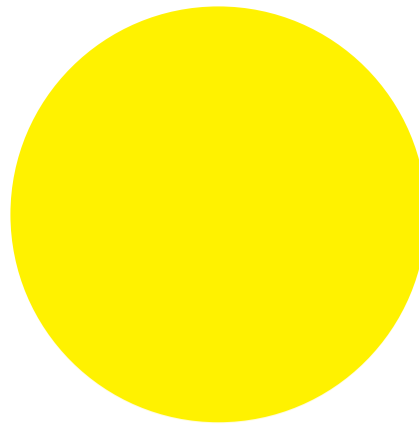




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## FM: US to blame for JCPOA status quo 'Nuclear states believe NPT binding solely for others'



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (c) addresses the annual disarmament conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on February 28, 2023.

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### Disarmament regime and new global arms race



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This year's annual disarmament conference was held in Geneva while a new round of the arms race has started in the world. In the current anarchic international climate, key pillars of the arms control regime set up during the Cold War between world powers are falling apart one by one. The last one was Russia's withdrawal from the New START Treaty. The war in Ukraine and growing skepticism between Russia and the West on the one hand, the security of East Asia and the US policy of China's containment, on the other hand are the main reasons for the new arms race. But

certainly, the scope of this arms race will not be limited to Eastern Europe and East Asia.

An accelerating arms race between world powers also causes security concerns for other actors and encourages the idea of deterrence among them because they know that they have no other option. Such a delusional race is getting heated globally while disarmament is one of the basic principles of the United Nations Charter which explicitly or implicitly emphasizes this issue in its articles. But why is the disarmament regime seen as one of the most unsuccessful legal regimes and why does terror continue to escalate?

In a nutshell, the current disarmament regime is ineffective for the following reasons:

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### Army, IRGC air defense units launch large-scale drills



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Iran's Armed Forces launched a large-scale military exercise featuring the country's domestically-developed air defense missile systems, radars, electronic warfare devices, communication systems and an integrated air defense network.

The joint aerial maneuvers, attended by air defense divisions of Iran's Army and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and codenamed Modafe'an-e Asseman-e Velayat 1401 (Guardians of Velayat Sky 1401), kicked off in the country's northwestern, western and central areas on Tuesday morning, Press TV reported.

Second Brigadier General Amir Farajpour said the deployment of air defense systems, with special significance given to their mobility and agility, was carried out at the first stage of the drill. Farajpour explained that the measures were taken in accordance with the principles of passive defense in order to deceive the mock enemy. Also, secure and multilayered communication was established among defense systems, command

and control centers, and the country's integrated air defense network in order to adopt proper decisions in case of a threat. Farajpour said the exercise covers two-thirds of the Iranian airspace, adding that manned and unmanned aircraft of Iran's Army and IRGC conducted reconnaissance sorties over the area, before detection and combat systems carried out tactical and defensive operations against the mock enemy's aircraft.

The senior Iranian military official noted that control and command centers are using active and passive radar systems capable of signal and electro-optical monitoring of the exercise area, and missile air defense systems will use artificial intelligence and decision-making techniques as they discover a hostile target to launch an appropriate attack. Iran's Armed Forces regularly hold military maneuvers to elevate their preparedness and military prowess. The drills also serve as a warning message to the enemies against any act of aggression.

## Domestic, foreign tensions rise up in Israel

### International Desk

Israeli forces tightened their grip on towns in the West Bank on Monday night and Tuesday morning as settlers continued their attacks on Palestinians throughout the occupied territory amid flared up domestic tensions following the internal disputes among Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition. Israeli security forces set up military

checkpoints at entrances to Jericho and prevented people from leaving the city as Palestinians were still reeling from rampages by settlers that left swathes of the town of Hawara burned and hundreds of residents, local sources told Al-Arab Al-Jadeed.

They also carried out raids looking for the perpetrator of Monday's killing of an Israeli-American motorist by suspected Palestinian gunmen,

the sources said. Otzma Yehudit Party, led by hardline Minister of National Security, Itamar Ben-Gvir, accused Netanyahu of being irresponsible and submitting to terrorism after the Likud Party, led by Netanyahu, refused to boycott the parliamentary session. Likud officials considered Otzma Yehudit's boycott of the session "an irresponsible act against the right-wing government. When there is a

left-wing vote against the right-wing government, everyone must attend." Meanwhile, the head of the Noam Party, Avi Maoz, announced his resignation from his position as deputy minister in Netanyahu's government, in light of the latter's procrastination in implementing the coalition agreements which grant Maoz

power in the ministries of education, health and social welfare.

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### Kremlin: Russia open to Ukraine talks, but won't give up annexed regions

The Kremlin on Tuesday repeated its position that Russia was open to negotiations to end the Ukraine conflict, but that new "territorial realities" could not be ignored. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Russia claims to four Ukrainian regions that Moscow declared it had annexed last year following referendums that Kyiv and the West slammed as illegal.

"There are certain realities that have already become

an internal factor. I mean the new territories. The constitution of the Russian Federation exists, and cannot be ignored. Russia will never be able to compromise on this, these are important realities," Peskov said on Tuesday. The regions were subsequently named as constituent subjects of the Russian Federation in a constitutional decree.

Peskov said Russia was open to negotiations if Kyiv accepted Moscow's control over the



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regions. "With a favourable state of affairs and the appropriate attitude from the Ukrainians, this can be resolved at the negotiating table. But the main thing is to achieve our goals," he said.