

US warmongering has disrupted global food security: Iran's minister

TEHRAN- Iran's Minister of Agriculture, emphasizing the need to guarantee the right of all people in the world to access food by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), said: "US unilateralism and warmongering have disrupted and created problems for global food security and the transfer of food and agricultural products in the world." ► Page 4

Curfews fail to halt growing popular rage across France

TEHRAN — Overnight curfews in Paris, Lyon, Lille, and Nice will do nothing to check the expanding anti-government uprising across France, according to a legal representative for the Yellow Vests movement.

David Libeskind, an attorney representing the protesters, dismissed the restrictions outright in a written statement to Anadolu on Tuesday, pointing out that demonstrations take place during the day.

In Paris, police restricted movement around Place de la République and Les Halles between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., while cities like Nice banned unaccompanied minors.

Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu claimed these measures restored order and threatened further localized bans. Yet movement coordinators are already mobilizing for "Act II" this Saturday. ► Page 5

Trump approval crashes to record low 31% as Iran war backlash mounts

By staff writer

TEHRAN — American voters are turning decisively against President Donald Trump on the eve of the November 3 midterm elections, pushing his approval rating down to 31 percent in a nationwide Reuters/Ipsos survey published on Tuesday, October 20. The figure marks the lowest point across both of his presidential terms.

An important factor driving the decline is mounting public anger over the joint U.S.-Israeli war launched against Iran in February.

The military campaign triggered a sharp surge in global oil prices, hitting working-class households across the United States.

Roughly 68 percent of respondents now disapprove of Trump's economic management, a figure that includes 37 percent of self-identified Republicans. ► Page 5



Pakistan's Army chief Asim Munir shakes hand with President Masoud Pezeshkian of Iran.

Brother Munir! The Ball Is in the US Court

Pakistan's army chief came to Tehran to continue Islamabad's sincere efforts to break the current deadlock, but it is the US that has always derailed mediators' efforts with fantasies like Iran's surrender

By Seyed Mohammad Torabi

TEHRAN — Field Marshal Asim Munir, Pakistan's army chief, arrived in Tehran on Tuesday for consultations with Iranian officials. It is General Munir's fifth visit to Tehran since the start of the US-Israeli war against Iran on February 28.

In continuation of the Pakistani government's sincere mediation, the country's army chief arrived in Tehran yesterday and held talks with senior Iranian officials. Islamabad's efforts come as Iran has always given credibility to mediators, but in recent years it is the US that has consistently neutralized those efforts and discredited them. Iran gave the four European countries the opportunity in the JCPOA to appear as international actors, but when Trump withdrew from the JCPOA in his first term, those countries failed to honor their commitments to Iran and even aligned themselves

Senior Iranian officials say the US is not seeking a deal, not an ounce of enriched material will be handed over, and no genuine dialogue will take shape until threats and sanctions are lifted

with the US policies and anti-Iran actions. After that, Iran engaged with Oman, and Muscat also sincerely tried to untie the knot between Washington and Tehran, but in the end Trump even threatened to bomb Oman, leaving observers stunned.

Pakistan's sustained efforts in the ongoing war also led to the Islamabad MoU and placed Pakistan in the position of a major international actor, but once again it was the US that destroyed it only weeks later with adventurism in the Strait of Hormuz and violation of the memorandum's provisions.

Tehran was the first country to recognize Pakistan's independence and has always had

warm and close relations with Islamabad. Islamabad knows well that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a strong barrier against the sinister intentions of the Israeli regime, and if Tel Aviv's malign actions are not contained, they know no limits. Tehran and Islamabad have many common interests, and Pakistan's role and efforts in resolving the ongoing conflict are welcomed by Tehran. But has the US had, and does it have, the same view of mediators?

Pezeshkian: Iran does not trust the US

President Masoud Pezeshkian, in his meeting with the Pakistani army chief, recalling the record of US bad faith and breach of promises — attacking our country in the middle of negotiations and martyring the Supreme Leader of the Revolution, scientists and innocent schoolchildren without any legal justification — said: All the problems created in the region, ► Page 3

Iran says will respond proportionately to any aggression

TEHRAN — Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baqaei has warned that any renewed aggression against Iran will be met with a response proportionate to the attack, stressing that Tehran is prepared to defend the country under all circumstances.

Speaking at his weekly press conference in Tehran on Tuesday, Baqaei said the era of attacks carried out without consequences was over, emphasizing that Iran had demonstrated its determination to respond to military action against it. ► Page 2

VP urges SCO to strengthen economic integration, independent financial mechanisms

TEHRAN — Iranian First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref has called on members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) to turn their economic potential into concrete joint projects, accelerate the establishment of an SCO Development Bank and expand cooperation in trade, energy, transportation and digital technology.

Addressing the SCO Council of Heads of Government in Tajikistan's capital, Dushanbe, on Tuesday, Aref said the organization needed to move beyond political commitments toward practical initiatives that deliver tangible benefits to member states and their populations. ► Page 2

Iran and Uzbekistan: Where shared history comes alive in Tashkent

By Afshin Majlesi

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — As an Iranian journalist visiting Tashkent, I found myself looking at the huge Islamic Civilization Center from two perspectives. I was a visitor discovering the depth of Uzbekistan's cultural heritage. I was also an Iranian looking for familiar traces of a civilization that has never respected the borders drawn on today's maps.

I found those traces in the manuscripts, the art and the names of scholars whose lives and work connected Central Asia with Iran and the wider Islamic world. Their presence raised a question that followed me through the galleries: How can a country preserve its own national history while showing that its greatest cultural achievements were often shared with others? ► Page 6

Moradi and Motaghian win medals in javelin throw



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AI is shortening the "kill chain" in Iran war, says Canadian legal scholar

By Sahar Dadjoo

Heidi Matthews, an assistant professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, researches international criminal law, the law of war and the legal regulation of political violence. Her work examines the implications of military operations for civilian protection and accountability under international law. As the US-Israeli war against Iran raises renewed questions about the limits of military force and the protection of civilians, Matthews spoke to the Tehran Times about the legality of the war, the lessons of Gaza, the erosion of international legal norms, and the responsibilities of states in preventing civilian harm. ► Page 3

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