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## Serenity or Inferno: The Crossroads Facing U.S.

Tehran emphasizes readiness for diplomatic engagement on equal terms, leaving the choice up to the U.S.

## China counterpunch: The U.S. to be the big loser in trade war

By Shahrokh Saei

BEIJING- China's strong reaction to the new US tariffs clearly demonstrates that the administration of President Donald Trump is getting into completely uncharted waters.

On Friday, China announced that it will impose 34 percent tariffs on all imports from the US, which are supposed to go into effect on Thursday. China also announced curbs on the export of some rare earths.

The decision was in line with Beijing's pledge to retaliate following the escalation of a global trade conflict initiated by President Donald Trump.

Trump unveiled 54 percent tariffs on all Chinese exports to the United States on Wednesday. This included an additional 34 percent "reciprocal" tariff on top of the existing 20 percent duties. Since his return to the White House on January 20, Trump has already implemented two rounds of 10 percent extra duties on all Chinese imports. The new tariffs will come into effect on Wednesday.

US stock markets plummeted on Friday following China's retaliation. "The market has spoken," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said in a post on Facebook on Saturday. ▶ Page 5

## Trump's billion-dollar gamble in Yemen falls apart

By Sahar Dadjoo

TEHRAN – About 20 days into one of the most expensive overseas operations under President Donald Trump's second term, U.S. military strikes in Yemen have yielded little to no strategic success. Despite an estimated \$1 billion in expenditure, Ansarullah remain operational, active, and increasingly emboldened. Far from being crippled, the group continues its campaign of maritime operations in the Red Sea, defying the world's most advanced military machine and exposing a glaring failure in American strategic planning.

When President Trump took office again in January 2025, one of his first foreign policy moves was to take action against the rising threat from the Ansarullah movement in the Red Sea. Following a series of attacks in support of the oppressed people of Palestine on commercial vessels linked to Israel, the White House approved a strong airstrike campaign.

Under the pretext of "restoring freedom of navigation," the administration launched hundreds of airstrikes across northern and western Yemen, which were carried out with high-precision munitions. ▶ Page 5

## Will Trump's war on Yemen succeed after Biden's year-long failure?

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT — On the eve of the start of the aggression on March 26, 2015, no one could have imagined that the Yemeni people would embody a legendary epic in the face of an international coalition of 17 countries led by America and Britain.

Today, a year and a half after the Al-Aqsa Flood Operation, Yemen has proven that all the coalition's predictions are wrong. It has accumulated miracles in the renaissance of national liberation from the grip of colonialism by defending the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

The current attacks by the Trump administration against Yemen are much stronger than the ones conducted during the Biden era. Now raids against Yemen are going on unstopably, deliberately hitting civilians with Trump's promises to change the reality in the Red Sea without the direct participation of the British navy. ▶ Page 5

## Reuters: Iran warns regional countries U.S. military collusion will bring 'severe consequences'

TEHRAN — Reuters claimed, citing an anonymous Iranian official, that Iran has issued stark warnings to Iraq, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, Turkey, and Bahrain, declaring that any support for U.S. military strikes—including the use of their airspace or territory—"will have severe consequences for them."

The official also emphasized that the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has placed Iran's armed forces on high alert, according to the Sunday report.

The reported warnings follow escalating tensions after U.S. President Donald Trump's explicit threats of military action.

Iran has bolstered military preparedness in response to the U.S. threats, underscoring Iran's posture of defensive resilience. ▶ Page 2

## Direct talks with U.S. 'meaningless' amid threats, diplomacy still on table: Iranian FM

TEHRAN – Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has rejected the possibility of direct negotiations with the United States, labeling them "meaningless" so long as Washington continues to issue threats of military action against Iran.

His remarks came during a formal address at a grand Nowruz celebration in Tehran on Saturday evening, just two days after the U.S. President Donald Trump claimed Iran was ready for direct talks with his administration.

The event was attended by a wide array of senior Iranian officials, foreign ambassadors, and heads of diplomatic missions residing in Tehran, along with their spouses.

Araghchi emphasized that Iran remains committed to diplomatic engagement and open to indirect negotiations, but stressed that meaningful dialogue cannot occur under the shadow of force. ▶ Page 3

## Top Iranian general warns of 'crushing, irreversible' retaliation amid U.S. provocations

TEHRAN – Major General Mohammad Bagheri, chief of staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, has issued a stark warning to the United States, vowing a decisive response to any aggression against the nation's sovereignty or interests.

The top general declared on Sunday that Iran's retaliation would be "swift, crushing, and irreversible," underscoring the country's readiness to counter escalating U.S. military provocations across West Asia.

"From the moment the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei's order is issued, a flood of our capabilities will rain down upon the enemy in the shortest possible time," General Bagheri stated during an address to commanders and staff at the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters in Tehran. ▶ Page 2

Scan the barcode to watch General Bagheri's full speech delivered on April 6, 2025.



## Budapest hosts naqqali performances by Bahareh Jahandoost

TEHRAN-Special celebrations marking Persian New Year Nowruz and the 100th anniversary of Iran and Hungary official relations were held in Budapest, Hungary, which included a naqqali performance, an ancient Iranian storytelling tradition, by the acclaimed Iranian naqqal Bahareh Jahandoost.

"This year marks the centenary of diplomatic ties between Iran and Hungary. To celebrate the occasion, the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Budapest, in collaboration with the Islamic Culture and Relations Organization, invited me to perform naqqali during the Nowruz festivities in Hungary," Jahandoost was quoted as saying by IRNA. ▶ Page 8



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## Mass protests across US show resistance to Trump

They came out in defense of national parks and small businesses, public education and health care for veterans, abortion rights and fair elections. They marched against tariffs and oligarchs, dark money and fascism, the deportation of legal immigrants and the Department of Government Efficiency.

Demonstrators had no shortage of causes as they gathered in towns and cities across the country on Saturday to protest President Trump's agenda. Rallies were planned in all 50 states, and images posted on social media showed dense crowds in places as diverse as St. Augustine, Fla.; Salt Lake City and rainy Frankfurt, Ky. ▶ Page 5