

Sexual assault reports up at U.S. military academies



The increases have triggered outrage on Capitol Hill and a steady stream of legislation. But as yet, the changes have not appeared to make a dent in the problem, although officials argue that improved treatment programs have encouraged more victims to report the crimes.

According to U.S. officials, 155 students reported assaults during the 2022 school year, compared with 131 the previous year. Of those, students at the U.S. Naval Academy reported 61 — nearly double the school's total for the previous year, when there were 33, which was by far the lowest of all the academies for that year.

Cadets at the Air Force Academy in Colorado reported 52, the same as the previous year, and those at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York reported 42, a slight decrease from last year's 46.

Not all of the assaults included in the report happened while the students were enrolled in the academies. Because students at the academies are encouraged to report assaults, they sometimes will come forward to talk about events that happened in the years before they started school there. As a result, 16 students reported an assault in the 2021-22 school year that occurred prior to joining the military.

Another 35 cases involved civilians, active-duty service members and prep school students who allegedly were assaulted by someone who was a student. Altogether, the total number of reported assaults with any connection to a student was 206 — about 28% higher than last year's total of 161.

Based on the surveys, students at the academies are also less likely to report an assault than service members who are out of school. Students may worry more about the impact on their military career or even on the career of their attacker.

Lifting sanctions is a prerequisite for Iran to join Paris Agreement: Official



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Mohammad Dehqan, adviser to the Iranian president on legal affairs, says that lifting the sanctions is essential for Iran's abidance by its environmental obligations under the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement, often referred to as the Paris Accords or the Paris Climate Accords, is an international treaty on climate change. Adopted in 2015, the agreement covers climate change mitigation, adaptation, and finance. The Paris Agreement's long-term temperature

goal is to keep the rise in mean global temperatures to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and preferably limit the increase to 1.5°C, recognizing that this would substantially reduce the effects of climate change. "If we want to make commitments regarding the environment, it definitely requires the lifting of sanctions so that we can import equipment and have various technical and financial relations with the world," Dehqan told the Iranian media on Friday, Mehr News Agency reported. Saying that different apparatuses have different views about the Paris Agreement and Iran's accession to it, the official added, "We seek to reach a consensus in the governing

body regarding technical and political issues and make a decision about this issue with a specialized evaluation of the issue." Iran has already joined previous climate agreements, but the most important obstacle that has caused the country not to join the Paris Agreement has been the sanctions imposed on Tehran by the U.S. and European states. Although the Paris Agreement aims to help countries adapt to climate change effects and mobilize enough finance, it is clear that a strict regime of sanctions against any individual country will severely limit the ability of its financial sector to play its part in reaching the agreement's objectives.



Largest hospital in Middle East opened in Tehran



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Iran has launched a mega hospital dubbed by authorities the largest in the Middle East region as President Ebrahim Raeisi vows his administration will be committed to complete unfinished projects in the country despite financial difficulties caused by sanctions. Raeisi on Wednesday opened the Mahdi Clinic hospital, a 1,000-bed, 18-storey health complex

located in downtown Tehran, Press TV reported. He said the hospital is the largest healthcare project opened in Iran since the victory of the Islamic Revolution of 1979. Construction of Mahdi Clinic began in 2011, according to official media reports, which state the hospital will benefit from permanent services of some 380 doctors and medical professors.

Raeisi said in a speech after inaugurating the hospital that his government would provide the funds needed to finish infrastructure projects that have stalled in recent years because of US sanctions. He said services currently provided by Iran's healthcare sector are incomparable to the past, adding that many provincial capitals in Iran have turned

into major health tourism centers in the region. Raeisi also said that Iran has managed to cut back its reliance on other countries for supplies of medicine and medical equipment. Figures released on Wednesday showed that the number of new hospital beds launched in Iran since Raeisi's administration took office in August 2020 had topped 15,000.

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In every corner of Iran, wedding ceremonies follow their own customs and traditions. Iran is a civilized country with a long, ancient history wherein different ethnic groups have lived, each of them having its own customs and traditions. This multiplicity of ethnicities and customs contributes to the attraction of Iran as a land. One of the ethnic groups living in Iran, Turkmens, are distinct from other ethnic groups in Iran in various ceremonies, religious rituals, weddings and mourning ceremonies, and even in their clothing; their traditions still have a flavor of the past. Rituals and traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation and reached today's Turkmen population.

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