

## Trump's Retreat Not B-2 Bluster Led to Oman Talks

Tehran Times understands Trump backed off non-nuclear demands in March letter to Iran



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## Tehran denounces Berlin's "hypocritical" rights charade, demands reckoning past atrocities

TEHRAN – Iran unleashed a blistering condemnation of Germany's recent maneuvers at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on Friday, exposing Berlin's "interfering and hypocritical" posturing and calling for accountability for its complicity in human rights violations, both historical and ongoing.

Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei delivered a searing rebuke of Germany's co-sponsorship of a resolution extending the mandate of the UN's Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Iran, branding it a "politically motivated abuse" of international mechanisms designed to undermine Iran's sovereignty.

The resolution, pushed through with 24 votes in favor, 8 against, and 15 abstentions, has been seen as another example of Western overreach by Tehran. ► Page 2

## Pezeshkian highlights strategic ties with Baghdad in call with Iraqi counterpart

TEHRAN – In a phone call on Friday afternoon, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian reaffirmed the central importance of Iran's relationship with neighboring Iraq, describing it as one of the most vital pillars of the Islamic Republic's foreign policy.

Speaking with Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid, President Pezeshkian emphasized the deep cultural, historical, and strategic bonds between the two nations, stating, "The people of Iraq are not just neighbors to us—they are our brothers. Relations with Iraq are among the most significant arenas of Iran's foreign engagement."

The call, which came amid the start of the new Iranian year and following recent regional religious celebrations, was marked by mutual expressions of goodwill. President Rashid extended heartfelt congratulations to the Iranian people and leadership on the occasion, and sent his personal greetings to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution.

President Pezeshkian thanked his Iraqi counterpart for the kind words and shared his hope that the two leaders would soon have an opportunity to meet in person. "As you rightly said, I look forward to a face-to-face meeting at the earliest opportunity," Pezeshkian noted. "Such a meeting would allow us to explore concrete pathways to deepen our cooperation, strengthen mutual understanding, and enhance coordination on regional and international matters." ► Page 3

## Israel's limitless evil acts: From occupation and genocide to open lies

By Parviz Rashidi

TEHRAN – Israel is not only an occupier, racist, and criminal regime but also a regime that feels no shame in telling open lies.

When it was announced in late March that 15 paramedics had gone missing in the southern city of Rafah in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli occupation army kept the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and the UN in the dark.

Occupation forces had killed paramedics that included eight Red Crescent staff, six members of the Gaza civil defense agency, and one employee of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees.

The regime's forces had shot dead paramedics in an execution-style and buried them in a mass grave in the Tal al-Sultan area of Rafah city. They had even crushed the ambulances under the sand to cover up the scene of the war crime.

## Lebanon and the Muscat negotiations

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT — As U.S. pressure on Hezbollah escalates, the Lebanese, as well as those in West Asia and the larger world, are anticipating the U.S.-Iran negotiations.

Ariel Kahana, a diplomatic and US affairs analyst for Israel Hayom quoted political sources as saying that Israel had no prior knowledge of the "agreement" between Trump and the Iranians to begin negotiations, confirming that according to a source in the Israeli delegation, "the shock was evident."

Avi Ashkenazi, a military affairs correspondent and commentator for Maariv further said that Trump informing Netanyahu with Iran was a "real bombshell," especially given the widespread belief that Washington was on the verge of launching a military attack against it.

## 49% of Israelis doubt victory over Hamas

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Survey reveals nearly half of Israelis believe military force alone cannot defeat Hamas in Gaza.

According to the poll, 49% of respondents said it is not possible to both secure the release of hostages still held in Gaza and remove Hamas from power.

The survey was conducted by the "Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research", which claims to hold the most comprehensive database of Israeli public opinion surveys.

In contrast, 46% of respondents said they "believe or are certain" that both goals, freeing the hostages and toppling Hamas, can be achieved.

When asked to choose which objective they prioritized, 68% of Israelis said the recovery of hostages should take precedence, while only 25% prioritized the removal of Hamas.

## Netanyahu's crackdown on reservists risks deepening division in the society

By Sahar Dadjoo

TEHRAN – The Gaza war has not only drawn international attention to Israel's military actions but also sparked a rare internal opposition from one of the nation's most elite institutions: the military reservists.

As numerous reservists openly advocate for an end to the Gaza operations, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's response has been one of severe criticism and calls for their dismissal. However, this reaction indicates much more than simply a government's need for control during wartime; it highlights a growing rift between Israel's ruling coalition and the country's established elite institutions.

Netanyahu's support for punitive actions against dissenting reservists is a strategically calculated move,

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## Burning bridges in Buenos Aires: Argentina's reckless rift with Iran

By Ehsan Etesam

TEHRAN – In the grand theatre of international relations, Argentina has once again taken centre stage, but not for a performance worth applauding.

Under President Javier Milei, a.k.a. "Argentina's Trump", the nation has embarked on a reckless and unnecessary hostile approach toward Iran, a move that reeks of compliance with the United States' irrational demands. This strategy, ostensibly aimed at solving Argentina's ever-deepening economic woes, is a textbook case of diplomatic immaturity—one that risks severe consequences while ignoring the lessons of history and the virtues of independent foreign policy. ► Page 2



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## Iranians reignite 'Fridays of Wrath' protests, vow solidarity with Gaza Resistance

TEHRAN – Thousands of Iranians rallied in renewed 'Fridays of Wrath' protests, condemning Tel Aviv's actions in Gaza and Western complicity in the regime's crimes.

Organized by the Islamic Development Coordination Council following the Friday prayers, demonstrators chanted, "Zionist terrorists, with U.S. support, are committing genocide!" while brandishing Palestinian flags.

"Israel has brutally burned women and children alive under a shameful media blackout," read the council's statement, urging global institutions to "break their criminal silence."

Indirectly referencing international inaction, the Council warned that "history will shame those silent" and affirmed Iran's readiness to "support any military action against Zionists." Demonstrators vowed solidarity, declaring, "Gaza's cry is our cry—oppression's end is near."

## Akbar Etemad, Iran's first nuclear chief, passes away at 95

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