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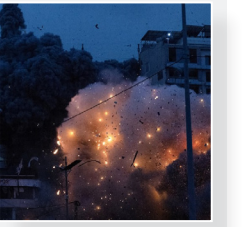
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## Iran Warns UN Credibility at Risk Amid Inaction Over Israel's Genocide



TEHRAN - Foreign Minister Abbas Arauchi warns that continued inaction and passivity of the United Nations in the face of the Israeli regime's genocide and widespread aggression will further erode the credibility of the world body.

Arauchi issued the warning in his remarks before a virtual extraordinary ministerial meeting of the Group of Friends of the United Nations Charter to discuss the humanitarian situation in occupied Palestine on Monday.

He outlined Iran's stance on the latest developments in the West Asia region and urged the international community not to allow Israel's law-breaking and aggression to become normalized.

"Today, the credibility of the United Nations Charter, which embodies the collective aspiration of nations for peace and justice, is in question." "A single UN member is undermining the effectiveness of the UN system by flagrantly violating the principles and rules of the international law, including the UN Charter," the top Iranian diplomat stated.

Arauchi described Israel's 14-month-long genocide in Gaza as a continuation of the 80-year-old "colonial extermination" plan in Palestine, which has been manifested as the increasing occupation of Palestinian land and imposition of apartheid on the people under occupation.

He said a global coalition to hold Israel accountable and prosecute its leaders is required to stop the regime's genocide in Gaza and its aggression against Lebanon.

Arauchi also called for sanctions on the Israeli regime's military, financial, and political supporters, especially the United States.

"The international community, having learnt the painful lessons of two world wars, has rarely witnessed such blatant disregard for the foundational norms of international law."

"The atrocities in Gaza and Lebanon reveal a shocking reality, a war strategy that dismisses humanity, morality and universally recognized principles in favor of unlawful aggression."

The Iranian minister commented on the arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC) against Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his ousted war minister Yoav Gallant. He said the move was a necessary but belated step towards justice.

The Iranian foreign minister also outlined the ways Israel and its supporters misuse the concept of "anti-Semitism" to silence criticism of the regime.

## Germany Says to Join Nuclear Talks With Iran, UK, France



TEHRAN (PressTV) - Germany has said it would join talks with its European partners, the UK and France, and Iran on a range of issues, including the Islamic Republic's nuclear energy program.

"I can confirm that a meeting at the level of officials and political directors on the subject of, among other things, the nuclear issue is in the cards," German foreign ministry spokesman Christian Wagner told a press briefing in the capital Berlin on Monday.

Wagner did not specify either the talks' venue or their timing. Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs, Majid Takht Ravanchi has, however, travelled to the Norwegian capital Oslo to reportedly kick off Iran's talks with European countries, including the trio.

The talks are expected to serve as a precursor to potential further negotiations in Geneva on Friday, which are reportedly slated to address the nuclear issue, regional matters, and the Islamic Republic's relations with the continent.

The developments came after the Board of Governors of the United Nations nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), adopted an anti-Iranian resolution based on a proposal that had been forwarded by the threesome states and backed by the United States. The resolution reiterated the trio and their allies' accusations against the Islamic Republic of insufficient cooperation with the IAEA.

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## Iran Calls for Not Politicizing OPCW, Taking Actions Against Zionist Crimes

TEHRAN - Iran's Deputy Minister for Legal and International Affairs, Kazem Gharibabadi has called for preventing the efforts to politicize the works of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and urges global actions against the Zionist regime for using banned weapons in its wars on Gaza and Lebanon.

Gharibabadi issued the call while addressing the 29th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CSP-29) opened in The Hague on Monday.

During his speech, the Iranian diplomat outlined his country's stance on chemical weapons, the crimes and violations of the Zionist regime, and the West's support for this regime's past and present crimes against the people in the region.

Emphasizing that Iran has been the greatest victim of chemical weapons in contemporary times, Gharibabadi strongly condemned the Zionist crimes against the people of Palestine and Lebanon. "This regime, with the unconditional support of some Western countries, especially the United States, continues its crimes and enjoys immunity."

Gharibabadi called for immediate action by the UN Security Council to impose effective sanctions on the Zionist regime in accordance with Chapter VII of the UN Charter and stressed that all states must refrain from any economic, military and arms cooperation with this regime.

He also condemned the Zionist regime's use of chemical weapons and other dangerous substances, including white phosphorus and depleted uranium, against the defenseless people of Palestine and Lebanon, and called on the OPCW chief to conduct a comprehensive investigation into this matter and take the necessary measures to protect the victims.

While urging member states to spare no effort to end the Israeli crimes against the Palestinian and Lebanese people, Gharibabadi once again warned against the threats of the Israeli chemical weapons arsenal to regional and international peace and security.

There is the need to achieve the universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the international community must pile up pressure on the Zionist regime to join it and place all its chemical facilities under the supervision of the OPCW, he said.

Gharibabadi also described as baseless, undocumented, and repetitive the accusations of the United States against the Islamic Republic of Iran, saying Tehran has always adhered to its

obligations within the framework of the Chemical Weapons Convention and has placed all its related chemical facilities under the supervision and inspection.

Gharibabadi criticized the US for its fabricated accusations against the main victim of chemical weapon attacks in modern times and said that it is Washington, the largest holder of chemical weapons stockpiles, that has become the main violator of the convention.

The United States has a history of non-compliance with the convention, and in 2003, after the invasion of Iraq under the pretext of destroying weapons of mass destruction, Washington and its allies, after a six-year delay, proceeded to transfer and destroy chemical weapons discovered in Iraq without informing the OPCW, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran emphasized.

He said that the Islamic Republic of Iran has repeatedly conveyed to members about the violation of the convention by the United States and its allies, including their help to the Zionist regime's secret chemical weapons arsenal as well as other weapons prohibited under the convention.

Gharibabadi also expressed regret that the United States accuses other countries in order to divert public opinion from the Zionist regime's extensive use of American-made white phosphorus and other prohibited weapons against the people of Gaza and Lebanon as well as their repeated use by US-backed terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq.

Elsewhere in his speech, the Deputy Foreign Minister referred to the West's support for the regime of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in its war against the Islamic Republic of Iran. As the main suppliers of chemicals to the Iraqi regime under Saddam, Germany and the United States were complicit in chemical crimes against the Iranian people, he noted, adding that "these countries must be held accountable for their illegal actions and take steps to compensate Iran's chemical victims."

While emphasizing that victims of chemical weapons in Iran are still suffering from illegal sanctions imposed by Western countries on the supply of medicine and medical equipment, Gharibabadi called for the efforts of the OPCW to help support these victims.

He also called for preventing the politicization of the OPCW and strengthening international cooperation in the field of new technologies to advance the peaceful goals of the Convention.

## Failed Strategy: Iran Rejects Threat-Based Diplomacy



TEHRAN - The government spokesperson announced that deputy foreign ministers of Iran will hold discussions with their counterparts from France, Germany, and the UK in Geneva on Friday. These talks, she emphasized, will adhere to the principles of dignity, wisdom, and expediency as outlined by the Supreme Leader.

In a press conference on Tuesday, Fatemeh Mohajerani highlighted the significance of the upcoming discussions, focusing on bilateral, regional, and international issues, as well as the situations in Gaza and Lebanon. "We hope to see an end to the genocide in these regions as soon as possible," she said.

Mohajerani expressed condolences on the occasion of Fatimiyya and the martyrdom of Lady Fatima (PBUH) while honoring Basij Week, paying tribute to those who sacrificed their lives in service of the nation.

Ahead of National Parliament Day, Mohajerani underlined the critical role of the Iranian Parliament in fostering democracy and religious governance. She called for strengthened collaboration between the government and Parliament, noting significant progress in their joint efforts thus far.

Mohajerani announced that 60 students who were barred from studying in 2022 and 2023 have been reinstated following directives from the Supreme Leader and efforts by the President. Additionally, 5,461 candidates for teaching positions, previously caught in screening issues, have now joined the educational system.

The spokesperson revealed a 10 trillion rial (approximately \$25 million USD) allocation for improving the physical infrastructure of schools. This initiative involves collaboration between government organizations, including the Imam Khomeini Executive Headquarters and the Mostazafan Foundation.

## Iran's Deterrent Power Evolved to Address Modern Maritime Threats



TEHRAN (PressTV) - Iran's highest-ranking military commander says the evolved deterrent power of the Islamic Republic in addressing modern maritime threats, combined with its strength in other domains, will act as a driving force for strong ties with Muslim nations.

Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri made the remarks in a message on the occasion of the Iranian Navy Day.

He added that the deterrent power of Iran will also lead to the creation of the prerequisites for shared security and lasting peace, particularly in the West Asia region.

"It will disappoint the enemies who seek to sow discord in the resistance front and among the Muslim nations," he said.

He commended Iran's powerful presence in national and international waters which has been tantamount to sacred determination to boost the country's might and play an influential role in defending national rights and interests in line with the guidelines of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on maritime supremacy.

Baqeri noted that the national Navy Day manifests lasting acts of bravery of the Iranian naval forces in the face of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein at one of the most sensitive junctures of the Sacred Defense.

The Iranian naval forces have succeeded in dealing heavy blows to the enemy's navy and defending the country's territorial integrity, the top general emphasized.

He wished lasting success for the Iranian naval forces. Iran's Navy has in recent years achieved self-sufficiency in manufacturing surface and sub-surface vessels. It has also increased its presence in international waters to protect naval routes and provide security for merchant vessels and tankers.

The Iranian naval forces have also staged military drills with different countries, including Russia, China and Pakistan, over the past years to promote their combat readiness.

## Hezbollah Takes Elite Israeli Brigade Under Rocket Salvo



BEIRUT (Dispatches) - Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement has targeted an "elite" Israeli brigade with a rocket barrage in the northern part of the occupied Palestinian territories, besides striking one of the camps belonging to the regime's ground forces for the first time.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance targeted the Shraga base, the administrative headquarters of the Golani Brigade Command, north of the occupied city of Akka with a rocket barrage," the movement said in a statement of the Monday operation.

Hezbollah's fighters also targeted the Foran Camp, a base used for deployment of the regime's ground forces that seeks to ensure their readiness for operation in the direction of the Syrian territory, in Syria's Israeli-occupied Golan Heights with another rocket salvo.

Also on Monday, the group struck the northern Rawia Base, the Command Headquarters of the 71st Armored Battalion of the Israeli military's 188th Brigade that contains an ammunition depot for tanks, with a similar rocket barrage again in Golan.

Separately, Hezbollah's fighters hit the illegal settlements of Shoumera, Nahariyya, Meron, Avivim, and Malikiyah with more rocket barrages.

In southern Lebanon, Hezbollah targeted a group of Israeli army forces that had fortified itself in one of the houses on the southern outskirts of the town of al-Bayyada. The strike took place during the withdrawal of Israeli army forces from the town, which they undertook after suffering heavy losses throughout confrontation with Hezbollah on Sunday.

The operation resulted in destruction of the house and infliction of confirmed casualties among the targeted troops.

Elsewhere in southern Lebanon, Hezbollah struck gatherings of Israeli forces at the Deir

Mimas-Kfar Kila triangle and the south of the city of Khiam with rocket barrages.

"A Merkava tank was, meanwhile, hit with a guided missile, west of the town of Shamaa, destroying it and killing and wounding its crew," the group added.

According to Lebanon's al-Manar television network, the Israeli enemy has also withdrawn its military vehicles from the vicinity of the Deir area and the town of Tal al-Lubia, and reduced its presence in the town of Deir Mimas to the eastern outskirts that are adjacent to the Tal al-Nahhas area.

The withdrawal took place "under the pressure of the resistance's strikes and its targeting operations, which have been using rockets and guided missiles," the network added.

The movement, meanwhile, released a video, depicting those of its fighters, who were wounded during the regime's detonation of explosive-laden pager devices across Lebanon in September.

The attacks led to the deaths of 12 people, including two children, and affliction of many debilitating injuries among thousands of others.

"Despite the wounds...we are present on the battlefield," read the footage's caption. "We will continue until the very last moment, facing them head-to-head," the caption went on.

"And you will see before you hundreds of those who were wounded on Tuesday and Wednesday," it said, referring to the days when the attacks took place. "Because today, they are more determined to continue resisting you, confronting you, killing you, and wearing you down," it added.

"This resistance remains the spearhead in fighting global arrogance and defending the oppressed across the world."



### Russia Pledges Broader Afghanistan Ties

MOSCOW (Dispatches) - Sergei Shoigu, the secretary of Russia's powerful Security Council, told Afghanistan's Taliban leaders on Monday that Moscow wanted to help achieve a durable peace in the country, Russian news agencies reported. Shoigu, a former defence minister, also said the U.S. should play a leading role in rebuilding Afghanistan in view of its many years of military involvement in the country.

Taliban leaders asked Shoigu to help them ease the pressure imposed by U.S. sanctions against the Kabul government, according to the Russian news agency reports.



### Trump Pledges Sweeping Tariffs on Mexico, Canada, China on His First Day in Office



WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - U.S. President-elect Donald Trump said Monday he intends to impose a 25 percent tariff on goods from Mexico and Canada, along with a 10 percent tariff on imports from China in response to the illegal drug trade and immigration.

In a series of posts to his Truth Social social media account, Trump vowed to hit some of the United States' largest trading partners with sweeping tariffs on all goods entering the country.

"On January 20th, as one of my many first Executive Orders, I will sign all necessary documents to charge Mexico and Canada a 25% tariff on ALL products coming into the United States, and its ridiculous Open Borders," he wrote.

In another post moments later, the past and future president said he would also be slapping China with a 10 percent tariff, "above any additional Tariffs," on all of its products entering the U.S. in response to its failure to tackle fentanyl smuggling.

Tariffs are a key part of Trump's economic agenda, with the Republican president-elect vowing wide-ranging duties on allies and adversaries alike while he was on the campaign trail ahead of his November 5 victory.

Trump's first term in the White House was marked by an aggressive and protectionist trade agenda that also targeted China, Mexico and Canada, as well as Europe.

While in the White House, Trump launched an all-out trade war with China, imposing significant tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of Chinese goods.

At the time he cited unfair trade practices, intellectual property theft, and the trade deficit as justifications.

China responded with retaliatory tariffs on American products, particularly affecting US farmers.

The US, Mexico and Canada are tied to a three-decade-old free trade agreement, now called the USMCA, that was renegotiated under Trump after he complained that the US businesses, especially automakers, were losing out.

"Mexico and Canada remain heavily dependent on the US market so their ability to walk away from President-elect Trump's threats remains limited," Wendy Cutler, vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute, and former US trade official, told AFP.

## Biden, Macron Set to Announce Israel-Hezbollah Truce



BEIRUT (Dispatches) - U.S. President Joe Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron are expected to announce a ceasefire in Lebanon between armed group Hezbollah and Israel imminently, four senior Lebanese sources said.

In Washington, White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said, "We're close" but "nothing is done until everything is done".

The French presidency said discussions on a ceasefire had made significant progress. In Jerusalem, a senior Israeli official said Israel's cabinet would meet on Tuesday to approve a truce deal with Hezbollah.

Signs of a diplomatic breakthrough were accompanied by heavy Israeli airstrikes on Beirut's Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs, as Israel pressed on with the offensive it launched in September after almost a year of cross-border hostilities.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office declined to comment on reports that Israel and Lebanon had agreed to the text of a deal. But the senior Israeli official told Reuters that Tuesday's cabinet meeting was intended to approve the text.

Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, said Israel would maintain an ability to strike southern Lebanon under any agreement. Lebanon has previously objected to wording that would grant Israel such a right.

U.S. State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said gaps between the two parties have narrowed significantly but there are still steps they need to take to reach an agreement.

"Often times the very last stages of an agreement are the most difficult because the hardest issues are left to the end," he said. "We are pushing as hard as we can."

Diplomacy is aimed at getting Iran-backed Hezbollah and Israel to end fighting that erupted in October 2023 in parallel with Israel's war against Palestinian Islamist group Hamas in Gaza. The conflict in Lebanon has drastically escalated over the last two months.

In Beirut, Elias Bou Saab, Lebanon's deputy parliament speaker, told Reuters there were "no serious obstacles" left to start implementing a U.S.-proposed ceasefire with Israel, "unless Netanyahu changes his mind".

He said the proposal would entail an Israeli military withdrawal from south Lebanon and regular Lebanese army troops

deploying in the border region, long a Hezbollah stronghold, within 60 days.

A sticking point over who would monitor compliance with the ceasefire was resolved in the last 24 hours with an agreement to set up a five-country committee, including France and chaired by the United States, he said.

Despite diplomatic progress, hostilities have intensified. Over the weekend, Israel carried out powerful airstrikes, one of which killed at least 29 people in central Beirut, while Hezbollah unleashed one of its biggest rocket salvos yet on Sunday, firing 250 missiles into Israel.

In Beirut, Israeli airstrikes levelled more of the Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs on Monday, sending clouds of debris billowing over the Lebanese capital.

Lebanon's health ministry said Israeli attacks killed 31 people and wounded 62 across the country on Monday. Over the past year, more than 3,750 people have been killed and over one million have been forced from their homes, according to the ministry, which does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its figures.

Israel has dealt major blows to Hezbollah, killing its leader Hassan Nasrallah and other top commanders, and inflicting massive destruction in Lebanon areas where the group holds sway.

Israel says its military offensive is aimed at enabling tens of thousands of Israelis to return to homes they evacuated when Hezbollah began firing across the Lebanese border into Israel more than a year ago. Hezbollah's campaign followed the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attacks on Israel that precipitated the Gaza war.

Hezbollah strikes have killed 45 civilians in northern Israel and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. At least 73 Israeli soldiers have been killed in northern Israel, the Golan Heights and in combat in southern Lebanon, according to Israeli authorities.

Biden's administration, which leaves office in January, has emphasized diplomacy to end the Lebanon conflict, even as all negotiations to halt the parallel war in Gaza are frozen.

U.S. Middle East envoy Brett McGurk was to be in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday to discuss using a potential Lebanon ceasefire as a catalyst for a deal ending hostilities in Gaza, the White House said.

### North Korea Reportedly Expands Plant Making Missile Russia Uses in Ukraine



SEOUL (Dispatches) - North Korea is expanding a key weapons manufacturing complex that assembles a type of short-range missile used by Russia in Ukraine, researchers at a U.S.-based think tank have concluded, based on satellite images.

The facility, known as the February 11 plant, is part of the Ryongsong Machine Complex in Hamhung, North Korea's second-largest city, on the country's east coast.

Sam Lair, a research associate at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), located at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, said the plant was the only one known to produce the Hwasong-11 class of solid-fuel ballistic missiles.

The expansion of the complex has not been previously reported.

Both Moscow and Pyongyang have denied that North Korea has transferred weapons for Russia to use against Ukraine, which it invaded in February 2022. Russia and North Korea signed a mutual defense treaty at a summit in June and have pledged to boost their military ties.

North Korea's mission to the United Nations did not respond to a request for comment for this story.

The satellite images, taken in early October by the commercial satellite firm Planet Labs, show what appears to be an additional assembly building under construction as well as a new housing facility, likely intended for workers, according to the analysis by researchers at CNS.

## Russian Drones, Missiles Attack Ukraine's East, South and Capital

KYIV (Dispatches) - Russian missiles damaged residential buildings in Ukraine's eastern city of Kharkiv and Odesa in the south, and a blizzard of drones caused temporary power cuts in Mykolaiv region and targeted the capital Kyiv, Ukrainian officials said.

Russia, which is making territorial gains in Ukraine's east, is conducting nightly attacks on faraway cities using missiles as well as cheaply produced "suicide" drones and low-cost "decoy" drones, which tie up Ukrainian air defences.

Of 145 drones used overnight, Ukraine shot down 71 and lost track of 71 more, likely due to electronic warfare measures used against them, the air force said.

Residents of the capital could hear the buzzing engines of attack drones flying over the city for several hours overnight. The sound of automatic gunfire erupted occasionally as air defences tried to shoot them down.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called on Kyiv's Western allies to step up pressure on Russia to prevent the components needed for the weapons systems reaching it.

"These Russian attacks on Ukrainian life can be stopped," he said. "With pressure, sanctions, blocking the occupiers' access to



the components they use to create the tools of this terror, arms packages for Ukraine, and a resolve that must be unwavering."

A Russian missile attack on the northeastern city of Kharkiv injured at least 23 people and damaged over 40 buildings on Monday morning, the regional governor and national police said.

Another missile attack on the southern city of Odesa also damaged residential buildings and injured 10 people, Ukraine's interior ministry said.

The overnight drone attack targeted energy infrastructure in southern region of Mykolaiv, causing power cuts while industrial facilities in the southeastern Zaporizhzhia region were also struck, their authorities said on Monday.

Russia has continuously pummelled Ukraine's power grid and infrastructure since launching its full-scale invasion in February 2022. Moscow says it does not target civilians but the U.N. has verified the deaths of almost 12,000 Ukrainian civilians and officials in Kyiv say the total is likely much higher.

The latest Russian onslaught on energy infrastructure renewed Ukrainians' fears of long winter blackouts, although there were no casualties or significant damage reported in either Kyiv or the surrounding region.

## G7 Seeks Unity on ICC Arrest Warrant for Netanyahu

FIUGGI (Dispatches) - The Group of Seven democracies are seeking a common position on the arrest warrant for Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued last week by the International Criminal Court (ICC), Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said.

"We need to be united on this," Tajani said after hosting the first working session of a two-day meeting of foreign ministers from G7 nations.

The United States, part of the G7, has rejected the ICC decision, with President Joe Biden describing it as outrageous.

Tajani, part of a coalition government that has itself appeared divided on the ICC issue, said he wanted the G7 to speak with one voice.

"We have talked about it, let's see if we can have a part in the final communiqué dedicated to this, we are working to find an agreement," Tajani added.

The ICC issued arrest warrants last Thursday for Netanyahu, his former defence chief Yoav Gallant, as well as a Hamas leader, Ibrahim Al-Masri, for



alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza conflict.

Israel condemned the decision as shameful and absurd.

Tajani said he invited colleagues from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates and Qatar to join the G7 meeting in Fiuggi, a spa town about 80 kilometres (50 miles) southeast of Rome.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said discussions were taking place while prospects were picking up for a breakthrough Lebanon ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hezbollah.

"We are currently discussing with our partners from the Persian Gulf States and the Arab world how we can, in this situation, at least perhaps resolve one of the major challenges, the situation in Lebanon, and finally achieve a ceasefire," she said.

"The momentum now seems to be closer than it was a few days or even a few weeks ago," Baerbock added.



## Cowboys Survive wild 4th Quarter vs. Commanders

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - November 25 - Cowboys quarterback Cooper Rush passed for two touchdowns while watching his team return two kicks for additional scores and Dallas held off the Washington Commanders in a wild fourth quarter for a 34-26 win on Sunday afternoon in Landover, Md. With his team trailing 27-20, Washington quarterback Jayden Daniels hit Terry McLaurin for an 86-yard touchdown with 21 seconds left in the fourth quarter, but Austin Seibert missed his second extra point of the game to prevent the Commanders from drawing even. Juanyeh Thomas of the Cowboys then returned an onside kick 43 yards for a touchdown to complete the scoring. Rush completed 24 of 32 passes for 247 yards for Dallas (4-7), which snapped a five-game losing streak. Rico Dowdle ran 19 times for 86 yards, and CeeDee Lamb had 10 catches for 67 yards. Daniels was 25-of-38 passing for 275 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions for reeling Washington (7-5), which has lost three straight games. Daniels ran for 74 yards and one score. McLaurin had five catches for 102 yards. Vikings 30, Bears 27 (OT): John Parker Romo made a 29-yard field goal to lift Minnesota to an overtime win against host Chicago. Romo buried the game-winning kick in his third career game for Minnesota (9-2), which won its fourth game in a row. Sam Darnold completed 22 of 34 passes for 330 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Vikings. Wideout Jordan Addison finished with eight catches for a career-high 162 yards and a touchdown. The overtime defeat spoiled an impressive performance from rookie quarterback Caleb Williams, who completed 32 of 47 passes for 340 yards and two touchdowns for Chicago (4-7). Eagles 37, Rams 20: Saquon Barkley ran for 255 yards, including touchdown runs of 70 and 72 yards, as Philadelphia increased its NFC East lead by defeating Los Angeles in Inglewood, Calif. Barkley added four receptions for 47 yards to finish with 302 yards from scrimmage. Quarterback Jalen Hurts completed 15 of 22 passes for 179 yards and a score as the Eagles improved to 9-2 to pull further

away from the second-place Commanders in the division. Matthew Stafford hit on 24 of 36 throws for 243 yards and two touchdowns for Los Angeles (5-6), which dropped a game behind NFC West co-leaders Seattle (6-5) and Arizona (6-5). Stafford operated under constant pressure and was sacked five times. Chiefs 30, Panthers 27: Patrick Mahomes threw three touchdown passes and Spencer Shradler kicked a 31-yard field goal on the game's final play as Kansas City topped Carolina in Charlotte. It was a bounce-back effort for the Chiefs (10-1), who lost for the first time this season a week earlier against the Buffalo Bills. Kansas City never trailed and had to use a 57-yard drive to move into scoring position to close the game. Bryce Young threw for 263 yards and a touchdown for the Panthers (3-8), who had a two-game winning streak snapped. Eddy Pineiro kicked field goals from 30, 32, 29 and 33 yards out. Lions 24, Colts 6: Jahmyr Gibbs rushed for 90 yards and scored two touchdowns as visiting Detroit extended its winning streak to nine games by defeating Indianapolis. Jared Goff passed for 269 yards for the Lions (10-1), completing 26 of 36 passes. The Lions' winning streak is their longest since their first season in Detroit in 1934, when they won 10 straight games. Anthony Richardson passed for 172 yards and rushed for 61 more for the Colts (5-7). Michael Pittman Jr. caught six passes for 96 yards, but Jonathan Taylor was held to 35 rushing yards. Dolphins 34, Patriots 15: Tua Tagovailoa threw for 317 yards and four touchdowns to lead Miami to an easy victory over New England in Miami Gardens, Fla. Jaylen Waddle hauled in eight receptions for 144 yards and a touchdown and former Patriot Jonnu Smith had nine catches for 87 yards and a TD for the Dolphins (5-6), who have won three straight games. Running back DeVon Achane was on the receiving end of a pair of scores. Drake Maye finished with 222 yards, one TD and one interception on 22-of-37 passing for the Patriots (3-9), who have now dropped 10 of their past 12 games at Hard Rock Stadium.

## Ding Beats Gukesh in Chess World Championship Opening Game



LONDON (Dispatches) - China's Ding Liren beat teenager Gukesh Dommaraju of India in the opening round of the world chess championship in a major confidence boost for the title holder. Ding, whose form has plummeted since he beat Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi to claim the crown in 2023, lost in the Chess Olympiad international team event in September and has taken unusually long breaks for a top player in a bid to improve. "I had a lot of time to recover and to change and to prepare, to get to the tournament with a totally new appearance", he told reporters in a post-game press conference. Ding's victory marked the first time in almost 15 years that the initial game of a world championship match ended with a decisive result as the high stakes of the event often encourage players to opt for cautious games usually ending up as draws. The last decisive result in a world championship first round match was in 2010 when Veselin Topalov beat Viswanathan Anand. The match between Ding and 18-year-old Gukesh, who qualified by winning the Candidates tournament in April, is a 14-round event in Singapore with a prize fund of \$2.5 million. World number one Magnus Carlsen, who had been world champion since 2013, relinquished his title in 2022, citing a lack of motivation.

## Celtics Tie NBA Record With 12 3s in Quarter, Rout Clippers

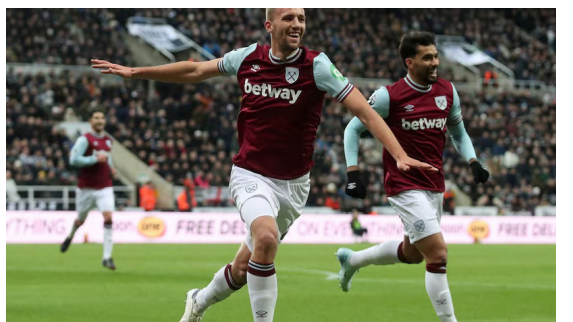
BOSTON (Dispatches) - Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum led a 51-point second quarter as the Boston Celtics stretched their winning streak to six games by beating the visiting Los Angeles Clippers 126-94. Brown scored 13 points and Tatum added 12 as Boston tied an NBA record by connecting on 12 3-pointers in the second quarter. The Celtics made 22 of 51 3-point attempts in the game (43.1 percent). Kristaps Porzingis made his season debut for the Celtics, who own the NBA's longest winning streak. Porzingis missed Boston's first 17 games while recovering from offseason foot surgery. Porzingis made 6 of 12 field goal attempts and scored 16 points in 23 minutes. He also had six rebounds and two blocked shots. Tatum led the Celtics with 20 points, nine rebounds, four assists and two blocks. Payton Pritchard came off the bench to add 20 points, 18 of which came on 3-pointers. It was the second stop on a four-game road trip for the Clippers, who allowed an opponent to score more than 100 points for the first time in their last five games. Ivica Zubac had 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Clippers. Zubac made 11 of his 14 field goal attempts. Los Angeles received 19 points from James Harden and 11 from Derrick Jones Jr. Terance Mann and Jordan Miller each scored 10 off the bench. The loss ended the Clippers' five-game winning streak. Derrick White (19), Brown (17) and Neemias Queta (12) also



scored in double figures for Boston. Queta matched Tatum with a team-high nine rebounds. The Celtics led 27-20 after one quarter and 78-49 at halftime. Boston made 16 of its 34 3-point attempts in the first half (47.1 percent). Los Angeles sliced its deficit to 19 points by starting the third quarter on a 10-0 run, but the Celtics had a 99-78 advantage heading into the final 12 minutes. Boston played without Luke Kornet (hamstring) and 38-year-old Al Horford (second night of back-to-back games). Meanwhile Jaden Ivey made a floater along the baseline as time expired, giving the host Detroit Pistons a 102-100 win over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night. Ivey finished the contest with 25 points and eight assists as the

Pistons ended a three-game slide. Malik Beasley had 14 points, while Jalen Duren supplied 13 points and 12 rebounds. Tobias Harris added 12 points and Tim Hardaway Jr. chipped in 10. Ausar Thompson made his season debut after being cleared to play following a blood clotting issue. He had five points and four assists off the bench. Scottie Barnes led Toronto with 31 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists. RJ Barrett had 17 points, and Chris Boucher added 10. Detroit's top player, Cade Cunningham, missed his second straight game due to a hip injury. Toronto guard Grady Dick sat out with a left calf contusion. Beasley got off to a hot start, scoring nine points in the first six-plus minutes of the game as the Pistons grabbed a 21-7 lead. The Raptors cut their deficit to seven, 29-22, by the end of the first quarter. When Barnes hit three consecutive 3-pointers in the second, Toronto went up 40-35 with 6:29 to go. The Pistons rallied back to tie the game at 48 at halftime. Barnes piled up 20 first-half points, while Beasley and Harris had 11 apiece for Detroit. The game remained extremely tight for most of the third. The Raptors finished the quarter with an 8-1 run, including two 3-pointers from Jamal Shaeed, to take an 80-72 lead. Detroit scored the first four points of the fourth. Isaiah Stewart made two free throws with 6:37 remaining to cut Toronto's lead to 86-85.

## West Ham Win at Newcastle to Ease pressure on Lopetegui



NEWCASTLE (Dispatches) - West Ham United eased the pressure on new manager Julen Lopetegui with a surprise 2-0 victory away to in-form Newcastle United in the Premier League. Thomas Soucek gave West Ham the lead in the 10th minute with a header and the visitors reached halftime still in front despite the hosts having a succession of good chances. Newcastle began the second half on top but were rocked on their heels when Aaron Wan-Bissaka broke forward to fire West Ham's second after 53 minutes -- his first goal for the club. West Ham grew in confidence and thoroughly deserved their best victory of what has been a disappointing season so far under Spaniard Lopetegui. They remain 14th place with 15 points while Newcastle are in 10th place with 18 points. Former Spain and Real Madrid manager Lopetegui's style of play has struggled to win over West Ham's fans and two poor performances before the international break left his side only three points above the relegation zone. Some media reports suggested Lopetegui was two games from losing his job but his side responded with an energetic display and clinical display to send the away fans home happy. "I said we needed a performance before the game and I said we needed to go out and show it and I think we did that," West Ham captain Jarrod Bowen said. "Newcastle always score at home so to keep a clean sheet and score twice. We had to be brave. I think this was more like the level that it takes to play for this club." "I think this is a really big turning point in the season." Had Newcastle not had an early goal by Alexander Isak ruled out for offside, it could have been a tough night for West Ham. But shortly afterwards, Soucek was left completely unmarked in a crowded penalty area to plant a header into the goal from a corner and West Ham were immediately galvanised. Newcastle, who had won three successive games in all competitions, should have levelled with Sean Longstaff heading a decent chance straight at West Ham keeper Lukasz Fabianski and Lewis Hall driving a shot across the face of the goal. Anthony Gordon also should have done better than to shoot straight at Fabianski after a defensive error while Isak volleyed a chance just wide after great work by Bruno Guimaraes. West Ham's second goal took the sting completely out of the hosts. Wan-Bissaka made a powerful run forward from deep and was played in on goal by Bowen's astute pass before placing his shot past Nick Pope and in off the post. Newcastle failed to muster much of a response as they missed the chance to move into sixth place. "We were the dominant team at halftime and the game would have been very different if we had equalized in the first half," Newcastle manager Eddie Howe said.

## Salah Feels More Out Than In With No New Liverpool Deal on Table

LONDON (Dispatches) - Mohamed Salah says he is disappointed by Liverpool's failure to offer him a new contract and believes he is "more out than in" as he nears the end of his existing deal. The 32-year-old, who has scored 12 goals in all competitions this season, is out of contract at the end of the 2024/25 campaign. The Egyptian international showed his enduring value on Sunday, scoring twice in Liverpool's 3-2 victory at Southampton, which took their eight points clear at the top of the Premier League table. But his comments after the match suggest Salah, who arrived at Anfield in 2017 and has won the Champions League and Premier League with the club, could leave for free. "We are almost in December and I haven't received any offers yet to stay in the club," he said. "I'm probably more out than in. "You know I have been in the club for many years. There is no club like this. But in the end it is not in my hands."



Salah is one of the three key Liverpool players who will soon be heading into the last six months of their deals, with Virgil van Dijk and Trent Alexander-Arnold also out of contract at the end of the season. All three will be free to speak to overseas clubs in January if they do not sign an extension before then. Asked if he was disappointed not to have received an offer from Liverpool, Salah added: "Of course, yeah. I love the fans. The fans love me. In the end it is not in my hands or the fans' hands. Let's wait and see." "I'm not going to retire soon so I'm just playing, focusing on the season and I'm trying to win the Premier League and hopefully the Champions League as well. I'm disappointed but we will see."