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Araghchi: Iran will stand firm against any aggression, even a 'Doomsday War'

TEHRAN— Iran has used an intensive diplomatic campaign on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly to reiterate that it remains open to diplomacy, while insisting that any future negotiations with the United States must be based on reciprocal commitments, respect for Iran's rights and guarantees against a repetition of previous breaches of agreements.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who held a series of meetings with foreign counterparts, UN officials and other international figures in New York, placed the Strait of Hormuz, Iran-US diplomacy, regional security and the principles of the UN Charter at the center of his agenda. ▸ Page **2**

Saudi warplanes bomb Yemeni marketplace, killing and wounding civilians

By staff writer

TEHRAN — Saudi fighter jets bombed a crowded civilian marketplace in southwestern Yemen on Sunday morning. According to preliminary reports, the attack killed at least seven people and wounded at least 43 others. Several children were among the casualties.

It happened at the Mawiyah junction in Taiz province, an area packed with shoppers and stalls. The massacre reflects a sharp escalation by Riyadh. ▸ Page **5**

5 arrested near British air base used by US over alleged bomb plot

British authorities evacuated several homes on Sunday over fears of explosive ordnance near RAF Fairford, an air force base in southern England. American military personnel are stationed at the base, and the United States has used it in recent months to load B-52 and B-1 bombers before sending them to strike sites in Iran.

The local police said in a statement on Sunday that several men had been arrested "on suspicion of offenses under the Explosives Act" and that an army specialist explosive ordnance disposal team was "examining a number of vehicles."

The statement added that the police believed the incident was "contained" but that they had a cordon in place and had evacuated homes in the Whelford area of the county of Gloucestershire, which is near the base and west of London. ▸ Page **5**



Iran fires on vessels traversing unauthorized routes in Strait of Hormuz

TEHRAN – Iranian naval forces have fired warning shots at several foreign vessels attempting to breach designated maritime transit lanes in the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz.

According to the Fars News Agency, Iranian Armed Forces intercepted and engaged seven non-compliant vessels overnight after they ignored repeated radio warnings and attempted to navigate through unauthorized passages. The incident follows an engagement the previous night in which 12 other offending vessels were targeted under similar circumstances. ▸ Page **2**

Iran urges UN to examine European role in US military operations against Iran

TEHRAN— Iran has called on the United Nations Security Council to examine the role played by European territory, military bases and infrastructure in supporting US military operations against the Islamic Republic, arguing that such assistance could raise questions of international responsibility for the states and officials involved.

In a letter addressed to UN Secretary-General António Guterres and the president of the Security Council, Iran's Ambassador and Chargé d'Affaires to the United Nations, Gholamhossein Darzi, cited recent remarks by NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte concerning the extensive use of European military facilities in support of US operations against Iran. ▸ Page **3**

Iran will respond to any aggression with new weapons

TEHRAN — Iran has warned the United States against any intervention in the Strait of Hormuz, while stressing that its Armed Forces have developed new military technologies and capabilities to respond to any potential aggression.

Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi, spokesman for Iran's Armed Forces, issued the warning on Saturday night, saying that any U.S. attempt to interfere in the strategic waterway would face an Iranian response.

"If the United States intervenes in the Strait of Hormuz, it will get slapped," Shekarchi said, using a colloquial expression to underline the consequences Washington would face in the event of direct intervention.

He also said that the United States had "no way out other than leaving West Asia," arguing that the sooner American forces withdrew from the region, the lower the losses they would suffer. ▸ Page **2**



