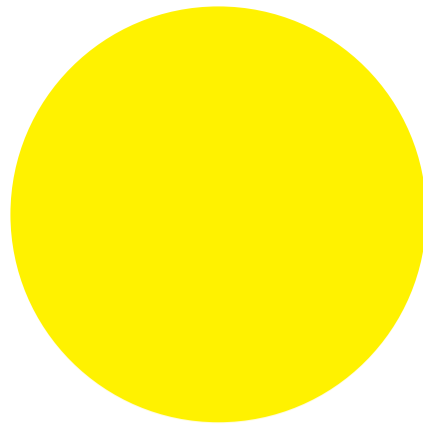


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Russia Widens Energy Ties with Iran Despite Sanctions: MP

● **Chairman of the Duma Committee on Energy:** Since spring 2022, Russian energy companies increased their collaboration with Iranian counterparts which have been under the same Western sanctions for years.

● **Pavel Nikolaevich Zavalny:** Given the difficulties caused by the sanctions against the Iranian oil sector, and also given the trends of Russian-Iranian cooperation, it would be good not to limit Iranian oil supplies in the world market.

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Netanyahu's nightmare: Internal conflicts and Palestinian power

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The aggressive policies of the Israeli cabinet have not only sounded the alarm about the escalation of internal tensions, but also increased concerns about further conflict between Palestinians and Israelis. Following the recent Israeli raid on Nablus, which killed 11 Palestinians and wounded some 100, there are growing concerns about the escalation of conflicts during the fasting month of Ramadan. This has prompted the U.S., Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Authority to hold a political-security meeting in Jordan to prevent possible violence. Jordanian media reported top on the agenda would be halting all unilateral actions as the starting point for stopping

the deterioration of the situation and the escalation of the conflict. On Saturday, the Pentagon, referring to a phone conversation between the U.S. defense secretary and his Israeli counterpart, emphasized that it had urged Eyal Zamir to calm the situation in the West Bank after the bloodshed in Nablus. However, the Israeli cabinet's new decision to build more than 7,000 new settler units in the occupied West Bank and Al-Quds is expected to further stoke the conflicts. The European Union has condemned Benjamin Netanyahu's plan for new settlements and noted that such constructions were illegal under international law, urging Israeli authorities to scrap it.

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Türkiye-Syria quake death toll surpasses 50,000



Workers clean the rubble of a collapsed building in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Antakya, Hatay Province, Turkey, on February 21, 2023. ● REUTERS

The death toll from a 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Türkiye and Syria on Feb. 6 climbed above 50,000 after the former declared more than 44,000 people died. The Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) said the death toll in Türkiye due to earthquakes rose to 44,218 on Friday night. With Syria's latest announced death toll of 5,914, the combined death toll in the two

countries rose to above 50,000. Nearly 240,000 rescue workers, including volunteers, continue to work in the 11 quake-hit provinces in Türkiye. There have been no reports of survivors being rescued in recent days. Rescuers in militant-held northwest Syria called on international help Friday to save people with quake-related crush injuries after a boy they rescued died from the condition.

Iran developing supersonic missiles: IRGC chief

New long-range cruise missile added to Iran's arsenal

The chief commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps said Saturday IRGC military experts were developing supersonic cruise missiles, adding that Iran was able to intercept and track satellites with radars on the ground. "Since a cruise missile flies mainly at a low-altitude trajectory, it is no different from fixed-wing aircraft which cannot travel at a high velocity. Therefore, we are developing cruise missiles capable of traveling at supersonic speeds. The process through which a supersonic ballistic missile is guided to strike a moving target in the sea is a fairly

complicated one, the likes of which have never been seen before," Major General Hossein Salami said at a ceremony in Tehran. "Today, we can intercept satellites with the help of radars positioned on the ground. Such great advances have been made by the Iranian youth who can now hit any ship moving thousands of kilometers away," he added. Salami pointed to the expansion of Iran's domain of action, saying the Islamic Republic is now present on the coasts of the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea and has "decomposed the enemy".

Iran has "kicked the enemy out of its strategic shelter," said the IRGC chief, adding that the enemy suffers a lack of initiative.

New cruise missile

Commander of the IRGC's Aerospace Division Amir-Ali Hajizadeh said Iran had "operationalized" a new long-range cruise missile, codenamed Paveh, which can travel as far as 1,650 kilometers (1,025 miles). "Our cruise missile with a range of 1,650 kilometers has been added to the missile arsenal of the Islamic Republic of Iran," he said. He also stated that the country had managed to



reduce the weight of its long-range missiles to one-fourth and the time needed for their preparation to a sixth. Hajizadeh further enumerated the features of a hypersonic missile manufactured late last year, saying it was able to traveling at

Mach 12-13 and capable of exoatmospheric maneuvering. "The projectile is outfitted with an engine that starts within 500 kilometers (310 miles) or a shorter distance of the target's location to enable its maneuverability," he said.

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Iran likely to supply air defense missiles to Syria

Iran is likely to sell surface-to-air missiles and electronic warfare equipment to Syria, Iranian national television said on Friday, to help reinforce the air defenses of the Arab country in the face of frequent Israeli airstrikes. "Syria needs to rebuild its air defense network and requires precision bombs for its fighter planes," the broadcaster said in a report. "It is very likely that we will witness the supply by Iran of radars and defense missiles, such as the 15 Khordad system, to reinforce Syria's air defenses," the TV said.



Ukraine sees some merit in Chinese peace plan

China called for a comprehensive ceasefire in Ukraine on Friday, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he was open to considering parts of a 12-point peace plan put forward by Beijing. On the first anniversary of the Ukraine war, Moscow's ally China urged both sides to agree to a gradual de-escalation, warned against the use of nuclear weapons, and said conflict benefited no one, Reuters reported. The plan, set out in a foreign ministry paper, was largely a reiteration of China's line since Russia launched its "special military operation" on February 24 last year.



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attends a news conference on the first anniversary of the Ukraine war in Kyiv, Ukraine, on February 24, 2023. ● GLEB GARANICH/REUTERS

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