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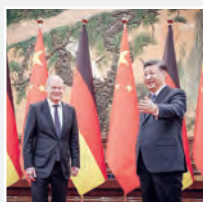


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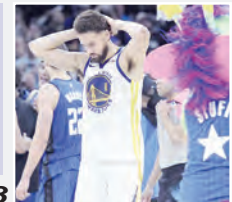


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Iran Ready to Resume Oil Supplies to India

NEW DELHI (Dispatches) - Iran has conveyed to the Indian side its readiness to resume oil supplies and the two countries should decide on this issue on the basis of their national interests, Iran's new ambassador to New Delhi, Iraj Elahi, said.

Elahi called for joint efforts by countries in the region to combat the Islamic State or Daesh in the aftermath of the terrorist group's attack on the Shia shrine of Shah-e-Cheragh in the Iranian city of Shiraz on October 26. Elahi, who presented his credentials last month, said Daesh posed a threat to the entire region.

"There is no doubt that Iran and India were the best friends in dealing in oil. Iran was [meeting] the oil needs of India. But unfortunately, cooperation was affected by sanctions," the envoy said on the margins of an event organized to pay tribute to the victims of the terror attack on the Shah-e-Cheragh shrine.

"We expressed our readiness to Indian officials, that we believe that Iran still is the best counterpart to supply the [energy] needs of India. We hope that the two sides can, and should, find a way according to their own national interests. We should follow our own national interests, which are important," he said.

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Tehran Censures UNSC's Inexcusable Silence Over Shiraz Terror Attack

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has sent a letter to the United Nations, slamming the "inexcusable silence" of the UN Security Council in the face of an October 26 terrorist attack in Shiraz, where over a dozen pilgrims were heinously killed.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the text of which was published, the Iranian minister censured the failure of the Security Council in condemning the terrorist attack.

Reminding the UNSC of its responsibility for maintaining peace and security, the minister said it was "expected" from the body to "strongly condemn the terrorist attack in Shiraz and call for the accountability and prosecution of those responsible for such heinous crime" as part of its "established practices" and given that it has "repeatedly constituted terrorism as one of the most serious threats to international peace and security."

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FM Warns Anti-Nations Fake News Contrary to UN Charter



IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK

TEHRAN - Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has warned that the generation and publication of fake content on social media platforms to target governments and nations are in contradiction with the United Nations' Charter.

Amirabdollahian made the remarks in the first session of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations in Tehran on Saturday, calling for improvement of cooperation among member states of the group in order to stand against unilateralism.

The unprecedented deterioration of multilateralism and the emergence of uncontrolled unilateralism is contrary to international law, which has undermined the states' compliance with the UN Charter, he added.

Refusing residents of countries under sanctions to achieve their basic rights is a sort of crime against humanity, so the states imposing sanctions would be held accountable, the top diplomat mentioned.

As to a trip by the United Nations' special rapporteur on human rights to Iran, Amirabdollahian said that the rapporteur's report confirmed the fact that the imposition of the embargo badly affected the lives of the Iranian people amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The effective resistance in dealing with the unilateral sanctions needs cooperation among independent states, he said, noting that the U.S. has replaced compliance with legal commitments with bullying and lawlessness.

On the 2015 nuclear deal, he argued that the Islamic Republic has abided by pursuing the peaceful process of negotiations to resolve the dispute over its nuclear dossier.

The Iranian FM went on to say that unilateralism has a direct link with modern methods and misuse of new technologies and cyberspace to try to weaken governments and political systems of independent states.

The preparation and publication of fake content against governments and nations on social media platforms are in contradiction to the integrity of independent countries in a bid to destabilize them, he argued.

Iran foreign ministry hosted the international meeting, which is being held at the level of deputy ministers.

The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations was formed by 19 countries with the aim of preserving, upgrading, and defending the credibility of the UN Charter.

The member states of the group comprise Algeria, Angola, Belarus, Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Cuba, North Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Iran, Laos, Nicaragua, Palestine, Russia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Syria, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile on the sidelines of the event, Amirabdollahian dismissed media controversy over Iran's alleged support for Russia in the Ukraine war, assuring that Iran will not be indifferent if it is proven that Russia has used Iranian drones in the conflict.

Speaking to reporters, Amirabdollahian once again rejected claims that Iran has provided Russia with missiles and drones to be used in the Ukraine war.

"Our relations with Russia are based on neighborhood and mutual interests. I would like to emphasize here that the fuss made by some western countries that Iran has provided Russia with missiles and drones to help it in the Ukraine war, claims about the missile part is completely wrong and the drone part is correct," he said.

But he hastened to add that Iran has provided Russia with a limited number of drones months before the war in Ukraine. "We agreed with Ukraine's foreign minister that if they have any documents proving Russia has been using Iranian drones in Ukraine, Kiev should provide these documents to us," he explained.

The Iranian foreign minister also revealed that Iranian and Ukrainian officials were supposed to meet two weeks ago, as an Iranian defense and political delegation went to a European country to meet the Ukraine delegation.

He said that unfortunately, Kiev made a last-minute decision not to attend the meeting.

"The reason was that the U.S. and some European countries, especially Germany, told Ukraine that while we [West] want to use the drones issue against Iran, you want to drink coffee together in a European country!" he added.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has made many efforts with the aim of ending the Ukraine war, Amirabdollahian assured. "Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, these efforts have been made at the level of the presidential and foreign ministry levels, and Iran will continue these efforts until the war in Ukraine stops," he added.

Touching on the nuclear deal, Amirabdollahian called on the U.S. to show genuine resolve and goodwill in the talks without looking for an excuse for the breach of its commitments.

He reassured Iran's firm determination to restore its absolute right to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes in all forms, including uranium enrichment, while reiterating that Tehran is committed to the continuation of talks on the revival of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with goodwill and on the basis of equality and mutual respect.

The top diplomat emphasized that the purpose of the nuclear talks must be a strong commitment by all parties to the full implementation of their undertakings under the JCPOA.

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ViewPoint

By: Hamid Reza Naghashian

Rudeness in Biden's Style

Since the first day of the victory of the Islamic Revolution and establishment of the Islamic Republic in Iran, the U.S. which had experienced a humiliation has tried to topple the Islamic establishment in the country and it has directly or indirectly has meddled in Iran's domestic affairs in order to defeat Tehran but Washington and its administration had never dared to openly express this meddling until Thursday when U.S. President Joe Biden in an unexpected remarks openly showed the U.S. wish of toppling the Islamic Republic of Iran as he said that they would free Iran and Iranian nation.

Biden on Thursday vowed to "free" Iran, and said that demonstrators working against the country's government would soon succeed in freeing themselves.

"Don't worry, we're gonna free Iran. They're gonna free themselves pretty soon," Biden said during a wide-ranging campaign speech in California, as dozens of demonstrators gathered outside.

Of course everybody knows well that Biden is not in good health condition and he has several times made people laugh because of his gaffes and strange behaviors and many believe that former President Donald Trump was right to call this old clown "Joe Sleepy".

In fact, for over four decades Iranians are well aware of the ill-intentions of the U.S. administrations no matter it is Jimmy Carter, George Bush, Trump or Biden because all have been determined to bring down the Islamic Revolution but this time Joe Sleepy openly uttered this yearning and showed how he is rude in meddling in internal affairs of other countries.

But reacting to this boast and none-sense remark, Iranian nation and its president reacted firmly to show that Biden is better to keep quiet and to continue his plots secretly to avoid being ridiculed and blamed.

Iranians from all walks of life took to the streets across the country on Friday to mark the anniversary of the U.S. embassy takeover, better known as Den of Espionage, which is named the National Day against the Global Arrogance and they gave a crushing and due response to Biden's remarks.

The rallies were held in 900 cities on Friday, including in the capital Tehran where demonstrators gathered outside the former U.S. embassy.

Demonstrators chanted slogans as they carried banners against the U.S. and the Israeli regime, strongly condemning the hostile policies of the Global Arrogance against Iran. Some 3,500 Iranian and foreign reporters covered the demonstrations.

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Afghan Opium Production 50 Times Higher Since U.S.-Led Invasion

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri-Kani says the production of opium in Afghanistan has increased by 50 times since the US-led invasion of the South-Central Asian country in October 2001.

Bagheri-Kani made the remarks at an international conference dubbed "The 21st Century and a World free from American Dominance" in the capital Tehran, stating that the output of opium made from poppy seeds in Afghanistan soared dramatically following the deployment of US military forces there.

"In the recent time, both Americans' decisions and actions, such as their presence in Afghanistan and Iraq, have proven to be ineffective and not constructive," he said.

"Nowadays the United States tends to draw on its force more than its might," the top diplomat added.

Prior to the invasion of Afghanistan, opium production was banned by the Taliban, although it still managed to exist.

The U.S. and its allies have been accused of encouraging and aiding opium production and the ongoing drug trafficking within the region.

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Majlis Speaker to Visit Armenia

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Armenia has officially invited the speaker of the Iranian parliament, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, to visit Armenia. Tsovinar Khachatryan, spokesperson of the National Assembly (NA) speaker said.

"We have officially invited; we cannot say anything about the dates at the moment," said Khachatryan. Earlier, the RFE/RL Armenian Service, citing an anonymous representative of the NA, had reported that the speaker of the Iranian legislature will visit Armenia. But the specific date of the visit by this high-ranking Iranian official was not specified.

Enemies' Anti-Iran Plots Fell Through

TEHRAN (PressTV)- President Ebrahim Raisi says the enemies sought to foment insecurity across the country by wreaking havoc like what they did in Syria and Libya, adding that their plot fell through as Iran is fully safe and secure.

Raisi made the remarks in a meeting with a group of Iranian students on Saturday, a day after millions of people from all walks of life took to the streets across the country to mark the anniversary of the US embassy takeover by university students in the capital Tehran in 1979.

Raisi lauded great achievements made by elite university students over the years, saying such progress compelled Iran's enemies to hatch new plots against the country.

Pointing to recent riots that caused mayhem across the country, the Iranian president said, "Rabble-rousing and attempts to disrupt the country are different from protests, and rioters and those who create insecurity must be dealt with decisively."



"Today, Iran and our various cities are safe. The Americans and our enemies sought to make the country insecure by implementing examples of their work in Libya and Syria, but they achieved nothing except failure," he said.

The nationwide rallies on Friday marked the 43rd anniversary of the US embassy takeover, better known as Den of Espionage, which is called the National Day against Global Arrogance. Iranian demonstrators in 900 cities chanted slogans and carried banners against the U.S. and the Israeli regime, strongly condemning their hostile policies against the Islamic establishment.

An Estimated 2,000 Nurses Emigrate From Iran Every Year

TEHRAN (IFP) - An Iranian official says an estimated 2,000 nurses leave Iran for other countries every year — which makes 200 per month — mainly due to dissatisfaction with a lack of harmony between their income and the health services they offer.

Hamid-Reza Azizi, a senior official with Iran's Nursing Organization, said the country's nursing community is unhappy with the administration's failure to activate a law adopted in 2007 on setting tariffs on nursing services, despite a health ministry promise to do so.

He said Health Minister Bahram Einnollahi pledged in September that payments to nurses will take place based on the Act for Implementing Tariffs on Nursing Services as of last month, but that did not happen, urging officials to address the issue.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has called for the implementation of the law, which he views as beneficial for nurses.

The Leader has urged government officials to determine the employment status of nearly 30,000 nurses and take serious measures to improve the working conditions of nurses in the country.

Tehran, Minsk Interested in Closer Ties in Science, Technology

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN - Belarus and Iran are interested in expanding cooperation in science and technology, BelTA learned from the press service of the State Committee for Science and Technology (SCST).

SCST Chairman Sergei Shlychkov held a working meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Belarus Saeed Yari.

The parties expressed interest in expanding cooperation between Belarus and Iran in science and technology and outlined steps to advance cooperation between the two countries. The parties also discussed the issues regarding the preparation of the eighth meeting of the Belarusian-Iranian commission on science and technology which is due soon and the organization of joint events with an aim of sharing best practices, promoting contacts between scientific and business communities.

"Belarus and Iran have a lot of points of contact and are well-positioned to develop mutually beneficial ties. By joint efforts, we can harness the potential of bilateral cooperation," Sergei Shlychkov said at the meeting.



Iran, Italy to Develop Agricultural, Natural Resources Cooperation



TEHRAN (IRNA) - The scientific cooperation in natural resources, agriculture, and pedology will be developed between Tehran University and the University of Naples Federico II after signing a MoU.

The MoU was signed by Mohammad Ali Ebrahimzadeh Mousavi and Danilo Ercolini.

Based on the MoU, exchanging professors and students, offering joint virtual courses, defining joint research projects and other international scientific activities are parts of the agreement.

The MoU will be valid for five years.

Iran, Tajikistan Broaden Ties to Establish Joint Cultural Region

BOKHTAR (IRNA) - Deputy culture and Islamic guidance minister for artistic affairs said that the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Tajikistan have established a joint cultural region.

On Thursday, Mahmoud Salari in an address in continuation of the Iran Culture Week in Tajikistan at Bokhtar Culture Palace appreciated the hospitable people of Tajikistan, whom he said share the same culture as the Iranians and said that the Iranian nation says hello to their brethren and sisters in Tajikistan.

"The Iranian people consider you their relatives and love you," he added.

Salari also referred to the recent holding of Tajikistan Culture Week in three Iranian cities, emphasizing, "We are very delighted that Iran and Tajikistan have wisely annulled the plots hatched by alien enemies, and resorting to love and kindness policy established their joint cultural region."

Then the governor of Bakhtor said that Tajikistan is the home for all Farsi language speaking people in the world, adding, "Today we are very delighted to be the hosts of Iranian art and culture officials and other cultural personalities from Iran."

Firouzeh Sharifzadeh meanwhile referring to the cultural, historical and... commonalities of the two countries, said that the two countries' cultural relations began with poets and poetry, and it still continues on the same path.

She also referred to the holding of the two countries' culture weeks in each other's cities, arguing that such events contribute to broadening and deepening bilateral ties and cooperation.



Tehran Slams Biden For Promising to "Free Iran"

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iran has slammed U.S. President Joe Biden for his comments on freeing Iran, saying the United States has always been an occupier in its history and it can never be a liberator.

In a post on his Twitter account on Friday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said wherever the US stepped in, it brought nothing but killing, looting and instability. He said nations in the region and across the world are witnessing the consequences of U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and Syria.

"Daesh-style liberation comes from Daesh's godfather; nothing else," the Iranian official added.

Biden on Thursday vowed to "free" Iran and said protesters in the recent riots in the country would soon succeed in freeing themselves.

UN Warns BBC Correspondent For Unprofessional Move

NEW YORK (IRNA) - The United Nations has warned a correspondent of BBC Persian for an unprofessional act done on the sidelines of the US anti-Iran meeting at the UN.

It happened on Wednesday (November 2) when the anti-Iran show was being held by the United States and its allies; then Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UN Amir Saeid Iravani attended a gathering of the correspondents and reporters to elaborate on the Islamic Republic stance.

Iravani's peace of mind aroused the anger of the BBC Persia's correspondent who tried to make a scene to steal the spotlight.

The ambassador of the Islamic Republic called on Stéphane Dujaric, the spokesperson for the UN secretary-general, to not let such acts be repeated as they are far from peace and solidarity among the UN members.

After Iran's call, the UN warned the BBC correspondent against the act.

Despite the efforts made by certain Persian media including BBC Persian and Saudi-led Iran International and the London-based news agency of Reuters to exaggerate the meeting held at the UN, those who held such an informal meeting were unsuccessful in achieving their goals.

The meeting which was held under the "Arria-formula" sessions was not among the activities of the UN Security Council as it is coordinated after a demand from one of the members.

Over 2m Tons of Commodities Traded on IME Last Week

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Iran Mercantile Exchange (IME) last week witnessed trade of 2,032,025 tons of commodities with a total trading value of nearly \$478m on its physical market.



According to a report by the IME's International Affairs, the exchange saw on its metals and minerals trading floor trade of 1,597,000 tons of commodities valued at more than \$249m.

On this floor, the IME sold 1,162,735 tons of cement, 130,000 tons of iron ore, 199,645 tons of steel, 77,500 tons of sponge iron, 15,020 tons of zinc, 7,325 tons of aluminum, 8,709 tons of copper, 200 tons of molybdenum concentrate, 78 kg of gold bars and 251 vehicles.

Furthermore, the IME witnessed on both domestic and export rings of its oil and petrochemical trading floor 428,957 tons of commodities worth nearly \$222m.

Commodities traded on this floor included 93,994 tons of polymeric products, 110,000 tons of vacuum bottom, 60,000 tons of lube cut, 33,486 tons of chemicals, 2,000 tons of sulfur, 5,847 tons of base oil, 300 tons of insulation and 122,780 tons of bitumen.

The IME also traded within the same week 5,934 tons of commodities on its side market.

Iran Plans to Upgrade Atomic Energy Schools

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami has underscored that his organization is determined to provide students with better equipment to improve the training situation at nuclear energy schools throughout the country.



Eslami made the remarks in a ceremony commemorating the National Day of Fighting Global Arrogance or Student Day, noting that the Islamic country is in dire need of scientific, talented and hardworking humans more than ever.

Nobody will do a thing for us; so, we should try and go ahead in the path of progress in accordance with believing in our homeland and protecting the flag of the country, he underlined, adding that we should not be trapped in fake and unfounded storytelling.

The Day of Student is the day of becoming aware of the realities of the Islamic Revolution, the AEOI chief said, urging the students and pupils to know that the Islamic Revolution belongs to all generations in all times; so, the students should have good know-how of various issues.

He also called on students to bolster their capabilities in modern technologies in order to stand at the top of different arenas.

We are seeking to provide better conditions and equipment in order to enhance educational quality at nuclear energy schools, he said, adding that pupils should be able to make their families and the Iranian nation proud of themselves.

Intelligence Forces Bust MKO-Linked Terrorist Group

TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iran's intelligence forces have arrested three agents working for the notorious MKO terrorist group in Shiraz, a week after innocent pilgrims were heinously killed at a holy shrine in the southwestern Iranian city.

Kazem Mousavi, head of the Judiciary in the southern province of Fars, broke the news in a statement.

The agents were responsible for "designing and directing propaganda projects in favor of the MKO terrorist group and its criminal head," he said.

The MKO is responsible for killing over 17,000 people by acts of terror since the 1979 victory of Iran's Islamic Revolution.

The arrested individuals were active not only in Shiraz but also in several other cities across the country, he said, noting that the arrests were made with the cooperation of several intelligence bodies.

"This active terrorist group was recently involved in planning an act of sabotage," said the judiciary official, adding that explosive and incendiary materials have also been seized.

Mousavi said the judiciary will be "firm" and "deterrent" in dealing with such individuals.



PRAYER TIME

■ Noon (Zohr)	11:48
■ Evening (Maghreb)	17:23
■ Tomorrow's Dawn (Fajr)	05:06
■ Tomorrow's Sunrise	06:32

8. Allah, there is no god but He! To Him belong the most Beautiful Names.
9. Has the story of Moses reached thee?

Surah 20, Ta-ha (8-9)

Iran Would Allocate Land for New Kazakh Terminal

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Iran has expressed its readiness to allocate land in the Bandar Abbas port for the Kazakh terminal, which would facilitate the trade and transport of grain.

A Kazakh delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade and Integration Serik Zhumangarin visited the Bandar Abbas port and "expressed interest in creating their own transshipment facilities on the coast of the Persian Gulf," the Kazakh premier ministry's office reported on November 3.

The Iranian side agreed to reserve land for the construction of an inland terminal in the port of Bandar Abbas. A working group will be created jointly with the administration of the port of Bandar Abbas and representatives of Kazakh businesses to study the possibilities of building silos to increase Kazakh grain transshipment volumes.

During the visit, the Kazakh deputy PM, Serik Zhumangarin signed an agreement with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Mahdi Safari to increase grain exports. They also discussed the possibility of increasing the volume of trade between Kazakhstan and Iran to \$3 billion and boosting bilateral agricultural trade to \$1 billion.

"We are interested in increasing the volume of mutual trade in agro-industrial products with Iran up to \$1 billion, as well as deliveries to the markets of Pakistan, India, Southeast Asia and East Africa, which are new to Kazakhstan," Zhumangarin said.



He said that "our proposal to Iran is not only about building a grain terminal, but also includes related structures and equipment, including wheat and flour warehouses, cold stores and equipment for storing meat," and added that the private sector of Kazakhstan will pay for the implementation of this project, in case of reaching an agreement with Iran.

The Iranian and Kazakh officials also discussed the possibility of developing existing container routes in the direction of Iran and in transit through this country. Currently, there are three railroad routes, and favorable tariff conditions have been established for container shipments in the direction of Iran and further to third countries.

Iranian Transport and Urban Development Minister Rostam Qasemi said on October 31 that "Kazakhstan is going to cooperate with Iran in rail, road, sea and air transportation and cargo transfer through the North-South and East-West corridors".

Currently, between the two countries, there is a memorandum on the supply of grain crops from Kazakhstan to Iran in the amount of 1 million tons, as well as a memorandum on Kazakhstan-Iran cooperation in trade and transit of agricultural products for the supply of Kazakh grain and oil crops, vegetable oils, confectionery, meat products, and the supply of vegetables, fruits and dairy products from Iran.

Sensitivity on Passive Defense Issue Is Felt More Today

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – The conference on the passive defense of Industrial Development and Renovation Organization of Iran (IDRO) and its subsidiary companies was held in the presence



of deputy industry, mine and trade minister and head of board of directors of IDRO, deputy head of Passive Defense Organization as well as some managers of IDRO and its subsidiary companies.

Addressing the conference which was held on the occasion of passive defense week, Head of IDRO Mr. Ali Nabavi briefed the audience of some passive defense measures of IDRO and its affiliate plants, and added that with recent incidents the sensitivity to the issue of the passive defense is felt more than ever.

He also termed cyber and modern threats as one of the most important and sensitive issues in the country which needs up-to-date and continuous actions and measures of the organization.

Then Deputy Head of National Passive Defense Organization Alireza Mobarak termed industrial groups and industrial activists as the soldiers of the production war front, earning forex and wealth of the knowledge-based companies, and stipulated that passive defense in industries means protecting continuation of production and offering services.

He called very important the identification of threats ahead and thwarting them for production and progress, and said that anything which causes disrupt in the trend of increasing production should be considered as threat.

Mobarak then pointed to the rise in the number of cyber-attacks in the country, and said that enemy is determined to create disrupt and it has targeted the fields which are related to the job, economy and services of the public.

Then director of the security department of IDRO gave a report of major actions of IDRO regarding the passive defense in the units under coverage of the organization.

H1 Agrifood Exports Register 3.3m Tons Worth \$1.8b

TEHRAN (MNA) – Iran exported 3.36 million tons of agricultural and food products worth \$1.85 billion in the first six months of the current fiscal year (March 21-Sept. 22), new data released by the Agriculture Ministry show.

The figures indicate a decrease of 14.77% in tonnage and 20.33% in value compared with last year's corresponding period.

Watermelon topped the list of exports in terms of value with \$161.35 million. Tomato was the second major agricultural export product in terms of value with \$144.47 million, followed by pistachio with \$128.34 million, saffron with \$65.71 million, and dates with \$57.33 million.

In terms of tonnage, again watermelon topped the list with 731,910 tons, tomato with 308,820 tons, followed by Persian melon with 204,400 tons, apple with 159,460 tons and onion, shallot, and garlic with 157,180 tons.

South Pars Refineries Supplying 570 mcm/d Gas

TEHRAN (Shana) -- The CEO of South Pars Gas Complex announced the daily production of 570 million cubic meters of gas in the thirteen refineries of the country's largest gas compound, and said: "This complex supplies 75% of the country's gas needs with the savvy and expertise of local specialists and hardworking employees."

According to South Pars Gas Complex, Ahmed Bahoosh said in Mashhad that the thirteen-strong refinery fleet of the South Pars Gas Complex is ready to supply gas to all sectors of the country with accurate planning in the cold season.

He added: "Currently, the share of gas in the country's fossil energy mix is 73.7%, and the share of South Pars in meeting this country's needs is more than 50% of this amount."

The CEO of South Pars Gas Complex stated: "Today, gas is the main energy supplier of the country and is closely related to the products of various commercial, industrial, and tourism industries and is very important for all seasons of the year. With this position and importance of gas supply in the country's security, production, industry and trade, it is no longer possible to consider the peak consumption index and its special importance only for the cold season of the year, and it should be given special attention and a deep look in all months of the year."



Iran, Malaysia Quranic Cooperation to Benefit Muslim Ummah

TEHRAN (IQNA) – In a recent meeting between a visiting Iranian delegation and the officials of the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) in Kuala Lumpur, the two sides highlighted the extensive grounds available for developing Quranic cooperation.

They also stressed that such cooperation would benefit the Iranian and Malaysian nations as well as the entire Muslim Ummah.

The Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) is a governmental institution in Putrajaya, south of Kuala Lumpur, which manages the Islamic affairs in the Southeast Asian country.

The Iranian Quranic delegation, headed by Quran and Etrat Deputy of the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance Alireza Moaf, which had traveled to Malaysia for the country's 62nd international Quran competition, visited JAKIM after the competition. It was accompanied by Iran's Ambassador to Malaysia Ali Asghar Mohammadi and Iranian Cultural Attaché Mohammad Oraei Karimi.

After the Iranian delegation entered JAKIM, the Iranian ambassador and the Quran and Etrat deputy of the Culture Ministry signed the visitors' book, where they wrote words of remembrance.

Then they went to the meeting room of the organization where they held cordial talks with JAKIM officials.

Sirajuddin Suhaimee, JAKIM's deputy, welcomed the Iranian delegation and hoped the meeting will result in the development of bilateral cooperation in the field of Quranic activities.

The Iranian ambassador, for his part, said he was happy to attend the important meeting with Dr. Suhaimee. He congratulated Malaysia for successfully

holding the country's 62nd international Quran competition like the previous editions.

He also said they will talk in the meeting about the capacities for collaborations in Quranic fields.

According to the envoy, a Malaysian delegation active in the Halal industry will soon visit Iran.

Mohammadi further described JAKIM as a major organization involved in various activities and hoped that the meeting would help to determine areas for development of cooperation.

Moaf also addressed the meeting, hailing JAKIM for its achievements and for organizing successful Quranic programs in Malaysia and elsewhere in Southeast Asia based on verse 106 of Surah Al-Isra "We have divided the Quran into many segments so that you would read them to the people in gradual steps as We reveal them to you from time to time."

He said the Iranian Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance considers serving the Quran and spreading Quranic teachings as one of its main missions.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Moaf referred to Quranic activities in Iran, saying the country has organized 29 editions of the Tehran International Quran Exhibition and 43 editions of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Holy Quran Competition.

There are more than 270,000 students or graduates in different fields of Quran and Hadith sciences at the BA, MA and PhD levels in Iran he noted, adding that thousands of theses and dissertation in these fields have also been written.

According to Moaf, there are hundreds of Quranic scholars, researchers and artists as well as activists in the fields of recitation, memorization and interpretations of the Quran.



EPEDC Honors Top Contractors

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN – The ceremony for honoring top contractors of Esfahan Province Electricity Distribution Company (EPEDC) was held in presence of caretaker, deputies and managers of the company.

In the ceremony, manager of tenders of the company Eng. Mojtaba Ghayoor said that one of the important factors of operation in the electricity industry is the contractors of the project and paying attention to it is very important point because without knowing the elements of implementation of the project and their tasks, management of the executive project for electricity supply and optimization will definitely face many problems.

He added that then cooperation and efforts of this group with organizations can boost the excellence and organizational elevation and for this reason the top contractors of the year were chosen to be honored based on the average score of each of the through the year. He added that this ceremony for honoring the contractors is held every year on the International Labor Day but this year it was postponed due to the pandemic and the ceremony was held today.

Ghayoor added that contractors were honored in the fields of development and engineering renovation, electricity emergency operation, repairs, incidents and maintenance of the electricity networks, subscribers service, consultation and technical services and public support services.



Renovation of Automation of Galvanized Steel Sheets Production Line of MSC by IRISA Co.

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ISFAHAN – The CEO of International Systems Engineering and Automation Company (IRISA) announced renovation of the automation of the galvanized steel production line of Mobarakeh Steel Company (MSC) by IRISA and said that implementation of projects like smart logistics, smart robotic or robot marking and artificial intelligence has been put on the agenda of Mobarakeh Steel Company and IRISA will implement other projects for MSC with using emerging technologies.



On the sidelines of the 24th international Steel Exhibition the CEO of IRISA Co. Mr. Akbar Golboo said that steel symposium is a very appropriate opportunity for all activists in steel production and those who serve in this industry to gather together and share their services and experiences and of course IRISA Company will have more colorful role in this field.

He added that all steel companies are customers of IRISA Company, adding that this company has turned 30 years old today and it offers services in the fields of information systems, industrial automation, network and infrastructure as well as digital businesses.

Golboo added that the company is in touch with steel companies in the field of information systems and all information activities of steel companies are supported by IRISA Company, noting that IRISA has implemented many big projects in the field of industrial automation.

He went on to say that IRISA offers many services to its customers in field of infrastructure, adding that developing the data center and network based on SDM for customers is of the other services of IRISA in the field of information technology.

He added that a big project is underway in MSC in the field of digital development and said that the project or renovating the automation of the galvanized steel sheets has been implemented successfully and after its exploitation, the productivity in MSC has increased considerably.

Russia Says 318,000 Mobilized

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia had mobilised 318,000 people into its armed forces, Interfax reported.

Putin on Sept. 21 announced a “partial mobilization” amid a series of military setbacks in Ukraine. Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said that the move would see 300,000 reservists drafted for service.



U.S., Canada Impose Sanctions On Two Haitian Politicians

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - The United States and Canada said on Friday they were imposing sanctions on two Haitian politicians, including the president of the country’s Senate, over what Canada described as their operational support for armed gangs.

The sanctions target Haitian Senate President Joseph Lambert and Youri Latortue, who served as president of the chamber from 2017-2018. “Canada has reason to believe these individuals are using their status as previous or current public office holders to protect and enable the illegal activities of armed criminal gangs, including through money laundering and other acts of corruption,” the Canadian foreign ministry said in a statement.



Xi, Scholz Warn Against Irresponsible Nuclear Threats Over Ukraine



BEIJING (Dispatches) - Chinese President Xi Jinping and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz condemned threats to use atomic weapons in Ukraine, with Scholz warning that Russia risked “crossing a line” in the international community by resorting to nuclear force.

In the first visit by a G7 leader to China since the pandemic, Scholz pressed Xi to prevail on Russia to end the war in Ukraine, saying Beijing had a responsibility as a major power to do so.

Xi agreed that both leaders “jointly oppose the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons”, according to a readout by the state-run Xinhua news agency, though he refrained from criticising Russia or calling on Moscow to withdraw its troops.

Scholz arrived in Beijing on a one-day visit that is testing the waters between China and the West after years of mounting tensions, with talks touching on reciprocal market access, climate change and COVID-19 vaccines.

Scholz made the visit while facing criticism from within his own coalition about relations with Beijing and has tried to balance securing a level playing field for European companies with shedding Germany’s heavy reliance on the Chinese market.

During lunch with Scholz, Xi stressed that it is easy to destroy political trust but difficult to rebuild it, and both sides need to take care of it, according to Xinhua.

Earlier, while greeting Scholz at the Great Hall of the People in the heart of Beijing, Xi urged the two countries to work more closely on international issues.

“President Xi and I agree: nuclear threats are irresponsible and incendiary,” Scholz said after the meeting. “By using nuclear weapons, Russia would be crossing a line that the community of states has drawn together.”

Ukraine’s Western allies have accused Russia of threatening to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine. Moscow denies doing so and has repeatedly accused Kyiv of planning to use a radioactive “dirty bomb” without offering evidence.

Before their lunch of beef strips, prawn and sweet and sour fish, Scholz told Xi that Russia’s invasion of Ukraine was creating problems for the rules-based global order, according to a recording of the remarks provided by the German delegation.

Scholz then met outgoing premier Li Keqiang. He told Li that it was clear China and Germany were no friends of “decoupling”.

During a news conference after his discussion with Li, Scholz said he raised the issue of Taiwan. China claims the island as its own territory and has never renounced the use of force to bring it under its control.

“Like the U.S. and other countries, we are pursuing a one-China policy. But I have made equally clear that any change in Taiwan’s status quo must be peaceful or by mutual consent,” he said.

Scholz bluntly complained about access to the Chinese market while also touting a breakthrough deal to allow Germany’s BioNTech to become the first non-Chinese drug manufacturer to sell its COVID-19 vaccine to expatriates in China.

G7 Agreed on Coordination Mechanism To Help Ukraine Defend Its Infrastructure

MUENSTER (Dispatches) - Top diplomats from the Group of Seven countries have agreed on the need for a coordination mechanism to help Ukraine repair and defend its critical energy and infrastructure from Russia’s attacks, a senior State Department official said.

G7 countries gathered in the western German city of Muenster this week with Russia’s Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine, Iran’s deepening military alignment with Moscow over the war as well as China’s growing assertiveness topping the agenda.

The countries also discussed the state of the battlefield to figure out which weapons to provide to Kyiv, although this time the focus was more on assistance that would allow Ukraine to defend itself from the intensifying Russian attacks on its energy and water infrastructure, the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said.

“They discussed what needs Ukraine was facing as it heads into the winter and agreed that there needed to be a G7 coordinating mechanism to help Ukraine repair, restore and defend its critical energy and water infrastructure,” the official told reporters.

“That’s something that will be a core focus of this group in the days and weeks ahead,” the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba joined the G7 discussion virtually.

Over the past few weeks, Russia has launched waves of missile and drone strikes targeting Ukraine’s energy infrastructure. Kyiv says they have damaged up to 40% of the power system and Ukrainian authorities warned that residents may face hours of blackouts due to the limited supplies.

The assistance that will allow Kyiv to defend itself against and respond to Russian attacks on civilian infrastructure included air defense systems, the official said.

“There was a decent amount of discussion of that, and what countries have the ability to provide the individual systems and support that might enable Ukraine to better defend itself against these UAV and missile attacks,” the official said.



North Korea Fires Artillery and Flies Jets Near Border

SEOUL (Dispatches) - South Korea said it scrambled warplanes in response to 180 North Korean military flights near the countries’ shared border, hours after the North fired about 80 artillery rounds in protest of Seoul’s joint military drills with the United States.

North Korean aircraft were detected in multiple areas north of the “tactical action line” north of the Military Demarcation Line between the two Koreas, according to South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The flights occurred between 11 a.m. (0200 GMT) and 3 p.m. The virtual line is drawn north of the military border and is used as a basis for South Korean air defence operations, a South Korean official said.

He declined to give the virtual line’s distance from the MDL, but local news reports said it was 20 to 50 kilometres (12 to 31 miles).

South Korea scrambled 80 aircraft, including F-35A stealth fighters, in response, while about 240 jets participating in the Vigilant Storm air exercises with the United States continued their drills, the military said.

A flight of 10 North Korean warplanes made similar manoeuvres last month, prompting South Korea to scramble jets.

The North’s manoeuvres follow the firing of more than 80 rounds of artillery overnight and the launch of multiple missiles into the sea on Thursday, including a possible failed intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

North Korea also fired at least 23 missiles on Wednesday - a record for a single day.

The series of launches prompted the United States and South Korea to extend the Vigilant Storm drills, which have angered Pyongyang.

Meeting in Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and South Korean Defense Minister Lee Jong-sup pledged to seek new measures to demonstrate the alliance’s “determination and capabilities” following repeated North Korean provocations, according to a joint statement between the two countries.

French MP Sparks Parliament Outrage

PARIS (Dispatches) - A French parliament session was thrown into turmoil after a far-right legislator was accused of yelling “back to Africa” to a Black colleague who asked a question on migrant arrivals.

Parliament member Carlos Martens Bilongo of the leftist France Unbowed party was questioning the government over a maritime rescue boat that is carrying hundreds of passengers in the Mediterranean Sea, and has not received an assigned port to bring them to.

Charities have appealed to the French government to take them in or help find a solution.

Bilongo was interrupted by Gregoire de Fournas, a newly elected member of the far-right, anti-immigration National Rally (RN), who says he said, “They should go back to Africa.”

The President of the lower house of the French parliament Yaël Braun-Pivet subsequently suspended the legislative session, later saying the comment would be investigated.

The comment sparked criticism and condemnation as it was alleged de Fournas may have directly targeted Bilongo with his words, as in the French language the pronouns “he” and “they” are pronounced the same.

De Fournas defended his comment and accused opponents of “manipulation”, and his party also denied any personal attack on Bilongo. De Fournas later apologised to Bilongo for “the misunderstanding my comments caused”.

He “obviously spoke about the migrants transported in



boats by the NGOs”, National Rally leader Marine Le Pen tweeted. “The controversy created by our political opponents ... will not deceive the French.”

However, Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne urged the assembly to sanction the far-right MP saying, “racism has no place in our democracy”.

Bilongo called the comment “shameful”.

“Today I was sent back to my skin colour. I was born in France. I am a French deputy,” he said.

Stephane Sejourne, who leads President Emmanuel Macron’s centrist party, said de Fournas should resign, and the left-wing Nupes alliance said he should be expelled.

A parliamentary committee will meet Friday to discuss the incident, which could see de Fournas punished with a temporary exclusion from the assembly.

Macron’s centrist Renaissance party will refuse to attend further sessions unless the council issues a “heavy penalty”, its vice president in parliament Sylvain Maillard said on Twitter.

In this year’s presidential election, Le Pen challenged Macron which resulted in her party’s best-ever performance in elections, winning 89 seats for MPs.

Over the years, Le Pen has made significant progress in detoxifying her party’s image and convincing voters the party founded by her father Jean-Marie, who was convicted several times of incitement to racial hatred, has moved towards the conservative mainstream and is now fit to govern.

Britain Rules Out New Elections in Northern Ireland This Year

LONDON (Dispatches) - The British government will not call new elections in Northern Ireland before the end of the year, according to the British minister for the region.

The announcement came on Friday despite Northern Ireland being without a functioning devolved government since February, when the pro-British Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) began a boycott due to Brexit trading agreements. The UK government last week said it would call elections before the end of January, the second vote since May after London and Belfast failed to resolve the post-Brexit deadlock.

“I can now confirm that no Assembly election will take place in December, or ahead of the festive season,” Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris said in a written statement.

Imran Khan Supporters Demand Political Change



WAZIRABAD (Dispatches) - Supporters of former Pakistani prime minister Imran Khan staged nationwide protests, a day after he survived what his aides said was an assassination attempt, blocking key roads in major cities and sometimes clashing with security forces.

Khan’s party called for the protests to continue until its demand for political change in Pakistan is met, a close Khan aide said.

Khan was shot in the leg on Thursday as he waved to crowds from a truck-mounted container from which he was leading a protest march on the capital, Islamabad, to press for early elections and the resignation of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

“Today, after Friday prayers, there will be protests across the country, which will continue until Imran Khan’s demand is met,” the close aide, Asad Umar, said on Twitter. It was not immediately clear whether Umar was referring to Sharif quitting or the holding of snap elections.

Sharif led a coalition of parties that removed Khan from power through a parliamentary vote in April.

Khan’s supporters began gathering early on Friday at the place where he was shot and urged the former premier - known by millions around the world as a former star cricket player and captain of the national team - to resume his march on Islamabad.

In the eastern city of Lahore, where Khan is undergoing treatment, groups of protesters numbering hundreds in each of 10 separate locations burnt tyres and blocked major roads.

They also gathered outside the fortified office of the Punjab provincial governor and pelted the gate with stones, destroying security cameras and barriers, witnesses said.

Local television channels showed police using tear gas in Islamabad to disperse protesters who had blocked roads.

Protesters also blocked roads in the north-western city of Peshawar and in Karachi in the south.

Supporters said the march on Islamabad had to continue.

“It cannot stop. People are very angry, it will become more intense,” Ansar Bashir, 40, a supporter who witnessed the shooting from close by, told Reuters while holding a flag of Khan’s Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

UN Calls on Nations To Urgently Boost Climate Funds

PARIS (Dispatches) - Climate change impacts battering vulnerable countries threaten to outstrip efforts to adapt to global warming, the UN warned, with a "significant" amount of international funding help recycled from other purposes.

Many emerging economies, which are least to blame for the fossil-fuel gases that stoke global warming, are among the most exposed to climate impacts, such as worsening drought, floods and cyclones.

Funding to help them adapt to accelerating impacts and curb emissions is one of the thorniest issues at UN climate negotiations, which begin their latest round in Egypt on Sunday.

Wealthy nations have failed to provide a pledged \$100 billion a year to developing nations, reaching just \$83 billion in 2020.

Only a part of that -- \$29 billion -- was for adaptation.

That leaves a "yawning gap to be filled" said United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) chief Inger Andersen, adding that the actual needs were around five to 10 times greater than finance provided in 2020.

While countries have committed to providing new funding for climate-vulnerable nations, richer nations have been accused of relabelling other types of funding, like humanitarian aid, as climate funding.

"Some of that money -- and we don't know how much, but certainly a significant proportion -- is not actually adaptation or mitigation, it's repurposed," Henry Neufeldt, author of the UNEP report, told a press conference on Thursday.

But as the world warms, climate change impacts increase and so too do the costs of preparing for them.

UNEP revised up its adaptation estimates from a year earlier, saying countries will now need \$160 billion to \$340 billion annually by 2030 to strengthen their resilience, rising to \$315 billion and \$565 billion by 2050.

Last week the UN warned the world was nowhere near the Paris Agreement target of capping warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

"We must quickly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strive for net-zero. But people, ecosystems and economies are already suffering," said Anderson, calling for the international community to "urgently increase efforts to adapt to climate change".

In February, in a report dubbed an "atlas of human suffering", the UN's climate experts warned that global warming is outpacing our preparations for a climate-addled world.

The poorest are often the hardest hit and the least able to protect themselves.

"This is unacceptable," said UN chief Antonio Guterres.

"We need a global surge in adaptation investment to save millions of lives from climate carnage," he added, announcing a new tool to try to help fill this gap.

At the last UN climate talks in Glasgow, countries agreed to double their adaptation finance from 2019 levels by 2025, reaching \$40 billion.

But even that target is under question after the increase from 2019 to 2020 was just four percent, the UN said.

"The current model for delivering adaptation support, quite frankly, is broken," a senior UN official told AFP.

While financing has always been a key sticking point in the UN climate negotiations, the issue is taking on greater urgency at this year's meeting.

A series of weather extremes across the planet have further intensified calls for funding to help with climate impacts already being felt, known as "loss and damage".

Pakistan, for example, is reeling from a crop-withering heatwave, followed within weeks by catastrophic inundations -- both intensified by climate change -- that killed over 1,700 people and swamped a third of its territory.



Growing Concern Over Unseasonal Warm Spell in Europe

MADRID (Dispatches) - October morning temperatures topping 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) in Spain may have brought cheer to the tourists, but they are provoking concern among environmentalists.

The mercury has been rising well above the norm across vast swathes of Europe, from Spain to as far north as Sweden.

After a summer marked by repeated heatwaves across much of the continent, Europe is experiencing exceptional temperatures even as it heads into November -- a sign of accelerating climate change.

"The month has not yet ended but we can already say practically without fear of contradiction that it will be the hottest (in Spain) since 1961," when records began to be collated, said Ruben del Campo of Spain's meteorological service Aemet.

If extrapolated data from historical reconstructions is taken into account, he added, this past month will have been Spain's warmest October for fully a century.

"One, two days above 30 degrees is normal" for Spain, said del Campo. "But so many days, no. These are summer temperatures, whereas we are already heading into autumn."

On last Friday morning, the northern resort of San Sebastian saw the temperature hit 30.3 Celsius at 8.30am (0630 GMT) -- well above the seasonal average.

With forest fires declared in recent days in the Basque region, of which San Sebastian is a part, authorities have banned barbecues and fireworks to keep risks to a minimum.

The unseasonal warm spell has brought a new word into the Spanish lexicon -- "verono" -- an amalgam of verano (summer) and otono (autumn).

And it has left del Campo highlighting a "notable acceleration" in climate change over the past decade, exposing Spain to increasing creeping desertification.

According to the Climate Central think tank, the Spanish cities of Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Zaragoza are all in the top 10 European cities most affected by global warming on the evidence of the past 12 months.

Neighboring France has, like Spain, seen a hotter than normal October.

Austria meanwhile experienced its warmest ever October, the country's national weather service said Monday.

Well to the north, Sweden has been sizzling too -- managing to see a record 19.5 degrees in the southern city of Kristianstad on Friday.

"This is the highest temperature ever recorded in Sweden this late in the year," Erik Hojgard-Olsen, meteorologist at the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI), told AFP.

In southwestern France, which also suffered widespread forest fire damage in the summer during repeated heatwaves, Meteo France said Friday temperatures closed in on 30 degrees.

In Belgium, the capital Brussels saw a maximum forecast of 24 Celsius -- fully 10 degrees higher than the norm for late October.

Britain's Met Office noted Wednesday had seen Londoners enjoy a balmy 20.5 Celsius, "closer to what we would normally see at the end of August rather than the end of October".

A warm front coming up from the southwest of the continent has also benefited Germany, which has been enjoying temperatures more in keeping with summertime than the onset of November.

"Hard to believe it's late October as large parts of Europe (and North Africa) see unusual heat," tweeted the World Meteorological Organization on Friday.



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BMW Sees Profits Jump on Higher Prices for Luxury Cars

FRANKFURT (Dispatches) - German automaker BMW reported a 23-per cent increase in third-quarter profit thanks to robust demand for pricier luxury models, but it warned that soaring inflation could limit purchases from consumers.

The Munich-based group said it had booked a net profit of nearly €3.2 billion (RM14 billion), up from €2.6 billion between July and September last year.

Car deliveries, however, were down nearly one per cent over the period, as the industry continues to grapple with supply chain disruptions and Covid lockdowns in China.



China Vows Commitment to Growth

BEIJING (Dispatches) - Chinese policymakers pledged that growth was still a priority and they would press on with reforms, in an apparent bid to soothe fears that ideology could take precedence as Xi Jinping began a new leadership term and strict Covid curbs exact a growing toll on the world's second-largest economy.

Renewed Covid lockdowns are weighing heavily on China's business activity, consumer confidence and financial markets, adding to a sharp downdraft on the global economy from surging inflation and rising interest rates.

In the latest fallout, electric vehicle maker NIO said it suspended production in the eastern city of Hefei amid rising Covid-19 cases and Yum China, operator of the KFC and Pizza Hut chains, said it was temporarily closing or reducing services at over 1,000 of its restaurants in China. A huge factory producing Apple iPhones has also been hit.

Xi secured a third term as general secretary at the ruling Communist Party's twice-a-decade congress last month, when he urged the party to brace for hardship and strengthen national security, and renewed his support for the zero-Covid policy, despite the fragile economy.

In pre-recorded interviews for the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit in Hong Kong, senior officials from China's central bank, securities and banking regulators assured their audience via a video link that China would keep its currency and property markets stable, and remained committed to a pro-growth economic strategy.

"International investors should read more carefully about the work report that President Xi delivered" at the congress, said Fang Xinghai, vice chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC).

"There, he re-emphasised the centrality of economic growth in the entire work of the Party and the country, and that's very significant," showing China is fully focused on growth, he said. Fang also criticized international media coverage, saying that a lot of reports "really don't understand China very well" and had a short-term focus.

As foreign funds head for the exits, Chinese investors have been snapping up cheapened shares of mainland firms, betting that outside views of China have been excessively negative.

Yi Gang, governor of the People's Bank of China (PBOC), said China will continue to deregulate its markets.

"Reform and open-door policy will continue," Yi said.

Apparently seeking to ease worries over the impact of Covid lockdowns and a property market crisis, Yi said "the Chinese economy has remained broadly on track despite some challenges and downward pressure."

"I expect China's potential growth rate to remain in a reasonable range," Yi said, citing the country's "super large" market, a rising middle-class, technological innovation and a high-quality infrastructure network.

Separately, in a book entitled "A Supplementary Reading of the 20th Communist Party Congress Report" and cited in local media today, Yi said China is in a position to maintain "normal" monetary policy and "positive" interest rates.

Global interest rate hikes have pressured yuan assets, and it is impossible for China to keep cutting interest rates in the long run, Wang Jun, director at China Chief Economist Forum, told Reuters. While other countries have been tightening policy to battle rising prices, China has implemented an accommodative monetary policy to shore up sputtering growth, raising concerns about capital flight. The yuan has weakened roughly 13 per cent against the dollar this year.

U.S. Trade Deficit Widens in September as Imports Rise

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - The U.S. trade gap widened in September after five straight months of decline, government data showed, on cooling food and energy exports while imports of products like semiconductors and consumer goods picked up.

Although companies had rushed to replenish depleted inventories to meet strong demand from consumers, analysts have cautioned that domestic demand in the United States would likely weaken while a strong dollar and slowing global growth bog down exports.

In September, the overall trade deficit widened to US\$73.3 billion, up from a revised US\$65.7 billion figure in August, Commerce Department data showed.

The expansion was above analyst expectations and came as exports dipped to US\$258 billion on a drop in industrial supplies such as crude oil and food like soybeans.

Imports rose to US\$331.3 billion, helped by shipments of semiconductors and consumer goods including cell phones.

The US deficit with China decreased US\$1.4 billion to US\$32.1 billion in September, data showed.



While there has been strong demand from US consumers, soaring inflation has raised concerns that shoppers will pull back, causing firms to become more cautious.

The US Federal Reserve has been raising interest rates aggressively to cool the economy and bring down surging prices — announcing a fourth straight bumper rate hike yesterday — and many families have had to spend a greater share of their incomes on staple goods.

Higher interest rates have also strengthened the US dollar, making American goods relatively more expensive, which could weigh on exports.

"Looking ahead, trade flows are likely to weaken," said economist Rubeela Farooqi of High Frequency Economics in an analysis.

Europe Urged to Act Now to Avoid Winter 2023 Gas Shortages

OSLO (Dispatches) - Europe needs to act now to avoid a natural gas shortage next year given the loss of Russian supply and expectations Chinese demand will increase, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said.

The European Union has succeeded in filling storages to 95% ahead of this winter, 5% or 5 bcm above their 5-year average, but the IEA said the challenge next year was likely to be greater and there was a danger mild weather had led to a sense of complacency.

"We are ringing the alarm bells for the European government and for the European Commission for next year," IEA head Fatih Birol told journalists when presenting a report on Europe's supply-demand balance for 2023/24.

The report found that Europe could face a gap of as much as 30 billion cubic metres (bcm) of natural gas during the summer period of lower demand that is crucial for refilling its gas storage sites in 2023.

Such a gap could see storages only 65% full ahead of next winter, instead of a targeted 95% level, Birol said. Governments needed to speed up improvements in energy efficiency and accelerate the deployment of renewable energy and heat pumps, among other measures, Birol said.

Depending on the weather, storage levels by the end of the 2022/23 heating season could be "anywhere between 5% and 35%", resulting in summer 2023 injection between 60 bcm and 90 bcm, the IEA said.

Supply, already disrupted, could fall further next year if Russian pipeline gas flows stop completely, while competition for liquefied natural gas (LNG), on which Europe has relied heavily this year, is likely to increase as Chinese demand grows, the agency said.

While demand from China could take up 85% of an expected 20 bcm increase in global LNG supply in 2023, Europe will almost certainly have far less Russian gas than this year.

Turkey's Inflation Hits 24-Year High of 85.5%

ISTANBUL (Dispatches) - Turkish annual inflation climbed to a new 24-year high of 85.51% in October, official data showed, slightly below forecast, after the central bank cut its policy rate despite surging prices.

Inflation has surged since last year, when the lira slumped after the central bank began cutting its policy rate in an easing cycle long sought by President Tayyip Erdogan.

In the last three months, the central bank slashed its policy rate by a total of 350 basis points to 10.5%. It promised another cut this

month as the final move in the current easing cycle, running counter to the global monetary policy tightening trend.

Month-on-month, consumer prices rose 3.54%, the Turkish Statistical Institute said, below 3.60% forecast in a Reuters poll. Annually, consumer price inflation was forecast to be 85.60%.

The annual inflation in October was the highest since June 1998, when Turkey was working to end a decade of high inflation.

Haluk Burumcekci, founder of Burumcekci Consulting, said the October print could be the peak for headline inflation if the lira does not weaken further.

"We think that the headline inflation may have seen its peak unless there is a depreciation from the lira's current level," he said. "A significant decline (in inflation) could only happen towards the 70-75% range due to the base effect in the last month of the year."

The lira's 44% decline last year and 29% this year was the main reason behind soaring inflation, in addition to surging energy prices.

Month-on-month clothing led the price rises with 8.34%, followed by food prices, which rose 5.09%, and furnishing and household equipment prices, which rose 4.38%.

Transportation, which includes petrol prices, led the annual rise with 117.15%, followed by food prices at 99.05% and furniture and household equipment at 93.63%.

The median forecast for year-end inflation in the latest Reuters poll was 70.25%, while Turkey's central bank raised its year-end forecast to 65.20% last week, its fourth upward revision this year.

The government's economic program prioritizes low rates to boost production and exports with the aim of achieving a current account surplus.

The domestic producer price index was up 7.83% month-on-month in October for an annual rise of 157.69%.

ECB Can't Just Mimic Fed In Fight Against Inflation

FRANKFURT (Dispatches) - The European Central Bank must pay attention to the U.S. Federal Reserve, which influences global markets, but it cannot just mirror its policy moves, ECB President Christine Lagarde said after the Fed guided for even higher interest rates.

The Fed raised its main interest rate by another 75 basis points on Wednesday and chair Jerome Powell said the battle against inflation would require borrowing costs to rise "higher than previously expected", leading investors to price in more ECB hikes too.

But Lagarde said the ECB, which itself raised rates by 75 basis points last week, could not simply mimic the Fed because economic conditions were different in the 19-country euro zone - a point also underscored by ECB board member Fabio Panetta and Bank of Italy governor Ignazio Visco.

"We have to be attentive to potential spillovers," Lagarde told a conference in Riga. "We are not alike and we cannot progress either at the same pace (or) under the same diagnosis of our economies."

Lagarde conceded the ECB was "influenced by the consequences" of Fed action through financial markets and especially the euro's exchange rate, which was falling against the U.S. dollar on Thursday.

"Clearly the exchange rate matters and has to be taken into account in our inflation projections," Lagarde said, repeating her commitment to bring inflation down to the ECB's 2% target.

In his own speech, Panetta said the euro zone was more vulnerable than the United States to a global economic slowdown and higher energy prices, and that the Fed's tightening was already taking its toll, meaning the ECB needed to be cautious.

Specifically, he argued that the ECB should avoid raising interest rates too fast because that could excessively hurt economic growth, home prices and the financial markets.

"If these bigger-than-expected increases are interpreted as signalling a higher terminal rate, rather than simply frontloading the normalisation, we could have a stronger impact on financing conditions - and ultimately on economic activity - than intended," Panetta told an ECB event.

Bank of Italy governor Visco also said on Thursday the ECB should not be expected to react in the same way as the Fed and backed market expectations for lower rates in the euro zone than in the United States.

His Portuguese peer Mario Centeno went even further by saying the ECB had already completed a large part of the rate hikes it sees as needed after 200 basis points worth of increases since July, which have left the deposit rate at 1.5%.

Lula May Seek More Than \$39b In Extra 2023 Spending



BRASILIA (Dispatches) - Brazilian President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will negotiate in the coming weeks an increase in 2023 government spending that could exceed 200 billion reais (\$39 billion), said his former Finance Minister and close aide Guido Mantega.

In an interview with Reuters, he said the first task of the new government taking over from right-wing incumbent Jair Bolsonaro on Jan. 1 will be revisiting a 2023 budget proposal that he described as "fiction."

Mantega said the government would have to exempt at least 120 billion reais of new spending from a constitutional spending cap to fulfill campaign promises such as more generous welfare programs. For the government to also expand "emergency" public investments in infrastructure and housing, it may have to wave more than 200 billion reais, he added.

Mantega also warned of a possible shortfall in federal revenues next year if the economy expands by less than the 2.5% GDP growth projected in the budget bill.

"If you look at market projections, the way things are going, growth would be 0.5%. If the economy grows by 0.5%, you won't have the revenue you were supposed to receive. Also, inflation will be lower, and we know that inflation helps tax revenues," he said.

Mantega said the newly elected government should work this year with lawmakers to ask for a constitutional waiver to increase spending next year, while a transition team under Lula would begin debating the long-term policy that will replace the current spending cap.

"For reaching a consensus on the fiscal anchor, you need more time for discussion," he said.

Mantega said Lula's advisers are weighing two main proposals for a fiscal framework. The first involves a target range for Brazil's primary surplus and the second is a rule allowing for public investments to expand.

Iranian Companies Show Latest Products in 2022 Kazak Expo

TEHRAN (IP) - The Iranian companies took part in the 2022 Packaging Equipment and Food Industry held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The International Exhibition of Packaging Equipment and Food Industry was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, with the participation of 400 companies from 28 countries, including the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Iranian companies exhibit their achievements of sweets and chocolates, oil, food preserves, industrial refrigerators, farm irrigation equipment, and local souvenirs. The expo was held from November 2 to 4, and the Iranian participant companies discussed cooperation with other representatives.



Russia Turns to Japan for Used Car Imports

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - With Russia’s domestic car industry smarting from the impact of Western sanctions, sales of used cars are leading a relative resurgence, with Japan accounting for more than three quarters of those imported, according to data shared with Reuters.

Sales of new cars produced in Russia have slumped since Moscow sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine in late February, with sanctions limiting access to parts and several foreign producers suspending operations in the country.

Their withdrawal, along with the stronger rouble has pushed up demand for used cars from Asia, with logistical challenges partially to blame for prices being about 10% higher in September than the start of the year, the central bank said late last month.

Imports, which used to account for around a fifth of the market by volume and half by revenue, have not yet fully recovered. New car imports were well below February levels in August, data from Russian analytical agency Autostat showed, but those of used cars more than doubled to 23,117 from 11,055.

The vast majority, 76%, of used cars were imported from Japan, with Belarus distant second with a 5.3% share, the data showed.

Japanese automaker Nissan last month took a \$687 million loss in handing over its business in Russia to a state-owned entity for one euro, while rival Toyota has ended vehicle production in Russia.

The West has sanctioned the export to Russia of some materials used in car manufacturing, while production halts have further hobbled the sector. Japan has sanctioned the export of high-value cars to Russia, but used cars imported by individuals fall outside the sanctions remit. Moscow is also promoting a grey imports scheme to allow supplies of goods to continue.

Almost 70% of the 10,257 new cars imported in August came from China, the data showed. Bilateral trade between Russia and China has surged this year.

Customs officials in Russia’s Far Eastern port city of Vladivostok said individual buyers imported more than 100,000 cars via the city from January to



August, an increase of almost 50%.

Meanwhile, the makeup of buyers is changing. Individuals increased their share in new car imports to 23% August from 2% in February, Autostat said.

“One dealership, due to a lack of deliveries of new cars, has pivoted to selling and leasing used cars,” the central bank said.

After the Ukraine conflict began, the Association of European Businesses (AEB), which represents companies present in Russia, revised its 2022 new car sales forecast to a drop of around 50% from expected 3.3% growth. In January-September, new car sales were down almost 60% to 506,661 units.

Iran Export to Armenia Up 15% in H1

TEHRAN (MNA) - The value of Iran’s export to Armenia increased 15 percent in the first half of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-October 22), from the first half of the previous year, an official with Iran’s Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) announced.

Rahmatollah Khormali, the director-general of the TPO’s office of Central Asia, Caucasus, and Russia, put the value of Iran’s export to its neighbor at about \$180 million in the six-month period and said: “Of course, these statistics exclude the export of gas to Armenia and is related to our goods trade with this country.”

Referring to the exchange of gas and electricity between the two countries, he said that last year, 120 million dollars of electricity and gas were exchanged between the two sides, and this figure should be added to the trade exchange between the two countries, and it is expected that by the end of the year, the exchange of gas and electricity between the two countries will reach 400 million dollars.

Referring to the export of technical and engineering services to Armenia, Khormali said: “The construction of a 60-kilometer road is underway in this country, and four Iranian companies participated in the related tender, and the result will be determined in the coming days, and if this project is handed over to the Iranians it will add a good amount to the value of our export to this country.” Iran and Armenia signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on energy cooperation in Tehran on Tuesday.

Based on the MOU, signed by National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC) Head Majid Chegeni and Armenian Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures Gnel Sanosyan, the two sides agreed on extending a previous agreement on swapping gas for electricity by the end of the Iranian calendar year 1409 (March 2031).

Based on this MOU, according to the increase in the volume of exported gas, the electricity swap coefficient will also be modified, Chegeni stated.

Currently, Iran exports one million cubic meters of gas to Armenia, which will double, the official added.

Energy Crisis Chips Away at Europe’s Industrial Might

LONDON (Dispatches) - Europe needs its industrial companies to save energy amid soaring costs and shrinking supplies, and they are delivering - demand for natural gas and electricity both fell in the past quarter.

It is far too early to rejoice, though. The drop is not just because industrial companies are turning down thermostats, they are also shutting down plants that may never reopen.

And while lower energy use helps Europe weather the crisis sparked by Russia’s war in Ukraine and Moscow’s supply cuts, executives, economists and industry groups warn its industrial base may end up severely weakened if high energy costs persist.

Energy-intensive industries, such as aluminium, fertilisers, and chemicals are at risk of companies permanently shifting production to locations where cheap energy abounds, such as the United States.

Even as an unusually warm October and projections of a mild winter helped drive prices lower, natural gas in the United States still costs about a fifth what companies pay in Europe.

“A lot of companies are just quitting production,” Patrick Lammers, management board member at utility E.ON told a conference in London last month. “They actually demand destruct.”

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Iran was among India’s top three energy suppliers till May 2019, when the country stopped purchasing Iranian crude due to the threat of secondary sanctions by the US. The Iranian side has raised the issue of oil sales with New Delhi several times in the recent past, and the issue is understood to have figured in talks between Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi when they met on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Uzbekistan in mid-September.

Recent attacks carried out by Daesh in Iran and Afghanistan indicated that the terrorist group is growing because support from “some countries is still available”, Elahi said. “The thinking of Daesh, the financial support [and] their army are available and Daesh is supported in propaganda,” he said. “Daesh is a threat not only to this region, but all over the world. It will be a threat as long as the support of some countries continues,” he added.

Describing Daesh as “the best example of sectarianism”, Elahi said the group is “not just the enemy of Shias” as there are many examples of the Islamic State targeting and killing Sunni Muslims, Christians and Kurds.

“Since the beginning of the appearance of Daesh, we asked the countries of the region to be united against Daesh, and we are still ready to cooperate [to combat the Islamic State]. We are still paying the cost of fighting Daesh,” he said.

The Indian government condemned the terror attack on the Shah-e-Cherag shrine that was claimed by Islamic State, and said all countries have to come together to fight all forms of terrorism. The attack killed 15 people, including children, and injured dozens more. Elahi stuck to the Iranian government’s stated position that the widespread protests witnessed across Iran following the death of a woman named Mahsa Amini in police custody were being fuelled by a “destabilising and malign campaign supported by some Western states”. He contended peaceful gatherings in Iran had turned violent because of provocative reports disseminated on social media and TV channels based in Western countries.

India has so far refrained from commenting on the protests in Iran that have continued for more than six weeks. Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman, died in mid-September after being held by Iran’s morality police. Iranian state media said about 1,000 people have been charged for their alleged involvement in the protests.

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“Nonetheless, the Security Council’s inexcusable silence in the face of this crime demonstrated that certain powers, who are also permanent members of the Security Council, continue to categorize terrorists as either good or bad, and not only use ISIS as a tool to exert pressure on other nations to further their own narrow political agendas, but also their discriminatory and irresponsible actions make it more difficult for the Security Council to effectively carry out its mandate in combating international terrorism.”

The Iranian minister appreciated the “timely” condemnation of the terrorist attack by Guterres and his spokesperson, noting that Tehran views “this responsible action as a significant and encouraging step in taking the United Nations towards a consistent and non-discriminatory approach to combat terrorism.”

As a victim of terrorism, Amirabdollahian said, Iran is determined in “its efforts in the fight against terrorism, both to protect the security of the region’s nations and the honorable and great nation of Iran from the dangers posed by such terrorist groups.”

The Shiraz terrorist attack proved “the significance of the bravery of” Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani in fighting terrorism and the importance of maintaining “ongoing, successful efforts in the region to eradicate terrorism,” said the minister, reminding the international community that “its sensitivity and vigilance toward terrorist threats should not be compromised.”

While the UNSC failed to condemn the terrorist attack, it held an unofficial meeting at the request of the US and Albania to discuss recent riots in Iran, a move that the Iranian Foreign Ministry described as “a clear example of the abuse of international mechanisms by the American government for its illegal purposes and meddling in internal affairs of other states.”

Only a small fraction of the total opium yield in Afghanistan is destroyed. The international community has also failed to curb heroin production in Afghanistan since the devastating military campaign.

Afghanistan is thought to produce more than 90 percent of the world’s supply of opium, which is then used to make heroin and other dangerous drugs that are shipped in large quantities all over the world. Opium production provides many Afghan communities with an income, in an otherwise impoverished and war-torn country.

Nearly half of the drugs produced in Afghanistan are moved through Pakistan, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

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According to UNODC findings, cultivation of opium poppies in Afghanistan increased by 32 percent over the previous year, to 233,000 hectares – making the 2022 crop the third largest area under cultivation.

Cultivation continued to be concentrated in the southwestern parts of the country, which accounted for 73 percent of the total area, registering the largest crop increase.

In Helmand province, one-fifth of all arable land was dedicated to opium poppy cultivation.

The notorious Daesh Takfiri terrorist group in Afghanistan, better known as Daesh in Khorasan Province, is reported to have recently taken over opium production and trafficking.

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The demonstrations turned into a venue to put the unity of Iranians on display. Young people sang a number of songs written in the early years of the Islamic Revolution, bringing to life the air of the Revolution days of 1979 when Iranians put end to the U.S.-backed Pahlavi regime.



People also held placards in support of the security forces who have been confronting foreign-back violent riots in the past few weeks.

The nation showed the U.S. President that he is betting on the wrong horse and he should not tie his yearning to the rioters in Iran.

Meanwhile addressing the demonstrators, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi addressed Biden, telling him Iran was freed more than four decades ago and is no longer under the control of U.S. hegemony.

“I was informed a few hours ago that the President of the United States has uttered some words due to distraction, he said we (the U.S.) are aiming to free Iran”, President Raisi said.

“Iran was freed 43 years ago and is determined not to be occupied by you. And we will never be (your) milk cows,” President Raisi said in response to Biden’s comment.

President Raisi noted “today is the day to fight global supremacy; supremacy is arrogance and selfishness.”

“Today is the symbol and manifestation of the arrogance of the ruling system of the United States, which, according to Imam Khomeini, is the Great Satan and is ready to destroy many nations and people of the world in order to achieve its interests,” Raisi highlighted.

Pointing out to the hegemonic nature of the U.S., Iran’s President underlined that the U.S. ruling system has taken part in more than 300 wars across the world, carrying out 62 coups against the will of the people of different nations, stood behind the deadly atomic bombings in Japan’s Hiroshima and Nagasaki killing millions of people, and participated in the deadliest wars; including the Afghanistan and Vietnam wars, by causing tremendous killing and bloodshed.

The U.S. in recent years have suffered several humiliating defeats in many countries like Afghanistan, Iraq and against Iran, and as the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei has said, the U.S. is no untouchable any longer and Washington is better to stop barking or meddling in our countries’ domestic affairs.

We recommend Biden to take a nap or sleep more before speaking and opening his mouth because every time he opens his mouth to say something he becomes a laughing stock even for his nation as his approval rating is nose-diving in the U.S. and over 60% of the Democrat voters have admitted that they will not vote for Biden if he nominates for 2024 presidential election and Iranians just laugh for the senility of Biden and do not take his nonsense and void remarks seriously.

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Elsewhere in his comments, Amirabdollahian noted that producing and publishing disinformation and misleading news on the internet against nations and governments is in complete contradiction to the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter.

Touching on the ongoing Israeli aggressions in occupied Palestine, the Iranian FM stressed that “undoubtedly, the most important violator of international law and which causes destruction and killing in the region is the Israeli regime.”

“Occupying Palestine and parts of the lands of other Arab countries and depriving the oppressed Palestinian people of their inalienable and inherent rights, violating and disregarding the resolutions issued by various international organizations including the United Nations are among the illegal actions that this regime has carried out since its formation until now.”

He underscored that governments and international organizations cannot and should not remain silent in face of a regime that repeatedly and continuously commits major international crimes.

Tevez Resigns as Coach of Rosario Central

MEXICO CITY (Dispatches) - Carlos Tevez has left his role as manager of Argentine club Rosario Central five months after taking the job, the former Manchester City striker said. Rosario finished 20th in the 28-team Argentine top division with 32 points from 27 games. "I want to communicate to the people of Central that I am going to step aside. I am not going to continue as coach. I would like to thank the people for supporting me," Tevez told reporters at an emergency news conference after training.

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Irving, Suspended in Anti-Semitism Furor, Apologizes

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - Brooklyn star Kyrie Irving, banned by the Nets for at least five games over his "failure to disavow anti-Semitism," issued an apology for the social media post that sparked the furor. Irving had declined to apologize when talking to reporters at the NBA team's training facility earlier in the day, prompting the Nets to deem him "currently unfit to be associated with" the team.

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Suggs, Magic Hand Warriors Fourth Straight Loss

ORLANDO (Dispatches) - Jalen Suggs scored nine of his 26 points in the final two minutes, and the Orlando Magic rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second half to beat the Golden State Warriors 130-129, handing the defending NBA champions their fourth straight loss.

Stephen Curry had 39 points and nine assists for the Warriors. Klay Thompson added 27 points, but missed a 12-foot jumper at the buzzer after the Magic trapped Curry.

The Warriors fell to 0-5 on the road and 3-6 overall, and Coach Steve Kerr said it's time for some changes.

"We've had nine games now so we've had a decent look at combinations, so it's time to try something different," Kerr said. "Everybody's going to get a chance to play. We've got to find combinations that click."

Draymond Green, who fouled out with 31.5 seconds left in the game, said the problems were on the defensive end.

"When you're 3-6, you have to look at everything," he said. "But I'll say this again, it's our defense. We're not defending at the level it takes to win games."

Rookie Paolo Banchero had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Magic, who shot 53.8% from the field and won for only the second time this season. But the numbers that bothered Kerr the most were free throws: 46 for Orlando, 15 for Golden State.

"It's just really hard to win an NBA game by giving up 46 free throws," he said. "Even when we were up 16, it didn't seem right because we were giving up layups left and right, fouling. You could feel it. Give them credit. We're going to take everybody's best shot and we got their best shot tonight."



Franz Wagner finished with 19 points and Chuma Okeke came off the bench for 16. The Magic scored 77 points in the second half, 16 of them by Suggs, who also had four steals — one of them from Curry in the final minute.

"I've had a lot of fun moments. This definitely is one of them," Suggs said. "This is definitely towards the top."

The Warriors led 73-57 after a couple of 3-pointers by Thompson midway through the third quarter. Wagner answered with a 3-pointer and Banchero scored 12 points in the remainder of the period to help Orlando reduce the lead to 98-96 entering the fourth quarter.

A 3-pointer by R.J. Hampton put the Magic up 113-104 with 7:20 remaining, but Curry scored seven straight points to get the Warriors back in it.

The Magic started a lineup that averages 6-foot-9.8 inches per man, compared to the Warriors' 6-foot-6.2. "It's a massive team," Kerr said. "It might be the biggest team I've ever seen."

Pique to Retire From Football

BARCELONA (Dispatches) - Barcelona defender Gerard Pique called time on his glittering career, saying he will retire from football when LaLiga breaks for the World Cup this month.

Pique, 35, said in a video posted on social media that the league clash with Almeria will be his last at Barcelona's Camp Nou after 14 years with the Catalan giants following his return from Manchester United in 2008.

Barcelona will travel to Osasuna on Tuesday for their final fixture before the Nov. 20-Dec. 18 World Cup.

"I want to tell you that I've decided that now is the time to bring this journey to its end," Pique, who has not been a regular starter for Barcelona this season, said in the video.

"I've always said that there would not be any other team after Barca. And that's how it will be. This Saturday's game will be my last at Camp Nou."

"A lifetime dedicated to Barca. Thank you, Pique," Barcelona tweeted after the player's announcement.

Pique, a member of Barcelona's youth academy, announced in 2018 his retirement from Spain's national team.

Swiatek Into Semis At WTA Finals

TORONTO (Dispatches) - World number one Iga Swiatek qualified for the semi-finals at the WTA Finals in Fort Worth, Texas after Daria Kasatkina beat American Coco Gauff 7-6(6) 6-3 in a round-robin stage match at the eight-player, season-ending tournament.

Swiatek, who improved to 2-0 in this year's competition following her own 6-3 6-2 win over Caroline Garcia, goes through as the winner of her group, while Gauff can no longer qualify for the semi-finals.

Gauff started the match strongly, roaring to a 4-1 lead, before Kasatkina fought back to level the first set at 5-5. Gauff's eyes welled up with tears during the changeover after she was then broken to fall behind 5-6.

The 18-year-old regrouped to break back and force a tiebreak, but Kasatkina once again showed grit to fight back from 3-0 down and claim the breaker 8-6.

Kasatkina, a WTA Finals debutante, kept up the pressure in the second set, trading a couple of breaks with Gauff, before breaking to take a 4-2 lead and then serving out the match a few games later.

For Swiatek, who upped her career Grand Slam tally to three with wins at this year's French Open and US Open, her victory over Garcia earlier on Thursday gave her some measure of revenge on the Frenchwoman after having fallen to her in the quarter-final at the Poland Open in July.

The 21-year-old Pole broke at love for a 5-3 lead and then served out what proved to be a tight opening frame on her third set point when world number six Garcia sent a forehand long.

Swiatek then broke Garcia to start the second set and in the next game calmly roared back from 0-40 down to hold serve and never faced a break point the rest of the way in a match she sealed in style with an ace.

Garcia tried to use aggressive court positioning to throw her opponent off and was often returning serves from inside the baseline but Swiatek was prepared for the Frenchwoman's tactics.



fightback from Bulgarian Dimitrov to close out the match in one hour 12 minutes.

"(Grigor's) level is very much not the level you saw today, but I played very well," said Spaniard Alcaraz, who is chasing a third ATP Masters 1000 title this season.

"At the end of the second set it was tougher for me, he came back, he raised the level and obviously it was tough. He had the chance to go up in the second set, I had to stay

Alcaraz Breezes Into Paris Quarters

PARIS (Dispatches) - World number one Carlos Alcaraz swept aside Grigor Dimitrov 6-1 6-3 to book his place in the Paris Masters quarter-finals and reigning champion Novak Djokovic advanced with a 6-4 6-1 win over Karen Khachanov.

Top seed Alcaraz dominated from the outset and dropped just two points on serve in the opening set before fending off a second-set

calm in that moment and show my best to not allow him to go up."

Djokovic, a six-times winner at the ATP Masters 1000 event, delivered a commanding performance in his straight-sets victory over Russia's Khachanov, hitting 18 winners.

The Serbian will take on Lorenzo Musetti for a place in the semi-finals after the Italian youngster ousted Roland Garros finalist Casper Ruud.

Musetti, 20, fired 37 winners as he came from a set down to eliminate third-seeded Norwegian Ruud 4-6 6-4 6-4 and advance to his maiden ATP Masters 1000 quarter-final.

"He (Ruud) was playing really well and I had to play my best tennis to beat him. I am really happy that all the hard work I am doing keeps improving me. I am really proud of this win," said Musetti.

Danish teenager Holger Rune set up a quarter-final clash with Alcaraz after taking down seventh seed Andrey Rublev 6-4 7-5 and Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime stayed on course for a fifth title of the year with a 6-1 6-3 demolition of French veteran Gilles Simon.

FIFA Pleads With World Cup Nations to Focus on Football in Qatar

MELBOURNE (Dispatches) - FIFA has written to World Cup teams urging them to focus on the football in Qatar and not let the sport be dragged into ideological or political "battles", British media reported.

The letter from FIFA president Gianni Infantino and the governing body's secretary general Fatma Samoura follows a number of protests made by World Cup teams, on issues ranging from LGBTIQ rights to concerns over the treatment of migrant workers.

"Please, let's now focus on the football!" Sky News quoted Infantino and Samoura as saying in the letter to the 32 nations contesting the World Cup.

"We know football does not live in a vacuum and we are equally aware that there are many challenges and difficulties of a political nature all around the world.

"But please do not allow football to be dragged into every ideological or political battle that exists."

FIFA was unable to provide immediate comment when contacted by Reuters.

The World Cup, the first held in the Middle East, starts on Nov. 20.

Australia's football team last week spoke out against Qatar's record on human rights and same-sex relationships.

Denmark's players will travel to the World Cup without their families as a protest against the country's human rights record, the Danish FA (DBU) told local media last month.

Football Australia was unable to provide immediate comment to Reuters on the FIFA letter on Friday. Reuters also contacted the DBU for comment.

World Cup organizers have said that everyone, no matter their sexual orientation or background, is welcome, while also warning against public displays of affection.



South Korea Sweats on Son's World Cup Fate

SEOUL (Dispatches) - South Korean football fans were nervously following the saga of Son Heung-min's facial injury and fear their World Cup will be ruined if the influential skipper is ruled out.

His club Tottenham said the forward suffered a fracture around his left eye and will have surgery, less than three weeks before the country's opening match in Qatar.

The nasty injury, which Son picked up in a Champions League win over Marseille earlier this week, has put his World Cup in doubt.

Spurs and the Korea Football Association are keeping tight-lipped about his chances of making it.

"Regarding Son Heung-min's status for the World Cup, we will have to monitor his progress after the surgery," the KFA said.

"We will remain in touch with Tottenham's medical staff."

The Daily Telegraph reported that Son had four fractures to his eye socket, with surgery brought forward to Friday to give him more time to recover.

South Korea's opening match of the World Cup is against Uruguay on November 24. Paulo Bento's side will also face Ghana and Portugal in Group H.

Son is not only the side's best player, but captain and talisman. He has 35 goals in 104 international games, including nine in his last 14.

In October last year he came 11th in the voting for the Ballon d'Or, the prestigious award for the world's best player, and last season jointly won the English Premier League's Golden Boot for most goals scored.

