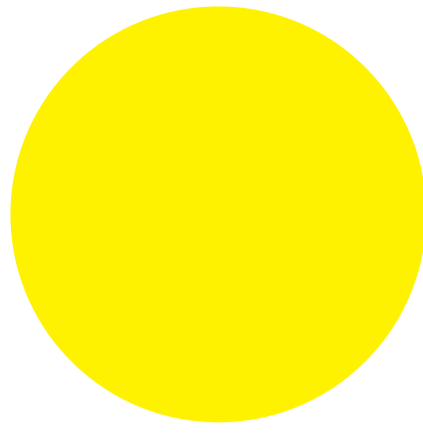




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The damaged remains of the Walnut Ridge neighborhood are seen on April 1, 2023 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the US. Tornadoes damaged hundreds of homes and buildings across a large part of Central Arkansas.

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Iran vows revenge for Israel killing second military advisor in Syria

Political Desk

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has issued a warning to the Israeli regime on Sunday, vowing retaliation for the killing of two of its military advisers in Syria in an Israeli airstrike near Syria's capital. Earlier in the day, Iran's IRIB News reported that an Iranian military adviser injured in the Friday airstrike succumbed to his wounds, becoming the second to fall victim to Israeli aggression. Following the death of the second adviser, identified as Meghdad Mehghani, the IRGC issued a statement pledging that "Undoubtedly, the fake and

criminal Zionist regime will receive a response to its heinous crime." The strike, the sixth Israeli attack since the beginning of March, had killed Milad Heidari, an IRGC advisor who died in the attack on the suburbs of Damascus. The IRGC had issued a similar warning after it declared Heidari was killed in the airstrike. Iran's Foreign Ministry also vowed that the terrorist act will not go unpunished. Nasser Kanaani, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Saturday that Iran will respond "in the appropriate time and place."

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World court rules US illegally froze Iranian assets

In a victory for Iran, judges at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled the United States had illegally allowed courts to freeze assets of some Iranian companies and ordered Washington to pay compensation. Iran's Foreign Ministry said the decision was proof of the country's "righteousness and the violations by the US government". The case before the ICJ, also known as the World Court, was initially brought by Tehran against Washington in 2016 for allegedly breaching a 1955 friendship treaty. The 1950s friendship treaty was signed long before Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution. Washington finally withdrew from the



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treaty in 2018. Nonetheless, the ICJ ruled that it was in place at the time of the freezing of the assets of Iranian commercial companies and entities. "The court has concluded the United States violated its obligations under ... the treaty of amity," presiding judge Kirill Gevorgian said. He added that Iran was entitled to compensation and the parties had 24 months to agree on an amount. If that did not work, the court would start new proceedings to determine compensation.

Iran's Chabahar region attracts \$8b in investments

Economy Desk

Iran's Chabahar region, the country's only ocean port, attracted \$8 billion worth of investment for development projects in the year leading up to late March. This figure represents a nearly doubled increase in foreign and domestic investment from the previ-

ous year, according to CEO of Chabahar free economic zone Amir Moqaddam. The Iranian government aims to increase investment in the region further, with a target of \$14 billion for the year leading up to March 2024, Moqaddam added. Projects that commenced in Chabahar last year include a \$2 billion

factory to manufacture solar panels, which is set to employ 5,000 people during the construction phase and create 3,000 direct jobs upon completion in 2025. Furthermore, the region finalized an \$800 million steel plant, with foreign investors owning 80% of the shares. This plant is

expected to boost Iran's steel production capacity by 3.5 million metric tons per year and create 6,000 direct and indirect jobs. Analysts predict that investment in Chabahar will increase significantly once the port is connected to Iran's national railway network. The port's location on the Sea of Oman

makes it an essential trade gateway between the Indian Ocean and landlocked countries located to Iran's east and northeast. Investors are optimistic about the region's potential for growth and development, with increased investment in the area set to benefit both the local and national economy.



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Israeli protests over judicial overhaul continue despite Netanyahu's pause

Protests against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's judicial overhaul showed no sign of abating, despite its suspension by the embattled premier this week, as tens of thousands took to the streets to demand it be scrapped entirely. Beseated by the domestic upheaval and expressions of concern and disapproval in Washington, Netanyahu on Monday paused the overhaul to allow negotiations on a compromise

between his extremist coalition and opposition parties. Israeli media estimated more than 150,000 people attended protests on Saturday, the largest in commercial hub Tel Aviv. Netanyahu, on trial on corruption charges he denies, says reforms are needed to balance the branches of power. His Likud party and political allies in the far-right have been calling on their political base to stage counter demonstrations.



A member of security forces gestures as demonstrators rally against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his nationalist coalition cabinet's plan for judicial overhaul in Tel Aviv on April 1, 2023.

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Iranian navy warns off U.S. spy aircraft in Oman Sea

The naval units of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army has identified and warned off a U.S. spy aircraft after it entered the country's borders near the Sea of Oman. The Navy's Public Relations Office was cited by Tasnim news agency as saying on Sunday that a U.S. Navy EP-3E aircraft entered the borders in the vicinity of the Sea of Oman, but "with the full vigilance of the Navy's forces and by sending warnings to the plane, it was prevented from entering the country's sky without authorization." The news agency said, "After receiving the warning message, the aircraft left the country's air border and returned to international air routes."