



Why Is Africa Important to Iran?

Hundreds of African traders, officials convene in Tehran and Esfahan following the Iran-Africa Summit

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Israel on trial in ICJ for Gaza aid restrictions

By Sahar Dadjoo

TEHRAN - The International Court of Justice (ICJ) proceedings in The Hague from April 28 marked a critical juncture in the longstanding humanitarian and legal challenges posed by Israel's responsibilities towards Palestinians, specifically access to humanitarian aid in Gaza and the West Bank.

These legal proceedings brought under a UN General Assembly resolution seek to establish Israel's legal obligations under international law against the backdrop of a significant blockade and worsening humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Background and legal context

At the end of 2024, the ICJ was requested to render an advisory opinion on Israel's obligations to ensure and facilitate humanitarian assistance to Palestinians. This was particularly in relation to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). This request followed a decision by Israel in January 2025 to cut off its ties with UNRWA,

Hezbollah chief proposes roadmap to rescue Lebanon from its dilemmas

By Sondoss Al Asaad

BEIRUT — Ahead of Lebanon's municipal elections, Hezbollah Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem's striking speech on Monday evening carried many political and social messages.

The speech outlined the next phase for Lebanon, outlining three priorities he believed would form the cornerstone of the country's stability and renaissance: halting the aggression against Lebanon, reconstructing the damages caused by the Israeli bombardments, and setting the stage for economic development.

Sheikh Qassem insisted that Lebanon's stability begins with ending the aggression, considering its continuation a constant threat to every attempt at Lebanon's revival.

Sheikh Qassem noted that the Resistance has fully adhered to the November ceasefire agreement, while the Israeli enemy has continued its attacks.

Truman aircraft carrier flees Yemeni missiles in Red Sea

By Wesam Bahrani

TEHRAN - A U.S. Navy fighter jet was lost in the Red Sea following a heavy assault on an American aircraft carrier by Yemeni forces.

F/A-18E Super Hornet plunged into the Red Sea after sliding off the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman during an evasive maneuver in a desperate attempt to dodge incoming Yemeni missile fire.

According to CNN, a U.S. official said the Truman made a sudden, sharp turn to evade incoming fire, which caused the jet to slide off the deck and into the sea.

Navy officials stated that the F/A-18 was being towed through the hangar bay when the crew lost control causing the jet to fall overboard.

"The aircraft and tow tractor were lost overboard," the U.S. Navy said in a statement. "Sailors towing the aircraft acted quickly to move clear before it fell. An investigation is underway."

Another U.S. official told CNN that the jet has since sunk. Other reports suggest the fighter jet slipped when Yemeni fire forced the aircraft carrier to make a "hard turn".

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Israel's 'delusional' threats will not derail Iran-U.S. talks, says parliament speaker

TEHRAN - Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf has dismissed recent Israeli rhetoric as "delusions" meant to influence ongoing indirect nuclear talks between Iran and the United States, warning that any act of aggression against Iran would set the region ablaze.

Qalibaf made the remarks during an open parliamentary session on Tuesday, two days after Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for the complete dismantlement of Iran's nuclear infrastructure and claimed that the "only good deal" would be one modeled on the deal that Libya agreed to in 2003.

"The criminal Zionist prime minister has once again turned to empty threats in a desperate attempt to avoid political collapse," he said. "He is a pathetic figure who changes his flight paths daily out of fear of arrest—one of the most reviled criminals of our time."

"The regime has achieved none of its declared goals since the war began. Its only legacy is bombing schools and hospitals, and it is now at its most insecure state ever," he said, adding that Israel's domestic and international crises have driven it to hollow displays of bravado. ► Page 2

Iran, Kyrgyzstan map out new avenues for economic co-op

TEHRAN - Iran and Kyrgyzstan held the 14th meeting of their Joint Economic Committee in Tehran, aiming to expand bilateral ties across economic, scientific, cultural, and technical sectors.

Senior officials from both countries, including Iran's Agriculture Minister Gholamreza Nouri Ghezeli and Kyrgyz Economy and Commerce Minister Sydykov Bakyt Tolomushevich, attended the meeting, which emphasized boosting trade and investment cooperation.

At the opening ceremony, Nouri highlighted agriculture, industry, energy, and technology as key areas of collaboration. He expressed hope that the session would lay the groundwork for a significant rise in economic exchanges between the two nations.

Sydykov echoed these sentiments, noting the long-standing ties between Iran and Kyrgyzstan since 1992 and underscoring multilateral cooperation through organizations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Eurasian Economic Union. ► Page 4

Deputy tourism minister urges visiting tour operators to share Iran's clean image

TEHRAN - Iran's Deputy Tourism Minister, Anoushirvan Mohseni-Bandpey, has called on international tour operators to mirror a clear image of Iran to the world, highlighting the country's hospitality, safety, and cultural richness.

Speaking at a business-to-business (B2B) event held at Parsian Esteghlal Hotel in Tehran on Tuesday, Mohseni-Bandpey welcomed more than 100 tour operators from 33 countries who have come to explore Iranian attractions and connect with local counterparts.

"Tourism is a bridge for peace and mutual understanding among nations," he said. "Tour operators can play a key role in conveying the real Iran - a country filled with beauty, safety, and warm hospitality." ► Page 6

TMoCA hosting "Picasso in Tehran" analytical sessions

TEHRAN - A series of analytical sessions for the exhibition "Picasso in Tehran" is being held at the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art (TMoCA).

The second session in this series of analytical events will take place under the theme of "Picasso and the Iranians," on Wednesday, April 30, at 5 p.m. in the auditorium of the TMoCA, ISNA reported.

The session will feature art critic and gallerist Shahrouz Nazari, researcher and faculty member at the Tehran University of Arts Mohammadreza Moridi as well as the artist and the session's moderator Neda Tavallae.

Every Wednesday until the end of the "Picasso in Tehran" exhibition, the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art will host the series of expert sessions with an analytical approach, featuring artists and art experts. ► Page 8



INOTEX 2025 kicks off in Tehran

TEHRAN - The 14th International Innovation and Technology Exhibition (INOTEX 2025) opened at Tehran's Pardis Technology Park on Tuesday and will run for four days.

This edition of the exhibition will feature more than 500 innovative companies from Iran and other countries. It includes sections such as "INOTEX Pitch" (startup competition), "Main Stage" (inspirational speeches), specialized sessions, mentoring sessions, and an exhibition of technological products.

In addition to introducing the latest technologies in areas such as artificial intelligence, renewable energies, medical technology, and the Internet of Things, various educational workshops will also be held for enthusiasts and business owners. ► Page 7