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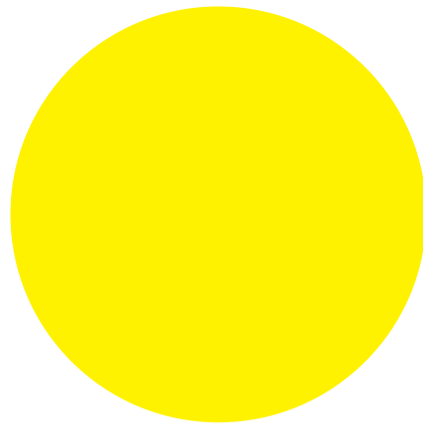


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### Raeisi launches major project to help save dying lake

## Opening a new chapter in Lake Urmia's life

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On Friday morning, Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi arrived in the city of Urmia, the provincial capital of West Azarbaijan, and inaugurated a major environmental project that transfers water to Lake Urmia from Kani Sib Dam in Naqadeh. The inauguration comes amid hopes that the plan

could ease environmental concerns about the drying up of the lake, once considered Iran's turquoise jewel located in the country's northwest. Raeisi described the water transfer project from Kani Sib Dam to Lake Urmia as proof that environmental issues are of great importance to his administration. "The restoration of Lake Urmia is a national concern,

and the water transfer project is the most important plan in this regard," he said during the opening ceremony, emphasizing that efforts aimed at the revival of the shrinking body of water must continue seriously, according to Press TV. President Raeisi officially inaugurated the water transfer system on the same day as the birthday of Imam Hussein (PBUH).

The system of water transfer, including 35.7 kilometers of tunnels and 11 kilometers of canals, transfers 300 million cubic meters of water annually in the first phase, and 600 million cubic meters in the second phase, from the Sib Mineral Dam to Naqadeh Plain and the water catchment area of Lake Urmia, Mehr News Agency reported. The process of building the

system started in 2015, but due to insufficient funding, the project was not completed until after Raeisi's visit to West Azarbaijan Province. The Iranian president further expressed appreciation for the diligent efforts made by all engineers and contract workers to implement the project in a timely and technical manner.

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### Another chance to resuscitate JCPOA



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A delegation from the International Atomic Energy Agency is expected to visit Iran in the coming days as a group of IAEA inspectors have already traveled to the country to probe claims about 84% uranium enrichment on Iranian sites, which was first reported by Bloomberg. Iran has emphasized that it has not enriched uranium above 60% purity. A final IAEA report will determine whether the claim is unfounded or valid. However, the presence of these inspectors and the upcoming visit of IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi can be positive signs for the resumption of negotiations to revive the troubled 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers, known

as the JCPOA. Grossi's trip to Iran apparently has nothing to do with the 84% enrichment claim and is rather related to a long-running safeguards dispute and a set of questions raised by the agency which believes that Iran has not provided convincing answers. Considering past experience, I believe that Iran and the IAEA can eventually resolve their differences through dialogue and reach an agreement, which will definitely have positive impacts on the stalled talks to revive the nuclear deal. Both Iran and the West, particularly the administration of U.S. President Joe Biden, need a nuclear deal; the former wants a deal to partly resolve its economic woes, and the latter to win the 2024 presidential election.

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### Tracks of highly-enriched uranium in pipes connecting centrifuges a 'normal issue': AEOI

Spokesman of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said finding highly-enriched uranium particles in the pipes connecting centrifuges was a "normal issue". Behrouz Kamalvandi made the remarks in reaction to a recent Bloomberg report that claimed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) "is trying to clarify how Iran accumulated uranium enriched to 84 percent purity".

"For example, we are producing five percent enriched [uranium], 11 percent particle is seen in it, or we are producing 20 percent [enriched uranium], 47 percent particle is seen in it. We had several correspondences about this in the past... it's a natural thing in enrichment," he said in an interview with Press TV.

"The machine is spinning fast. If the amount of the feed decreases for a moment, the enrichment will increase by a few percent; but it doesn't matter because the end product is what matters."

Kamalvandi stated if Iran "wants" to produce highly-enriched uranium, it will announce it to the UN agency, but so far it has not felt the need to produce more enriched uranium.

"So, it is clear that there is a conspiracy here," he noted, referring to the confidential reports being leaked to Western media and distortions made about the IAEA inspections and subsequent findings.

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### Iran participating in Muscat International Book Fair

The Iran Book and Literature House is taking part in the 27th edition of the Muscat International Book Fair, with over 800 book titles.

Forty Iranian publishers are showcasing their printed works on Iranology, Persian language teaching, calligraphy, miniature painting, philosophy, Qur'anic knowledge, poetry and literature, IRNA wrote.

In this edition, the topic of children, focusing on books published in Arabic, has a special section in the pavilion of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The book show kicked off at



Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC) on February 22 and will run through March 4. The opening ceremony of the book fair was held under the patronage of Sayyid Hamoud Faisal Al Bussaidi, Minister of the Interior.

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### West Bank, Gaza rally to slam Israel's deadly raid in Nablus

Thousands of people have poured onto the streets across the occupied West Bank and besieged Gaza Strip to condemn the brutal Israeli military raid on the northern West Bank city of Nablus, where at least 11 Palestinians were killed and scores of others wounded.

The protesters took part in overnight demonstrations organized by the Lions' Den resistance group, and in rejection of Israeli acts of aggression and massacres, Press TV reported.

The participants waved the national Palestinian flag, held up pictures of those killed in Israeli military raids on the Jenin refugee camp, the city of Nablus, and East Al-Quds, and chant-

ed slogans in support of the resistance front.

The presence of people in the Shuafat refugee camp in East Al-Quds, Dheisheh refugee camp south of Bethlehem, Al-Khalil, Ramallah, and Nablus has been described as exemplary.

The Lions' Den group had earlier urged Palestinians from all walks of life to participate en masse in the rallies. Ismail Haniyeh, head of the political bureau of the Gaza-based movement Hamas, also said in a statement that ordinary Palestinians and courageous resistance fighters will not allow anyone to put out the burning uprising in the West Bank.

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