

# Leader Urges Full Probe into Tragic Port Inferno

## Pezeshkian Convenes Crisis Management Meeting on Shahid Rajaei Incident

■ A massive explosion on Saturday left 40 dead and 900 injured

■ Global leaders offer condolences, offer solidarity



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President Masoud Pezeshkian visits the staff injured in the huge inferno at Shahid Rajaei Port on Sunday, April 27.

### No military cargoes at site of deadly port blast in South of Iran: Defense Ministry

TEHRAN – The spokesperson for Iran's Ministry of Defense has firmly dismissed rumors suggesting the presence of military-related cargo at Shahid Rajaei Port at the time of a powerful blast that rocked the port of Shahid Rajaei in Hormozgan Province on Saturday.

The tragic incident which happened after a fuel tanker exploded for reasons still under investigation, has so far claimed 40 lives and injured more than 900 individuals.

In a statement on Sunday, Brigadier General Reza Talei-Nik, the spokesperson for the Ministry of Defense, expressed condolences to the families affected by the incident and to the great Iranian nation, also conveying sympathy on behalf of Defense Ministry personnel and the Armed Forces.

He stated: "Based on investigations and available documents, there has been and is no imported or exported cargo for fuel or military purposes in the area of the Shahid Rajaei Port fire." ► Page 2

### 100 tour operators from 33 countries to attend Tehran forum

TEHRAN – Iran is set to host an international tour operators forum from today until May 2.

Over 100 tour operators from 33 countries have been invited to attend the event, according to Moslem Shojaei, director-general for marketing and tourism development at the Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, and Handicrafts.

Speaking at a press conference on Sunday, Shojaei announced that the event would coincide with the 7th edition of the Iran Export Capabilities Exhibition (Iran Expo 2025).

The official described the forum as a significant opportunity to present the Islamic Republic as a safe and attractive destination while countering negative perceptions about the country.

Tour operators from countries including Vietnam, Thailand, India, Tajikistan, Armenia, Turkey, Uganda, Mauritius, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, ► Page 6

### Pezeshkian engages Indian, Pakistani leaders; proposes Iran as mediator amid rising Kashmir tensions

TEHRAN – Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India, and offered Tehran's mediation to ease escalating tensions between India and Pakistan during separate phone calls with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Saturday.

In his conversation with Modi, Pezeshkian expressed "deep sorrow" over the Pahalgam attack, which killed and injured dozens of civilians, emphasizing Iran's solidarity with India.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns these inhumane terrorist acts," he stated, adding that regional stability hinges on "collective efforts to eradicate terrorism's roots." ► Page 2

### Lebanon's upcoming elections: Will the Resistance rise or retreat?

By Sondoss Al Asaad

SOUTH LEBANON — Amidst the escalating tensions resulting from Operation Al Aqsa Flood, Lebanon is preparing for the municipal elections scheduled for next month, and based on their results, for next year's parliamentary elections.

This is taking place in light of increasing American interference in every aspect of Lebanese affairs, to the point that the municipal elections have become more than just a development and service requirement for Lebanese citizens. It seems the elections have become a vital national security matter for the Americans.

Indeed, the upcoming elections represent an opportune opportunity for American diplomacy to examine the extent of change—if it actually occurs—in Lebanese society's general perception of the effectiveness of the Resistance, ► Page 5

## Women in the MEK: Trapped, tortured, and silenced

By Sheida Sabzehvari

TEHRAN – Throughout history, women have often been more vulnerable than their male peers and faced higher risks of crime, sexual exploitation, and forced labor. This is a recurring theme around the world, and while each society has its own unique expressions of this, women everywhere can often share tragic stories of struggle.

One place you might not expect to find abuse against women is in an organization that so loudly proclaims itself the "defender" of women's rights, especially one that boasts about having a female "leader" and purportedly keeps men inferior throughout its ranks.

The terrorist group Mojahe-



Maryam Sanjabi

*Within the MEK, women are particularly subject to abuse, a stark contradiction to the terror group's manufactured feminist image*

din-e-Khalq (MEK) may not consider its killing of over 23,000 Iranians a heinous act, nor its alliance with Saddam Hussein against Iran during the 1980s invasion. A member might even argue that these acts of terror and treason were committed in the name of a just cause. However, what the group would certainly never admit is its systematic abuse of

its own members, especially the women it so desperately tries to portray as free and happy.

Yet, as time goes on, an increasing number of female ex-members are breaking their silence to expose the truth: a truth characterized by unimaginable violence and violation of human, personal, and gender rights. Maryam Sanjabi is one of these women.

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### 3rd Iran-Africa economic cooperation summit kicks off in Tehran

TEHRAN – The third Iran-Africa Economic Cooperation Summit opened Sunday at Tehran's Summit Hall, attended by President Masoud Pezeshkian, First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref, senior officials from the Ministry of Industry, Mining and Trade, and delegations from across the African continent.

Iran is hosting high-level African Union officials, ministers of economy and trade, heads of chambers of commerce, business leaders, bankers, insurance executives, and representatives of major production units and international corporations.



The summit marks a key step in systematizing Iran's economic engagement with Africa, a continent seen as a major opportunity for emerging economies seeking new markets.

African countries, seeking to overcome historical underdevelopment, are increasingly looking to import goods, services, and skilled

labor — areas where Iran sees significant potential to assist.

More than 700 African businesspeople from 38 countries have registered to attend, with over 50 high-level officials, including ministers and heads of chambers of commerce from 29 African nations, participating.

The three-day summit includes four specialized ministerial panels focusing on petrochemicals, mining and metallurgy, agriculture and food industries, and health and pharmaceuticals. Dedicated B2B meetings tailored to these sectors are also on the agenda. ► Page 4

### Yemeni forces target Israeli base twice

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN – Yemen launches second hypersonic missile strike on an Israeli airbase in 24 hours.

For the second consecutive day, Yemen's military targeted the Nevatim airbase in the Negev desert with an advanced hypersonic ballistic missile.

The Sunday morning attack came just hours after a similar strike on Saturday demonstrated Yemen's growing missile capabilities against Israeli air defenses.

Brigadier General Yahya Saree, spokesperson for the Yemeni Armed Forces, confirmed in a televised statement that the precision strike had achieved its military objectives.

"This operation proves our ability to penetrate enemy air defenses at will," Saree declared, adding that such attacks would continue until the Israeli regime ends its siege and genocidal campaign against Gaza. ► Page 5