

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran slams  
European  
Parliament  
for hosting  
terrorists

**PRESS TV** - The spokesperson for the Iranian Foreign Ministry lashed out at the European Parliament (EP) for hosting the ringleader of the anti-Iran terrorist cult of the Mujahedeen Khalq Organization (MKO), which has murdered over 17,000 Iranian citizens.

Nasser Kanaani said the move is contrary to the human rights slogans of the EP.

On May 24, the MKO's infamous ringleader Maryam Rajavi addressed a gathering in the European Parliament to discuss the foreign-backed riots in Iran and the responsibilities of the European Union.

Education  
Ministry gets  
new chief

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**IFP** - Reza Morad-Sahraei becomes Iran's new education minister after securing a vote of confidence from Parliament.

During a parliamentary session on Tuesday, Morad-Sahraei, who has been serving as the caretaker of the Ministry of Education since March, presented his agenda and plans to the lawmakers. At the session, 167 lawmakers voted in favor of the proposed minister and 86 against. Fourteen legislators abstained.

Iraqi interior  
minister to  
visit Tehran  
this week

**IRNA** - Iraq's Interior Minister Abdul Amir al-Shammari is set to visit Iran this week.

Deputy Iranian Interior Minister Majid Mir-Ahmadi made the announcement on Monday, without specifying the exact time of the visit.

Al-Shammari and his Iranian counterpart will discuss, among other things, the preparation for commemorating Arbāeen.

Iran eyes closer ties with Turkey  
as Erdogan re-elected

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi (R) and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan  
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Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi expressed hope that Recep Tayyip Erdogan's re-election as Turkey's pres-

ident would lead to further expansion of relations between Tehran and Ankara in different economic, political,

security, cultural, and trade areas. In a phone conversation with his Turkish counter-

part on Tuesday, President Raeisi once again congratulated President Erdogan on his re-election to the post,

according to IRNA. Underlining the role of Iran-Turkey regional cooperation in strengthening stability and security in the region, he urged the need for more speedy cooperation between the two neighboring countries to benefit the entire region. President Erdogan, for his part, thanked President Raeisi for his goodwill, and said that the growing relations between his country and the Islamic Republic will continue stronger than before.

He voiced Turkey's willingness to continue with quadrilateral cooperation among Iran, Turkey, Russia, and Syria to promote regional stability and give a boost to economic and trade cooperation. Erdogan's victory in a Sunday run-off election in Turkey granted him another five years in office.

He defeated the opposition candidate, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, by securing over 52% of the votes, in an election with 87.82% turnout of those who were eligible to vote.

## Iran-Egypt normalization ...



The third point to consider is that rapprochement between two countries that have been devoid of political ties for an extended period need certain fundamental prerequisites, primarily of a security nature. The détente with Saudi Arabia serves as a prime example, wherein security delegations played a crucial role in resolving issues and dispelling misunderstandings through dialogue before progressing to the diplomatic phase.

A similar situation exists with Egypt. It is imperative that both sides have requisite willingness to forge relations again, and positive signals have indeed emanated from the Egyptian side, conveyed both through intermediaries such as Oman and Iraq, as well as Egyptian diplomats participating in various meetings.

Consequently, it appears that the time ripe for Iran and Egypt to bury the hatchet. Nevertheless, this process is time-taking, although indications suggest that consultations are progressing in the right path. The Omani king's trip to Iran, following his visit to Egypt, will expedite these negotiations and endeavors.

Iran and Egypt hold significant roles as key stakeholders in the Middle East and North Africa, with shared cultural and civilizational affinities and regional synergies. The establishment of relations between these two nations holds importance not only for bilateral ties but also for its potential influence on the wider region.

In fact, Tehran-Cairo rapprochement would accelerate ongoing regional de-escalation process in the Middle East, which has been underway for several months, and would positively impact actors closely aligned with the two nations, thereby strengthening bilateral and regional cooperation.

Mohammad Ali Rajabi  
Cartoonist



## Tehran, Islamabad bent ...

"Opening border markets is nothing to be scoffed at as they make the economy of bordering areas more dynamic and robust by tying the interests of the two nations together and thereby preventing terrorist groups from making any moves against their common interests."

The Iranian lawmaker noted that ensuring the highest level of border security can only be achieved by the people of the area.

Referring to the martyrdom of five Iranian border guards in clashes with terrorists in the southeastern town of Saravan on May 20, he said that since Iran and Pakistan share more than 400 kilometers of border on uneven ground, the terrorists and enemies of Iran can hide in mountains, away from the eyes of guards and locals, and strike unexpectedly.



Locals await the inauguration of the Pishin-Maid border market in southeastern Iran on May 18, 2023.

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"However, the fact that terrorist attacks rarely happen in the Iran-Pakistan border shows that Iranian border guards are doing everything in their power to protect borders," he pointed out.

Qatar calls for constructive talks  
between Persian Gulf states

## National Desk

Qatar's Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al Khelaifi called for constructive dialogue between both sides of the Persian Gulf to ease tensions between the countries in the region. The Qatari official made the comments during the second round of "Arab-Iranian Dialogue," under the title, "Approaches and Solutions to Security, Economy and Crises".

The Al Jazeera Centre for Studies organized the conference in collaboration with the Strategic Council on Foreign Relations in Iran. It was held in Qatar's capital, Doha, from May 27 to 29. Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Al Khelaifi said that Qatar continues to call for diplomacy and dialogue as the best way to resolve all issues between countries. He noted that the absence of dialogue with Iran had contributed to the crises in the region, which had led

to humanitarian, economic and environmental problems. He expressed the belief that continued constructive dialogue plays a crucial role in connecting the destinies of Arabs and Iranians, despite the difficulties and challenges facing the region. He outlined Qatar's commitment to enhancing dialogue and cooperation, as the country collaborates with both the United States and Iran to achieve understanding and reach agreements.