



## Where Do Arabs Stand on Iran-US Talks?

It appears that Persian Gulf states are no longer opposed to a potential agreement

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## Tehran reaffirms sanctions removal as ‘unwavering priority’ in indirect nuclear talks with US

TEHRAN – Iran’s Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baqaei underscored Tehran’s unwavering demand for the complete removal of “illegal and oppressive” sanctions as the cornerstone of indirect nuclear talks with Washington.

Speaking at his weekly press conference on Monday, Baqaei emphasized that Iran’s economic normalization and guarantees against renewed U.S. violations remain critical to sustaining diplomatic progress. ▶ Page 2

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## Araghchi to visit China ahead of third round of indirect talks with U.S.

TEHRAN – The spokesman for Iran’s Foreign Ministry announced that Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi will travel to China on Tuesday.

Esmail Baghaei announced the news in a press conference on Monday.

It is expected that the high-level discussions between Iran and China include updates on the ongoing negotiations with Washington and follow-ups on bilateral agreements with Beijing. ▶ Page 3

## Iqbal Lahori on Palestine: A test for courage and pride

By Professor Zahid Munir Amir

TEHRAN – The Palestine problem has entered its 8th decade. The international powers have been ignoring this issue for seventy years. During the first half of the previous century, when British imperialism gave birth to this issue, no one could imagine how much it would affect international peace and that the Palestinians would have to pay such a heavy price for their independence.

This was the time when the British imperialism reigned almost all over the world. The British policy of steadily settling the Jews in Palestine resulted in direct clash between the Muslims and the Jews in the third decade of the 20th century. This series of clashes resulted in continuous bloodshed during 1928, 1929, 1933 and 1939. In August 1929, during a skirmish in Jerusalem, 116 Palestinians were killed and 232 got injured. Firing by the British authorities caused most of the losses. The news of this incident deeply disturbed the Muslims of the subcontinent. A protest rally was held outside the Delhi Gate Lahore which was attended by the Muslims belonging to all schools of thought. Pakistan’s national poet Allama Muhammad Iqbal Lahori also attended the rally. Allama Muhammad Iqbal Lahori was a poet, a jurist and a politician. While addressing the rally, Iqbal said:

## The curse of betraying Palestine won’t spare Arabs

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT — Since October 7, 2023, the Al-Aqsa Flood Operation has foiled the normalization plot heralded by the former Egyptian president, Muhammad Anwar Sadat.

Following the signing of the infamous Camp David Accords, Sadat stated, “The Jewish Israeli entity is an oasis of prosperity, security, civilization, democracy, and human rights, and the sole heir to the good values and principles of all contemporary humanity in the Middle East.”

At that time, normalization was intended to be presented as a positive investment and development of diplomatic, economic, and social relations with the occupying Israeli entity, and as an urgent necessity.

In addition, the Arab world, which is undoubtedly suffering from a deepening moral, humanitarian, religious, and political crisis, were misled and deceived into believing that laying down the resistance’s weapons had become a necessity for the Palestinians, first and foremost, to “coexist” with their Israeli “counterparts” under the delusion of “peace.”

## Yemen attacks Israeli and US targets

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Yemeni forces target strategic Israeli positions and fire at U.S. warships in regional waters.

The Yemeni Armed Forces have carried out drone and cruise missile attacks targeting two Israeli locations, Ashkelon and Eilat, as well as two U.S. aircraft carriers stationed in the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea.

In a statement on Monday, the Yemeni military announced that its drone unit had carried out two operations, one on a “strategic Israeli target in the occupied city of Ashkelon” and another on a “military site in the occupied port city of Umm al-Rashrash (Eilat).”

Military spokesperson Brigadier General Yahya Saree said the attacks were conducted using two drones, the Yafa and the Sammad-1.

As part of ongoing measures to counter U.S. aggression and war crimes, the Yemeni military also carried out two separate high-profile operations against American naval forces.

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## A future intertwined with the fate of our planet

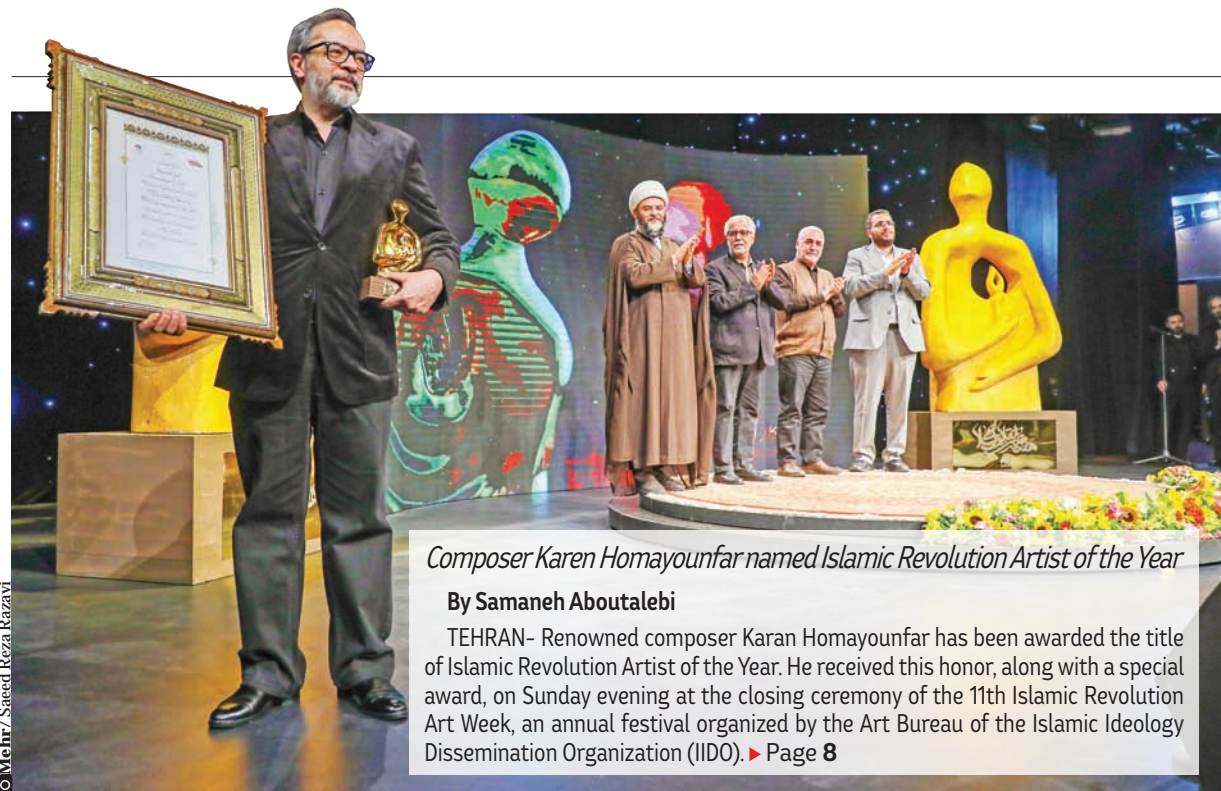
By Shina Ansari, the head of the Department of Environment

TEHRAN – That spinning, spherical stone, glowing from afar with its marbled blue and green hues, is the very place we know intimately.

It is where we were born and where we have grown alongside millions of living beings and countless non-living elements.

All our understanding of the universe comes from the perspective of that famous “pale blue dot,” and to this day, we have found no other place in this vast cosmos that could serve as an alternative home.

Earth is the cradle of life for us and for all the living creatures we know—a unique and nurturing environment that we have depended on, drawn strength from, and endured through, thanks to its countless blessings. ▶ Page 7



Composer Karen Homayounfar named Islamic Revolution Artist of the Year

By Samaneh Aboutalebi

TEHRAN- Renowned composer Karan Homayounfar has been awarded the title of Islamic Revolution Artist of the Year. He received this honor, along with a special award, on Sunday evening at the closing ceremony of the 11th Islamic Revolution Art Week, an annual festival organized by the Art Bureau of the Islamic Ideology Dissemination Organization (IIDO). ▶ Page 8



## Holy words: Pope’s plea for peace in Gaza was source of Israeli fury

By Sahar Dadjoo

TEHRAN- Pope Francis was a key leader of the Catholic Church and the first pope from outside Europe in almost 1,300 years. He died on the morning of April 21, 2025. During his time as pope, he was clear and caring about global issues, especially the Israeli war in Gaza.

The pope often demanded a stop to the violence in Gaza. He wanted justice for victims and aid for Palestinians affected by the war. His strong words against the conflict included calls for ceasefires and investigations into war crimes. This upset some Israeli officials, making the relationship between the Vatican and Israel highly tense. ▶ Page 5

## Iran’s top officials hail Pope Francis as voice for global peace in posthumous tribute

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