

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and His Algerian Counterpart Ahmed Attaf in a Telephone Conversation Underlined the Need to Halt the Brutal Attacks by the Zionist Regime on the Gaza Strip

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Iran's Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Bagheri Stressed the Need for All Regional Countries to Prevent the Dispatch of Arms and Other Equipment From the U.S. Bases in the Region to the Occupied Lands

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UNSC Officially Declares End to Missile-Related Sanctions on Iran

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TEHRAN - The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has officially declared an end to restrictions it had imposed on Iran's missile program, according to the organization's secretariat. In a note sent to the member states of the UN, the secretariat of the UNSC officially ended curbs set out in paragraphs 3, 4, and 6 (c) and (d) of Annex B to Resolution 2231. The termination came into force on October 18, eight years after the 2015 Iran nuclear deal with major world powers, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The restrictions included curbs on ballistic missile-related activities and transfers, as well as sanctions on some Iranian individuals and entities. Rosemary A. DiCarlo, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, also confirmed the termination in a separate letter to Iran's permanent ambassador to the United Nations, Amir Sa'ed Irvani. "As a consequence,.... the Secretariat removed

on 19 October 2023 from the Security Council website the list of 23 individuals and 61 entities subject to the aforementioned restrictive measures," DiCarlo said in the letter. The changes were also made to the UNSC Consolidated List of all sanctioned people and entities. The termination, which means Iran is no longer subject to any UN sanctions, occurred despite extensive political and legal efforts made by the United States and Western countries in recent years to lay the ground for keeping the measures in place. On the same day the UN sanctions expired, the United States imposed new unilateral sanctions against Iran's missile program. Last month, the three European signatories to the JCPOA -- the UK, Germany, and France -- said they plan not to terminate their anti-Iran sanctions, including ballistic missile bans, arguing that Iran has been in non-compliance with the deal since 2019.

Tehran, Beijing Mayors Discuss Scientific, Cultural Cooperation



TEHRAN (IRNA) - Mayors of Tehran and Beijing have explored ways for the enhancement of scientific and cultural cooperation between the two cities. The two mayors met on the sideline of the Belt and Road Forum in Beijing. Speaking during the meeting, Tehran Mayor Alireza Zakani referred to nine years of sisterhood between Tehran and Beijing and said, "The current level of relations between the two cities and the level of ties need to expand and the two capitals can be the drivers of their countries on the path of development." Beijing Mayor Yin Yong said in the meeting that Iran has a special position in the Silk Road and can play a key role in the Belt and Road Initiative. He also said that Beijing has prepared the way for further cooperation between the two countries in civil management, trade and economic relations, and cultural exchanges. He said that one of the examples of cooperation in urban management is the issue of smartification and that the Beijing Municipality is ready to expand cooperation in this field.

UNSC Rejection of Gaza Resolution Double Oppression Against Palestinians

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TEHRAN - President Ebrahim Raisi says the US veto of a UN Security Council resolution calling for a pause in Israel's attacks and crimes against the people of Gaza is "double oppression" against the Palestinians and humanity. The ongoing events against the oppressed people of Palestine in Gaza belie West's claims about advocating civilization, freedom and human rights, Raisi said on Thursday while addressing a meeting in Tehran to honor great achievements of the country's health sector. The president described the incidents in Gaza as heart-wrenching, which aroused anger and hatred of people across the globe towards the US and the Israeli regime. Pointing to injustices practiced by the global arrogant system, Raisi said the US blocked a United Nations Security Council draft resolution calling for a humanitarian pause in the crimes perpetrated against the oppressed people of Gaza who have been either forced to flee their homes or their homes have been razed to the ground as a result of Israel's airstrikes. The US on Wednesday vetoed the resolution that had been drafted by Brazil and had sought to broker aid access to Gaza amid the incessant Israeli airstrikes and shelling against people in the tiny strip of land. Representatives of 12 countries in the 15-member UNSC voted in favor of the resolution while Britain and Russia abstained. A UNSC resolution needs the approval of all five veto-wielding members of the body, including the US, to pass. Besides, for the resolution to pass, no permanent member should cast a veto. The Iranian president emphasized that the US, Israel and their supporters are committing genocide and crimes against humanity in Gaza. "We believe that the blood of the oppressed Palestinian martyrs will definitely shatter the current world order and will establish a just system in the world," Raisi stated. He noted that nations in the Muslim world and across the globe are currently witnessing heinous crimes by arrogant powers against the oppressed Palestinian people in Gaza. He said nations across the globe are enraged by the current unjust world order, describing the ongoing oppression against women and children in Gaza as a testimony of it. The UNSC resolution vetoed by the U.S. on Wednesday had called for the cancellation of an order for civilians in northern Gaza to evacuate to south of the coastal sliver in anticipation of major ground offensive by Israel.



Iran Non-Oil Exports to India Hit \$1.1b in H1

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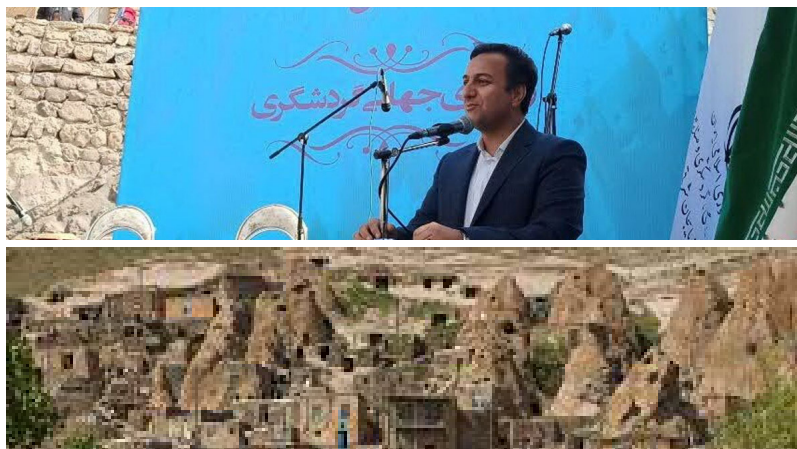


TEHRAN - Iran exported non-oil commodities valued at \$1.1 billion to India during the first six months of the current Iranian calendar year (March 21-September 22), the head of the Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) announced. According to Mohammad Rezvanifar, India was the fifth top export destination of Iranian non-oil goods in the mentioned six-month period. According to the data previously released by the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the value of Iran's exports to India increased nine percent in the first seven months of 2023, as compared to the same period of time in 2022. The Indian ministry put the worth of Iran's exports to India at \$393 million in January-August 2023, while the figure was \$361 million in the same time span of 2022, IRIB reported. Petroleum products, raw materials for dye production, and various fruits were the top exported goods to India in the first seven months of 2023. India imported \$156 million of petroleum products, \$105 million of raw materials for the production of dyes, and \$70 million of fruits from Iran during this period. As reported, the two countries' trade dropped 27 percent to \$1.171 billion in the first seven months of this year from \$1.604 billion in the same period of the past year. The decrease in trade between Iran and India in the first half of 2023 was caused by the drop in the country's exports to Iran. India's exports to Iran in the mentioned seven months experienced a 37 percent drop and reached \$778 million. In the January-August of last year, India exported \$1.243 billion of goods to Iran. Rice had the largest share in India's export basket to Iran in the first seven months of this year, accounting for \$539 million of the country's total exports to Iran in this period. Fruits with \$30 million and tea with \$18 million were the second and third top exported goods to Iran, respectively. Based on the data previously released by the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the value of Iran's exports to India increased by 60 percent in 2022 as compared to the preceding year. The Indian ministry put the worth of Iran's exports to India at \$653 million in 2022, while the figure was \$409 million in 2021. As reported, petroleum products were the major goods imported by India from Iran in the said months. According to the mentioned data, the value of trade between Iran and India reached \$2.5 billion in 2022, rising 48 percent from \$1.693 billion in 2021. During January-December 2022, India's exports to Iran also increased by 44 percent to stand at \$1.847 billion, while the figure was \$1.284 billion in 2021. Rice was India's major product exported to Iran in the said period during which the country shipped \$1.098 billion worth of rice to the Islamic Republic.

Kandovan Named As One of World Tourism Villages

By: F. Taherpoor

KANDOVAN - Concurrent with announcing Kandovan as one of the world tourism villages, a ceremony was held in Kandovan village in East Azarbaijan of Iran in the presence of officials of cultural heritage, tourism and handicrafts ministry as well as provincial officials. The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) announced its list of Best Tourism Villages 2023. The accolade recognizes villages that are leading in nurturing rural areas and preserving landscapes, cultural diversity, local values, and culinary traditions. In this third edition 54 villages from all regions were selected from almost 260 applications. A further 20 villages have joined the Upgrade Programme, and all 74 villages are now part of the UNWTO Best Tourism Villages Network. The villages were named during the UNWTO General Assembly, taking place this week in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Kandovan village in the town of Osku of East Azarbaijan was one of the winners of the awards in this event in Samarkand while people and officials in Kandovan village burst into joy in a ceremony for celebrating this historic award as Kandovan is Iran's first ever villages winning this award. Iran had sent documents of eight villages to the UNWTO for the recognition and Kandovan achieved this success. Addressing to the ceremony in Kandovan village, Director-General of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts in East Azarbaijan Mr. Ahmad Hamzehzadeh welcomed the guests in the event like deputy minister of cultural heritage, tourism and handicrafts Ms. Maryam Jalali and thanked all people who had a role in achieving such success and winning the world tourism village award. He also congratulated Iranians for this achievement and reiterated this will be a good step for social development in the area and now Kandovan village can play a great role in tourism of the province and the country. He added that so far some 60,000 foreign tourists and more than one million Iranians have visited Kandovan village. Then Deputy Minister Ms. Jalali congratulated the participants and the nation for this achievement and praised the integration and coordination among all people involved in the success and hailed the people of the province for their hospitality. He said Kandovan is now the first Iranian village recognized by the UNWTO and expressed hope more villages are recognized by the UNWTO. Kandovan is an ancient village in Sahand Rural District in the Central District of Osku County, East Azarbaijan Province, north-western Iran. It is situated in the foothills of Mount Sahand, near the city of Osku with some 50,000 population. The village exemplifies manmade cliff dwellings which are still inhabited. The troglodyte homes, excavated inside volcanic rocks.



been targeted by Zionist bombs and more than a thousand civilians, patients and medical staff have been martyred, but Biden visits the region in support of the warmonger and secondly, as put by one of the foreign ministers, "Biden came and a dinosaur gave birth to a fly" - where with all boasts of Democrats about human rights and humanitarian issues, he announced that they had arranged for 20 trucks of humanitarian aid to enter Gaza in the coming days," Amir-Abdollahian said. Amir-Abdollahian said, "I would like to announce out loud that time is running out and if the warmongers think that they can remove the resistance and Hamas from Gaza, they are definitely bluffing. "They used to make such a claim years ago about removing and disarming Hezbollah in Lebanon, but the world has witnessed that Hezbollah is in its strongest condition and position." Referring to the Israeli carnage, Amir-Abdollahian said the occupiers along with the White House have made a "ridiculous claim" by blaming the attack on the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement. "The US cannot whitewash [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu's image despite standing behind him to attribute this rare crime against Gaza patients to the resistance," Iran's foreign minister stated. In his address to the OIC meeting, the Iranian foreign minister had underlined the need for political and economic sanctions against Israel and the trial of the regime's leaders for crimes against humanity.



Regional Situation Resembles "Powder Keg" Ready to Explode

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TEHRAN - Iran's foreign minister has likened the current situation in West Asia to a "powder keg" ready to explode, expressing hope for an end to Israel's war crimes against the Palestinians in the fully besieged Gaza Strip. Hossein Amir-Abdollahian made the remarks on Thursday before leaving the Saudi port city of Jeddah, where he attended an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on the bloody Israeli bombardment of Gaza. He said all the foreign ministers who participated in the session agreed on the immediate cessation of the regime's war crimes. The top diplomats, he said, were also seriously concerned about the spillover of the war, something that seems inevitable and may happen at any hour. "The circumstances in the region resemble a powder keg with the possibility of being exploded or getting out of control. We hope to see an end to war crimes against the people of Gaza as soon as possible," Amir-Abdollahian said. The Iranian foreign minister also noted that in talks with his counterparts on the sidelines of the OIC meeting he had censured US President Joe Biden for his visit to the region in support of the criminal and warmongering side. "In the bilateral meetings, there was serious criticism of US President Biden; first of all, because a hospital in Gaza has

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Kazakhstan Embassy Marks National Day in Tehran

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TEHRAN - Kazakhstan Embassy in Tehran on Monday October 9 held a ceremony to mark the Independence Day in presence of diplomats, distinguished guests and deputy agriculture minister of Iran Dr. Hooshang Mohammadi.

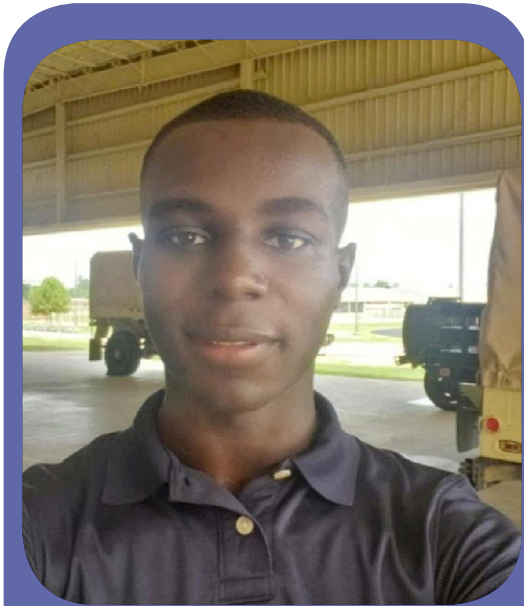
with the West, where traditional Islamic values harmoniously coexist with the western values. Orazbay went on to say that despite being the world's 9th largest country by territory and having the longest land borders, Kazakhstan at the outset of its independence has managed to fully complete the legal process of delimitation and demarcation of its borders with all neighboring countries including Russia and China.

Arab countries as well as Asian and Latin American countries. He then touched upon on Kazakhstan ties with Iran and said cooperation with Iran is developing comprehensively, examples of which are the official visit of the President of Kazakhstan to Iran last year, the visit of the Prime Minister this spring, as well as the official visit of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran Ibrahim Raisi to Kazakhstan expected in the near future.

China Weighs Options to Blunt U.S. Sanctions in a Taiwan Conflict



BEIJING (Dispatches) - In a war with the U.S. over Taiwan, China would need to create a global network of companies under U.S. sanctions, seize American assets within its borders, and issue gold-denominated bonds, according to Chinese government-affiliated researchers studying the Western response to Russia after its invasion of Ukraine.



Private King Charged With Desertion Over Dash Into North Korea

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - The U.S. Army has charged Private Travis King with crimes ranging from desertion for running into North Korea in July to assault against fellow soldiers and solicitation of child pornography, according to documents obtained by Reuters.



Aid for Gaza Piles Up as Israel Rallies Troops for Invasion

RAFAH (AFP) - Desperately needed international aid piled up Friday near Gaza, with Palestinians in dire need of food and water after relentless bombing by Israel, still reeling from the bloodiest attack in its history.

Gallant also toured the front line, telling some of the tens of thousands of troops awaiting the ground invasion that new orders would come soon. "Right now you see Gaza from afar, soon you will see it from the inside. The order will come soon," he said, predicting "difficult" battles ahead.

Canada Withdraws 41 Diplomats From India



MONTREAL (AFP) - Canada said Thursday it had withdrawn 41 diplomats from India -- fallout from a bitter row over the killing of a Sikh separatist on Canadian soil.

Argentines Head to Polls



BUENOS AIRES (Dispatches) - Argentines will vote for a new president on Sunday, gripped by anxiety and with one thing in mind: escaping an economic quagmire that has seen annual inflation hit almost 140 percent.

UK's Ruling Conservatives Suffer Two Damaging By-Election Losses



LONDON (AFP) - Britain's ruling Conservative Party suffered two damaging by-election defeats to Labour on Friday, boding ill for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his party's chances at the next general election.

the situation. "Canada will continue to defend international law, which applies to all nations and will continue to engage with India," she said. "Now more than ever we need diplomats on the ground and we need to talk to one another," Joly added.

uncertainty -- you never know if your rent will go up, (or) prices in the supermarket," said university student Valentin Figarra, 20. "It's madness, madness!" One wants to grow... but this generation is falling behind, it's sad.