Iran amid sanction challenges

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He emphasized that preventing the import of Iranian gas by the U.S. would have catastrophic consequences for the people of Iraq, especially in the summer, as it would lead to the collapse of the country's state electricity system.

The Iraqi Parliament Economic Committee's press office reported that Atwan Al-Atwani, the Chairman of the Committee, met with Daniel Rubenstein, the U.S. Charge d'Affaires, and his accompanying delegation. Al-Atwani pointed out the importance of this meeting in the current sensitive situation and emphasized the need for continuous communication to rectify the relations between the two countries. ▶ Page 4

## 'The West can no longer lecture others on human rights:' Iran deputy FM

TEHRAN - Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi delivered a harsh rebuke to Western nations on Tuesday, asserting that Tehran will never submit to external pressure or abandon its principles under the weight of sanctions.

Speaking at the opening of an exhibition celebrating Iranian women's achievements in Tehran, Gharibabadi condemned Western double standards on human rights and underscored the nation's steadfast endurance in the face of relentless economic warfare.

"Those who claim to advocate human rights but support Israel's crimes in Gaza can no longer lecture others on violations," Gharibabadi stated, referencing the killing of over 50,000 Palestinians, predominantly women and children.

He criticized the U.S. and its allies for supplying the Israeli regime with military aid while ignoring the humanitarian catastrophe, calling it proof of their "moral bankruptcy." ▶ Page 3

## Gaza poetry collection published in English, Arabic, Russian

TEHRAN - Iran's Institute for Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults - Kanoon has recently released three titles from its Gaza poetry collection in English, Arabic, and Russian.

The collection comprises three books titled "Paper Rocket," written by Zahra Araqi and illustrated by Mahshid Darabi; "You Will Laugh Again," penned by Tayyebeh Shamsani and illustrated by Bahareh Khodami; and "The House Stands," authored by Monireh Hashemi and illustrated by Neda Asgari, all printed in the three languages.

The English translations of the three titles were completed by Shahryar Fasih, with the Arabic versions translated by Yasser Zanganeh and Mojdeh Pakseresht, while Tahereh Ghamarpour handled the Russian translations.

In "Paper Rocket," "You Will Laugh Again," and "The House Stands," the poets poignantly reflect on the plight of Palestinian children and the tragic events in Gaza through lyrical prose. ▶ Page 8

## Iran's special envoy condemns 'shocking' Syria atrocities, demands justice for minorities

TEHRAN - Iran's Special Envoy for Syrian Affairs, Mohammad Reza Raouf Sheybani, has condemned escalating violence in Syria's coastal regions, labeling the atrocities against civilians as "shocking" and calling for international accountability.

In a series of posts on his official X account on Tuesday, Sheybani emphasized Iran's unwavering support for Syria's sovereignty while urging decisive action against perpetrators of violence.

"The intensity and massive scale of atrocities against innocent civilians in Syria's coastal provinces are deeply alarming," Sheybani wrote, referencing recent massacres documented in areas like Latakia and Tartus.

"We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the victims' families and pray for their resilience amid this tragedy."

The envoy directly linked the violence to broader regional destabilization, stressing that "any act of violence targeting Syria's minority communities is utterly reprehensible," and insisting that those responsible must face justice. ▶ Page 2

## A new vision for US global power under Trump

By Batool Subeiti

TEHRAN - Trump's approach to global affairs diverges sharply from the American establishment's traditional strategy. Trump does not see America as a "police state." He is skeptical of NATO, does not support war with Russia, and believes the U.S. military presence in West Asia primarily serves to protect Arab allies. In his view, they should bear the financial burden of that protection.

The American establishment, represented by institutions like the Pentagon and the White House, follows a long-term strategic vision. It maintains hundreds of military bases worldwide and pursues a structured political strategy across various regions.

Trump, by contrast, envisions American leadership within a multipolar world order. He is less concerned with imposing the American system on other nations and more focused on fostering economic alliances that benefit the U.S. He also seeks to counter the rise of BRICS and prevent alternative economic blocs from challenging the dollar's dominance. Rather than waging ideological battles, his strategy revolves around economic leverage. ▶ Page 5

## Lebanon quite prone to sectarian violence in Syria

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT - The massacres that are taking place against the Syrian civilians, especially against the Alawite sect, have exposed the hypocrisy of claims by the HTS-led regime that it is seeking to provide security, peace, dignity and justice for the Syrian people.

Given the geographical proximity and the sectarian and societal structural similarity, Lebanon is very susceptible to being affected by the negative developments in Syria, which were immediately reflected in sectarian and security tension in some regions.

For its part, the Druze community is very interactive with the plight of Syria's Druze community as demonstrated by the sharp disagreement between the Lebanese Druze leadership on how to approach these threats.

In turn, the eastern border with Syria—as it constitutes a contact line between the supporters of al-Jolani (aka Ahmad al-Sharaa) and the Bekaa clans—remains in danger. ▶ Page 5

## Salehi takes helm at Iranology foundation, outlines vision in Tehran ceremony

TEHRAN - The Iranology Foundation held an official ceremony on Tuesday, to mark a leadership transition, honoring outgoing president Mohammad-Hossein Rajabi Davani and introducing Ali Akbar Salehi as the newly appointed head.

The event, held at the Mohtasham Kashani Hall of the foundation, was attended by high-ranking officials, including First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, along with scholars, cultural figures, and researchers.

During the ceremony, speakers underscored the crucial role of the Iranology Foundation in preserving and promoting Iran's rich cultural and historical heritage. ▶ Page 6



## Tehran hosting exhibition on women's achievements

TEHRAN - An exhibition of Iranian women's achievements, titled 'Iranian women, unwritten stories', commenced at Iran house of innovation and technology (iHiT) in Tehran on Monday.

Addressing the opening ceremony, the Vice President for Women and Family Affairs, Zahra Behrouz-Azar, highlighted the determination of the current administration in empowering women while elaborating on the acquired accomplishments, dot.ir reported.

Referring to national policy documents that highlight supporting women, the official said the country, in line with international communities, has taken steps to improve the status of women. ▶ Page 7