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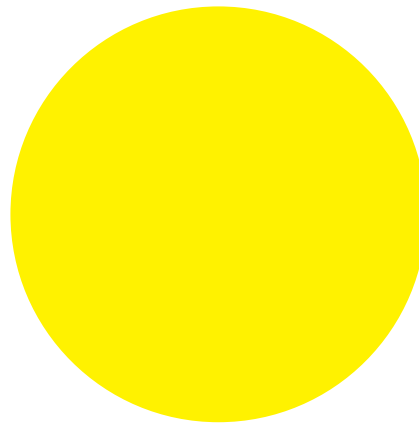


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Riot police react as a petrol bomb explodes during clashes with protesters at a demonstration in Athens on March 5, 2023, following a deadly train accident late on February 28.

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Iran's South Pars Phase 14 to generate \$5b annually

Economy Desk

Phase 14 of South Pars Gas Field is projected to generate an annual income of approximately \$5 billion, Iran's Industrial Development and Renovation Organization (IDRO) said on Sunday. The \$5.2 billion refinery, entirely built by local ex-

perts, was brought on line by President Ebrahim Raeisi on Thursday. The inauguration marks a significant milestone in Iran's strategy to increase its oil and gas production capacity and improve its infrastructure, despite being subject to US economic sanctions. Hamid Bazargan, an IDRO deputy, said the megaproj-

ect has been Iran's largest domestic construction since the 2018 sanctions targeted the country's energy sector. According to Bazargan, the completion of Phase 14 in southern Iran signifies the end of the country's most important industrial project since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. [Page 8 >](#)



'Right to self-defense': Netanyahu threatens Iran

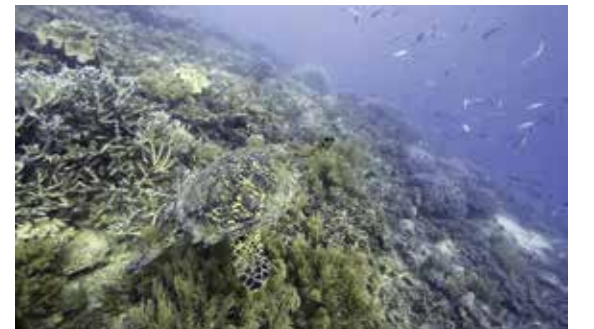


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In a not-so-surprising reaction, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu harshly criticized the remarks made by Rafael Grossi, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in Vienna on Saturday. Grossi told the press upon his return from Tehran where he reached "concrete" agreements with Iranian officials that

"any military attack on a nuclear facility is outlawed, is out of the normative structures that we all abide by." Enraged by the constructive and significant deals between Iran and the agency, Netanyahu branded Grossi as a "worthy person who made an unworthy remark". "Outside of what law? Is Iran — which publicly calls for our destruction — to protect its weapons of destruction that will slaughter us?" he questioned. [Page 2 >](#)

Nations reach accord to protect marine life on high seas



AP

For the first time, United Nations members agreed on a unified treaty to protect biodiversity in the high seas — nearly half the planet's surface — concluding two weeks of talks in New York. The U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea came into force in 1994, before marine biodiversity was a well-established concept.

An updated framework to protect marine life in the regions outside national boundary waters, known as the high seas, had been in discussions for more than 20 years, but previous efforts to reach an agreement had repeatedly stalled. The unified agreement treaty was reached late Saturday. [Page 10 >](#)



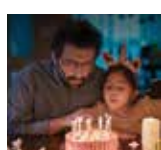
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MP: Iran sensitive about citizens' security in border areas

Political Desk

Iran is sensitive about its citizens' health and security in border areas, said an MP. Making the remark in an exclusive interview with Iran Daily, Mohammad Vahidi added Iran always highlights the necessity of respecting the principle of good neighborliness as well as neighbors' border rights. Commenting on the recent temporary detention and mistreatment of an Iranian border guard by Taliban forces, the lawmaker called for the implementation of decisive and serious measures

by Iran's Supreme National Security Council and diplomatic apparatus to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. He noted that Iran has always acted based on wisdom, prudence and common interests in its relations with neighbors, has never interfered in their affairs, particularly near the common borders, and does not accept any action compromising its national security in border areas. [Page 2 >](#)



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China proffers 'peaceful reunification' with Taiwan

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang pledged "peaceful reunification" with Taiwan on Sunday as well as resolute steps to oppose Taiwan independence. Speaking at the opening of the annual meeting of China's parliament in Beijing, Li said Beijing stands by the "one China" principle, which states that Taiwan is part of China. The government should "take resolute steps to oppose Taiwan independence and promote reunification", he told the roughly 3,000 delegates. "We should promote the peaceful development of cross-strait relations and advance the process of

China's peaceful reunification." China claims Taiwan as its own territory and has never renounced the use of force to bring the island under its control. Taiwan's China-policy making Mainland Affairs Council said Beijing should face up to the reality that the two sides of the Taiwan Strait are "not subordinate to each other". China should "respect the Taiwanese people's commitment to the core concepts of holding fast to the sovereignty, democracy and freedom of the Republic of China", it said, using Taiwan's formal name.