



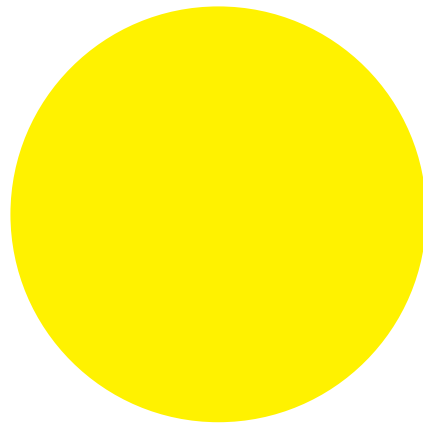
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Iranian F-4 Phantom jets fly overhead during a ceremony marking the country's National Army Day in Tehran on April 18, 2023. KOOSHA MAHSHID FALAHI/MIZAN

### Raeisi: Iran Armed Forces' power beneficial to regional security

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi said the Iranian Armed Forces' power is beneficial to the security of the region and "it is no secret to anyone that our armed forces have protected the territorial integrity and security of the regional countries. Raeisi made the remarks while addressing a parade to mark National Army Day in Tehran on Tuesday. Raeisi noted that the Iranian Armed Forces have resisted terrorists and im-

proved security in the region, while foreign forces only pose a threat to the regional states. "The presence of foreign forces threatens regional security but our armed forces provide security wherever they are present in the region," he added. "The extra-regional and American forces should leave the region as soon as possible because it is in their own interest and in the interest of the region," the Iranian president said.

He added that the presence of foreign troops, Americans in particular, would never protect the integrity of the Persian Gulf region. Raeisi, who also serves as head of the Supreme National Security Council, emphasized that the National Army Day conveys the message of peace and friendship to regional countries. He said the brave and heroic Iranian army has taken the lead from the armies of the regional countries in various fields of science

and technology and everyone acknowledges this fact. He noted that Iran's sky is among the most secure in the region, adding, "The Islamic Republic of Iran's Army creates opportunities for the country from all threats and shortcomings." Elsewhere in his remarks, the Iranian president strongly warned the Israeli regime against taking even the slightest action against the Islamic Republic, saying Iran will react to such a move with "destruction of

Haifa and Tel Aviv." "The enemies, especially the Zionist regime (Israel), have received this message that the slightest move against the country will evoke a severe response from the armed forces and will be accompanied by the destruction of Haifa and Tel Aviv," he added. The National Army Day, which is celebrated annually on April 18, was named by the founder of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini, in 1979.

### Global dominance of dollar is on decline



Behrouz Mohebbi, Iranian lawmaker

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US Treasury Secretary recently warned against the weakening of the dominance of the dollar in the world and said that countries like Iran, China, and Russia are considering alternative currencies to the dollar in their trade exchanges.

Many experts have already predicted that the dominance of the dollar on the world's commercial and financial markets is declining similar to what has happened to the American civilization. The dollar has been one of the tools of US hegemony over the past decades. For years, the US created high inflation in other countries by printing more greenbacks. Many countries including Saudi Arabia, which is one of the most important allies of the US, have uncovered the hegemonic approach adopted by Washington and now have come to the conclusion that the US cannot be reliable for them. At the same time, China emerged as a serious rival to the US economic dominance over the world, overtaking Japan to become the world's second-largest economic power in a relatively short period. Now, China is looking to replace the US as the world's biggest economy.

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### A powerful Air Force strengthens nation



Brig. Gen. Alireza Roudbari, Air Force Pilot

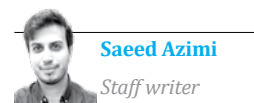
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By reviewing the number of wars that have broken out in history, we can conclude that war is indeed a tragic incident but also both a social element and one of the stable elements of human history, which destroys security and peace.

Security is one of the divine gifts that are considered special blessings by the Qur'an. The holy book also regards the development of power with the aim of deterrence as the most important strategy for ensuring the security of Muslims. It also urges Muslims to identify all the elements of power and control them in order to deter the enemy from threatening and invading the Islamic society. In short, one should become strong enough to be able to deter attacks, and as Imam Ali (PBUH), the first Shia Imam, said, acquiring knowledge is the best way to become strong. The Iraqi-imposed war on Iran in the 1980s is a clear example in this regard. Former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein launched an all-out invasion against Iran with the purported aim of seizing the capital Tehran in six days. But it was purely wishful thinking of him to assume that Iran would not be able to confront Iraq.

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### Big cats of Iran and their status



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Iran, located in the Middle East, is a country known for its rich history, culture, and natural beauty. With its diverse landscapes ranging from deserts to mountains, Iran is also home to some of the world's most fascinating wildlife including the majestic Persian cat.

The geography of Iran is unique and varied. The country is largely dominated by two major mountain ranges, the Zagros Mountains in the west and the Alborz Mountains in the north. These mountains not only provide breathtaking scenery but also play a vital role in shaping the country's climate and ecosystems.

The Zagros Mountains are home to some of Iran's most important rivers, including the Karun and Karkheh. These rivers support a variety of wildlife including the Persian leopard, one of the largest and most elusive big cats in the world. The Persian leopard is an endangered species, with only a few hundred individuals remaining in the wild. Despite conservation efforts, habitat loss and poaching continue to threaten their survival.

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### Saudi FM pays first visit to Syria in 12 years

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad met with Saudi Arabia's top diplomat Faisal bin Farhan in Damascus on Tuesday, ending more than a decade of diplomatic deep-freeze between the two countries. The Saudi prince arrived in Damascus on Tuesday afternoon on the first visit to Syria's capital by a Saudi official since the start of the foreign-backed war in the country in 2011, AFP reported. A flurry of diplomatic activity has been underway in the past week as regional relations shift following a decision by Saudi Arabia and Iran



Syria's President Bashar al-Assad (R) receives Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan in Damascus on April 18, 2023. SYRIAN PRESIDENCY FACE-BOOK PAGE/AFP

to resume ties. The trip comes less than a week after Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad visited Saudi Arabia, also on the first such visit since the con-

flict began. Last week, diplomats from nine Arab countries met in the Saudi city of Jeddah to discuss Syria's possible return to the 22-member Arab League after Damascus was suspended in 2011. The diplomats stressed the "importance of having an Arab leadership role in efforts to end the crisis" in Syria, according to a statement by the Saudi Foreign Ministry. Saudi Arabia severed ties with Assad's government in 2012 and Riyadh had long openly championed Assad's ouster, backing Syrian rebels in earlier stages of the war.