

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran's  
education  
minister  
resigns

Reza Moradsahraei, caretaker of Iran's Education Ministry  
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## Political Desk

Iran's President Ebrahim Raeisi has accepted the resignation of Yousef Nouri, Minister of Education, and appointed Reza Moradsahraei as the caretaker minister. President Ebrahim Raeisi on Monday accepted the resignation of Nouri and appointed Reza Moradsahraei as the caretaker of the ministry.

Moradsahraei, 47, holds a Ph.D. in linguistics and serves as the dean of Farhangian University.

Following the delay in the payment of the teachers' salaries, the president ordered First Vice President Mohammad Mokhber to investigate into the case and deal with any probable malpractice.

Iraq PM hails  
Iran-Saudi  
rapprochement

## International Desk

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' Al-Sudani has described a March agreement between Iran and Saudi Arabia to restore their diplomatic ties as an important deal that could help bring about stability to the region.

Al-Sudani said in an interview with the Arabic language Al Jazeera news channel that economic development in Middle East region would only be enhanced through cooperation between regional countries.

During the interview, the Iraqi premier said his country will not allow its territory to be used for any attack on neighboring countries, adding that the commitment is based on ethics and the terms of Iraq's constitution.

However, Sudani described some anti-Iran terrorist groups in Iraq as parties opposed to Iran, adding that they have been present in Iraq as refugees for years.

Meanwhile, he said that the presence of those groups in Iraq as armed individuals or operating any military camp with the purpose of taking action against Iran will not be tolerated.

# Transforming Iran: Roadmap for progress and prosperity



The second principle, the origin of transformation, is culture.

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The Iranian-Islamic culture has the potential to instigate constructive change in diverse fields such as the economy, politics, and society. However, it is imperative to rely on the country's own history, culture, beliefs, and values rather than mim-

icking the culture and art of other nations. To that end, the Ministry of Culture has prioritized accentuating religious and national concerns in artistic and film productions, strengthening cultural diplomacy, addressing the issues of artists, and promoting cultural and artistic activities. The third principle is self-reliance and confi-

dence in one's capacities. Throughout its history, Iran has shown substantial civilizational, cultural, and human potential and brought great honors. Hence, it is crucial to be self-assured in our ability to progress and evolve.

The fourth principle is a proper evaluation of one's own situation and that of others. Recognizing one's position is one of the most crucial tools of transformation. We live in an era where drastic changes have happened in the global order, indicating the decline of the United States' position and the rise of new powers. At the regional level, the humiliating failures of American and Western policies in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Yemen have resulted in the suffering of the peoples of the Middle East. Significant events have transpired over the past two years at the national level, too. The significant changes that some areas have undergone under the incumbent Iranian government

distinguish it from its predecessors. These changes draw from the idea that the country's progress does not require reliance on the West and the US. The Iranian government's focus on self-reliance and internal efforts has yielded positive results such as establishing stronger regional relations and deeper relationships with world powers as well as resolving conflicts.

The fifth principle emphasizes human resources, the most valuable asset of any society. As such, investing in the development of human resources should be a priority. In this regard, Iran possesses a highly educated and talented workforce that can contribute to the country's development.

The sixth principle puts emphasis on science and technology. Scientific and technological advancements can play a significant role in the transformation of society. Thus, investing in science and technology is essential for achieving sustainable development.

The seventh principle is the promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation, which is critical for economic growth and progress. Iran has a young and educated population that has the potential to become successful entrepreneurs and innovators. Finally, the eighth principle is prioritizing social justice as a fundamental principle of Islam and the Islamic system of governance. Thus, the government should prioritize social justice in its policies and actions.

Transformation is an indispensable aspect of reform in the Islamic system of governance. It is essential to comprehend the principles of transformation to bring about positive changes in society. The eight principles proposed by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution serve as a valuable guide for those who seek transformation. The correct implementation of these principles can lead to the sustainable development of Iran and its people.

## Iran, Russia, Syria diplomats begin talks on Ankara-Damascus ties

## International Desk

Ali Asghar Khaji, senior adviser to the Iranian foreign minister, who is in Moscow to participate in the quadrilateral meeting of deputy foreign ministers (Iran, Russia, Syria and Türkiye) to resolve Türkiye-Syria tensions, met with Ayman Sosan, the deputy foreign minister of Syria and the accompanying delegation on Monday.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the latest issues related to bilateral relations and political and international developments in Syria. While welcoming the existing openings in foreign relations and strengthening stability and security in Syria, Khaji emphasized the Islamic Republic of Iran's determination to continue supporting dialogues for the political settlement of issues between Damascus and Ankara.

For his part, the deputy foreign minister of Syria explained the latest positions of his country regarding the



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quadrilateral talks, emphasizing the need to strengthen coordination between the two countries.

Continuing his busy schedule, Khaji also met Mikhail Bogdanov, special representative to the Russian president. The two diplomats discussed the latest developments in Syria and the region.

In this meeting, the parties emphasized the need to resolve the existing issues between Syria and Türkiye through a peaceful solution and political talks and expressed their support for the normalization of relations between these two countries within the framework of quadrilateral meetings, based on international laws and principles of good neighborliness.

## President urges unity in Islamic ummah

Iran's President Ebrahim Raeisi says that leaders of Muslim countries around the world should make efforts to help realize unity among nations of the Islamic ummah.

Raeisi made the comments in a message he wrote to President of the Supreme Political Council of Yemen Mahdi al-Mashat to congratulate him on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan, according to a Monday report by Yemeni TV channel Al Masirah.

In the message, Raeisi emphasized that Ramadan is the month of emancipation from worldly affairs.

"I wish growth and development (could happen) for the country of Yemen as well as for all



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Muslims and those who are on the path of truth," he said.

The Iranian president also said that leaders of Islamic countries should seek to reach unity and integration in the Islamic ummah by relying on Quranic teachings and by committing to the spirituality that is a result of the holy month of Ramadan.

Raeisi said that Muslims should seek to make Islam proud in the world by relying on their joint steps and efforts.

## COVID-19 surges in Iran again

## National Desk



With Nowruz holidays ending, a new wave of COVID-19 has entered Iran. In the past 24 hours, 713 new patients were diagnosed and 401 of them were hospitalized.

18 patients passed away in the past 24 hours across Iran, bringing the total of COVID-19 casualties in the country to 145,409, according to the Iranian Ministry of Health. 737 COVID-19 patients are in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).



Mohammad Ali Rajabi  
Cartoonist



## Iranian detainees in Afghanistan to return home

## Political Desk

The Afghan officials have agreed on handing over the Iranian nationals imprisoned in Afghanistan to Iran.

Taliban's Chief Prosecutor met and held talks with Hassan Mortazavi, Deputy of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Kabul.

The Iranian diplomat and Mawlawi Shamsuddin Pahlawan exchanged views on legal and judiciary issues.

During the meeting, the Taliban's Chief Prosecutor praised the Islamic Republic's efforts to release 857 Afghan nationals.

He stressed the continuation of reviewing the remaining cases involving Afghan nationals in Iran and handing them over to Afghanistan.

The Afghan government will soon complete the list of Iranians detained in Afghanistan, he said, adding that Afghanistan will commence the pro-

cess of handing them over to the judicial authorities of the Islamic Republic.

The Iranian side, for his part, called for following up on the detained Iranians in Afghanistan as soon as possible.

About two months ago, the Taliban's General Prosecutor's Office, headed by Mawlawi Shamsuddin Pahlawan, left for Iran, where 857 Afghan prisoners were handed over to Taliban officials by the Islamic Republic.