

Trump's Repression Machine Targets Pro-Palestine Voices in Colleges

US uses budget cuts, student expulsions and visa cancellation to curb academic solidarity with Gaza



The Trump administration has made an effort to systematically deport foreign students who have expressed pro-Palestinian views, beginning in March with the detention of Mahmoud Khalil, a former Columbia University graduate student.

'US threats undermine dialogue', Pezeshkian says Iran open to fair talks

TEHRAN – Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian has strongly criticized the U.S. approach toward Tehran, particularly the language of threats combined with calls for negotiation, emphasizing that Iran is willing to engage in talks "on equal footing."

In a statement on Saturday, Pezeshkian said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran seeks dialogue on equal footing. They threaten Iran on one hand and seek to hold negotiations on the other." He further questioned the inconsistency of the U.S. approach, asking, "If you seek negotiations, then why are you making threats?"

The remarks came in response to recent comments from U.S. President Donald Trump, who called for direct negotiations with Iran regarding its nuclear program but simultaneously issued threats, including the potential use of military force if diplomacy fails.

Pezeshkian argued that the U.S.'s actions not only humiliate Iran but also undermine the credibility of the global community. "Today, the United States not only humiliates Iran but also the world, and this behavior contradicts the request for dialogue," he stated. ▶ Page 3

Tehran will not start war, but will retaliate powerfully: IRGC chief

TEHRAN — Major General Hossein Salami, Commander-in-Chief of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC), delivered an address to senior military officials on Saturday, reiterating Iran's defensive posture while warning adversaries of catastrophic consequences.

"We will not initiate war, but we possess overwhelming power to confront any aggression," he declared, emphasizing that psychological and military confrontations have only fortified the country's resolve.

Salami marked the Israeli regime's April 2024 unlawful attack on Iran's Damascus consulate, which killed senior IRGC commanders, including Brigadier General Mohammadreza Zahedi, as a turning point in recent events in West Asia.

"This aggression marked the beginning of a global confrontation," he stated, describing it as a pivotal moment in Islamic history. ▶ Page 2

Senior Russian diplomat rebukes Trump's military threats against Iran

TEHRAN – Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia's permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, has issued a scathing critique of U.S. President Donald Trump's renewed threats against Iran, calling for an immediate return to diplomacy.

In an exclusive interview with Iran's IRNA published on Saturday, Ulyanov condemned Washington's "maximum pressure" strategy as a failure and warned that military posturing risks destabilizing global security.

"We categorically oppose any U.S. threats of force against Iran, especially military strikes targeting nuclear facilities. Such policies are counterproductive and unacceptable," Ulyanov stated.

Should Trump genuinely seek a pact with Tehran, the Russian envoy stressed that abandoning coercive tactics for diplomacy remains the sole credible path.

During a March 31 NBC interview, Trump escalated his rhetoric, warning of bombings "the likes of which they have never witnessed before" should Iran refuse to engage. ▶ Page 2

Israel enjoys absolute impunity in committing genocide

By Matin Jamshidi

TEHRAN – Israel's genocidal machine sees no limit in the Gaza Strip.

Backed by the United States's limitless and shameful support, the criminal gangs ruling Israel are committing one war crime after another.

The recent killing of 15 paramedics in Gaza was a concrete instance of war crime and crime against humanity by Israel. Israeli forces shot paramedics in the chest and head with their hands tied. They were found buried in an impromptu mass grave plowed over by Israeli military bulldozers.

The aid workers disappeared on March 23 during a rescue mission in Rafah's Tal as-Sultan neighborhood. New video evidence emerged on Saturday showed Israeli forces attacked identifiable Red Crescent ambulances – with lights flashing – and emergency medical workers and civil defense staff wearing highly reflective uniforms.

Why is Washington seeking to break Turkey's wings in Syria?

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT — The struggle between regional and international powers is raging in Syria. Ankara is among those powers seeking to strengthen its hegemony in Syria. This puts Turkey in a confrontation with Tel Aviv, which sees Turkish policy as a direct threat to its interests.

Over the past few weeks, the Israeli occupation entity has resumed its aggression against Syria with the aim of destroying all Syrian army installations in Hama, Palmyra, Dumayr, Homs, etc.

If the goal was to prevent Syria from retaining any military capabilities that could be used against it now or in the future, it would have accomplished this after the dramatic fall of Bashar al-Assad's government and would not have left these sites untargeted until today.

Undoubtedly, there are technical and logistical reasons behind this delay. But the main reason, according to the confessions of the Zionist regime's officials, is to prevent Turkey from utilizing these military bases – especially air bases.

Yemen targets Tel Aviv, downs spy drone

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Yemeni Armed Forces on Saturday announced military operations targeting Tel Aviv and the downing of an enemy drone.

The Yemeni forces revealed that their drone unit carried out a military strike targeting an Israeli military site in Tel Aviv using a Yafa-type drone. This marks another step in Yemen's growing capability to strike distant targets with precision.

In a statement, the operation was described as a victory for the oppressed Palestinian people and a response to the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

The statement also noted that Yemeni air defenses successfully shot down a Giant Shark F360 reconnaissance drone that was conducting hostile missions over Saada Province.

The drone, reportedly operated by the U.S. and Israel, was downed using a domestically-made surface-to-air missile.

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Why did President Pezeshkian fire his parliamentary deputy?

TEHRAN – Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian has dismissed the Vice President for Parliamentary Affairs, Shahram Dabiri, after confirming that Dabiri took a luxury trip to Antarctica during the Nowruz holidays—an action the president deemed incompatible with the values of modesty expected from government officials.

In a formal decree, Pezeshkian criticized the trip as inappropriate, even though it was reportedly funded privately. He emphasized that, at a time when economic hardship still affects many Iranians, such displays of extravagance by senior officials cannot be justified. ▶ Page 3



Iran's defense achievements shine at LAAD 2025 exhibition

TEHRAN – The 11th edition of the LAAD 2025 Defense and Security Exhibition, held from April 1 to 4 in Brazil, showcased the latest advancements in defense technology, drawing participants from 41 countries, including a significant presence from Iran.

As the largest and most influential defense and security event in the Southern Hemisphere and Latin America, LAAD 2025 hosted 360 companies from five continents.

A key highlight of this year's exhibition was the participation of Iran's Ministry of Defense, marking its debut at the event. Among the advanced technologies presented, the Qods Mohajer 10 was one of the standout exhibits, representing one of the most modern unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs).