

Iran, Pakistan concerned over Sudan



TASNIM – The foreign ministers of Iran and Pakistan expressed concern about the recent developments in Sudan, as fighting between the Sudanese Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) entered the second week, with hundreds killed and thousands injured.

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and his Pakistani counterpart Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also discussed relations between Tehran and Riyadh and other regional issues, including efforts at brokering peace in Ukraine.

Iran registers 19 new COVID deaths



FARS – A sum of 448 new patients infected with COVID-19 have been identified in the country during the past 24 hours, the Iranian Health Ministry announced on Sunday, adding that 19 patients have lost their lives in the period.

The ministry further announced that the total number of COVID-19 patients has increased to 7,606,689, and the number of deceased increased to 146,005.

Over 800 sanctions imposed on Iran this year



IRNA – The US and Europe along with Canada and Australia imposed around 800 mostly economic sanctions on the Iranian nation in less than a year (from last September up to now), an Iranian political analyst said. Mohsen Pakaeen stressed that the enemies' hybrid warfare against the Islamic Republic of Iran has not come to an end.

Leader: Decline of Israel fast approaching

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei says the focus of the Muslim world should be on strengthening Palestinian combatants at a time when Israel is fast approaching its end. Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei made the remarks in a meeting with the ambassadors of the Islamic countries in the capital Tehran on Saturday on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan, Press TV wrote. "Today, we are witnessing the gradual decline of the usurping Zionist regime; its speed is even increasing day by day," the Leader said.

"The strategy of the Islamic world should be focused on strengthening the combatant elements inside Palestine." Pointing to the increasing waves of support for the Palestinian people around the world, the Leader said the participation of the Europeans in rallies to support the Palestinian people is very important, especially in "countries that are dependent on the Zionists".

"The more this resistance increases, the weaker the Zionist regime will be and the more apparent its atrocities will become. The truly miserable situation that the Zionist regime is facing today is the result of the Palestinian youth's resistance." Elsewhere in his address to the meeting, the Leader

said the holy fasting month of Ramadan helps to bring the hearts of people closer to one another, either within a country or in the whole Islamic Ummah (community).

"The authorities of Islamic countries should use this opportunity to create unity and togetherness among the members of the Islamic Ummah."

"Today, our problem is division, even though the Qur'an forbids division," Ayatollah Khamenei noted.

If the Islamic Ummah, which is close to two billion today and is spread in the most significant and sensitive geographical areas of the world, were united, the Islamic countries would achieve much more, the Leader said.

Stressing that Palestine is not only an Islamic issue but also a humanitarian one, the Leader referred to the Quds Day rallies and marches in Muslim as well as non-Muslim countries, and said, "Anti-Zionist gatherings on the Quds Day in the US and European countries are the result of the increasing revelation of the crimes of the usurping Zionists."

Ayatollah Khamenei said the deterrence power of the Zionist regime is coming to an end, adding, "Several decades ago, Ben-Gurion, one of the founders of that fake regime, said that 'whenever our deterrence power ends, we will be destroyed,' and now the world is witnessing



this fact."

"If nothing intercepts, the end of the usurping regime is near, which is also one of the blessings of the self-effacing Palestinian youth in the West Bank and other occupied areas." The Leader described the proclivity towards Islam as the main factor behind the strengthening of Palestinian groups' fight and added that such achievements did not exist in the periods when Islamic inclinations were of no significance.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the enemies' anti-Islamism was the result of perceiving the power of Islam in strengthening the Palestinian nation and other nations, adding, "Of course, by the grace of God and the vigilance of Muslim nations, this strategy will end up nowhere." The Leader, referring to

the pioneering role of Imam Khomeini and the Islamic Republic in supporting the Palestinian issue, said, "This movement will continue and we hope that the beloved people of Iran will witness a day when Muslims of all Islamic countries will pray freely in al-Quds."

Leader calls for unity

In a public address at the Imam Khomeini Mosalla (Congregational Prayers Site) in the capital Tehran on Saturday on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution called upon all walks of the Iranian society to maintain and preserve unity and urged state officials to closely work hand in hand to resolve existing problems and shortcomings.

The Leader described full cooperation among

the heads of Iran's three branches of power as an important and fundamental strategy, emphasizing that authorities must never get in each other's way but would rather facilitate the implementation of their plans.

"One of the characteristics of Ramadan is strengthening of the willpower, and it is through strengthening of the willpower that the country's major problems can be resolved," Ayatollah Khamenei pointed out.

"The three branches of power should work to enhance empathy and synergy with each other. If they cooperate with one another, things would then not get entangled."

The Leader also urged Iranian officials not to get distracted by trivial matters and to focus mainly on how to overcome critical issues.



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses ambassadors of the Islamic countries in Tehran on April 22, 2023.

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Raeisi: Iran backs Yemenis' right to self-determination

Mashat calls for Iran's active role in solving Yemen's problems



Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi
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Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi reaffirmed that Iran will support the "rights of the dear people of Yemen and the dialogue to determine the future of the people by themselves," expressing his hope for more cooperation between the two countries with the establishment of peace and stability.

In a telephone call on Fri-

day evening with Mahdi al-Mashat, chairman of the Supreme Political Council of Yemen, Raeisi congratulated the members of the council and the great, resilient nation of Yemen on the release of a group of Yemeni prisoners, describing it as the result of the resistance of the dear Yemenis, according to president.ir. The Yemeni official, for his

part, congratulated the Iranian government on its successes in various fields in the last year and a half and called for the continuation of the active role of the Islamic Republic in solving Yemen's problems. Expressing his satisfaction with the results of the recent talks regarding the resolution of Yemen's problems, Raeisi said, "We

are concerned about the humanitarian situation in Yemen, but we hope that with the continuation of political talks, we will witness the complete release of prisoners, the lifting of the siege of the people, and the establishment of a permanent cease-fire in this country".

Mahdi al-Mashat also conveyed the greetings of the

members of the Political Council of Yemen to the Supreme Leader of the Revolution, expressed his appreciation for the support of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the people of Yemen, and expressed hope that with the empathy of the Islamic world, God will bring the best to the Islamic Ummah (community).



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IRGC anniversary reveals Imam Khomeini's foresight: Bagheri

The anniversary of the establishment of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) is a testament to Imam Khomeini's intelligence and foresight.

In a letter sent to the Chief Commander of the IRGC Major General Hossein Salami on Saturday, Mohammad Bagheri congratulated him on the occasion, according to Mehr News Agency.

The chief of staff of the Armed Forces pointed out that the role the IRGC has played in Iran's greatest events including the Iraqi-imposed war (1980-1988) and the subsequent

reconstruction efforts echoes the famous saying of the late founder of the Islamic Republic: "Without the IRGC, there wouldn't have been a country."

"Every fair person with an honest conscience acknowledges that this holy institution, along with other armed forces, shines today because of its authority, readiness, and all-round strategic capabilities," he said.

Bagheri added that the IRGC is among the important pillars that protect the Islamic Revolution and the establishment; not

only do they bring peace and security to the great nation of Iran but act as a deterrent power for the country.

"The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has elicited feelings of fear and anger at the camps of Iran's various enemies."

He thanked Almighty God for endlessly blessing the faithful and brave Armed Forces of Iran, especially the proud guards of the Islamic Revolution, in strengthening the country and not being stymied by any threat from the enemy front, but rather becoming more determined.