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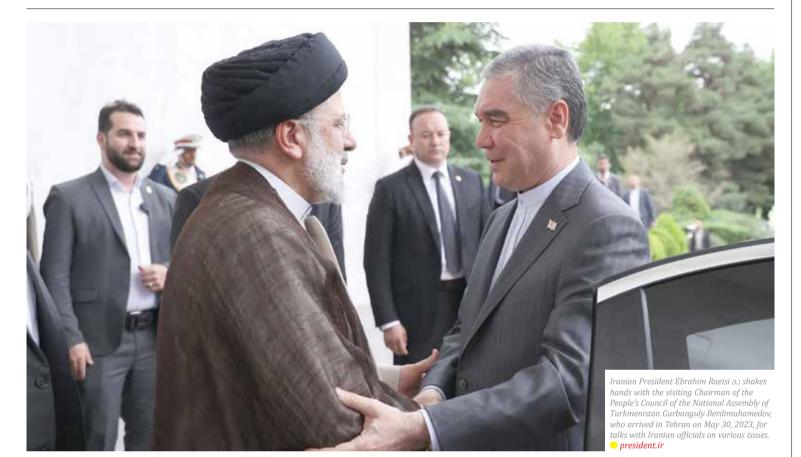


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All pieces of nuclear jigsaw falling in place?





Iran, IAEA resolve two nuclear cases: Report

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Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have reportedly resolved two issues relating to Iran's nuclear program.

According to a report by Mehr news agency, the case of one of the alleged "undetected" sites raised by the agency (known as Abadeh) has been closed during the recent technical negotiations between the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) and the IAEA.

An informed source has told

the agency that the IAEA's alleged case regarding the findings of uranium particles, with 83.7% purity, has also been closed.

A quarterly IAEA report in March claimed that inspectors found the particles in Iran's Fordo nuclear site. However, the head of the AEOI rejected the accusations, asserting that there has been "no deviation" in Iran's peaceful nuclear activities.

"Regarding the 84% particle, which was a sample from the side of a tap in the process, the particle cannot even be

seen with a microscope. What is important is the amount of material that is stored after production," Mohammad Eslami explained.

The IAEA is due to issue a quarterly report on Iran this week, ahead of a regular meeting of its 35-nation Board of Governors next

Iran and the IAEA are in a dispute triggered by the agency's accusations, which were leveled against Tehran's peaceful nuclear activities. The IAEA insisted on investigating what it claims to be "uranium traces" found at "undeclared nuclear sites"

The issue has emerged as a key sticking point in talks aimed at salvaging the 2015 nuclear deal, which remains stalled since last August. Iran has dismissed the probe as "politically motivated."

Last September, Mohammad Eslami strongly rejected all accusations, including the UN nuclear watchdog's allegations about the existence of undeclared nuclear activities or materials in Iran.

"There are no undeclared

nuclear activities or materials in Iran. All accusations are based merely on fake and incorrect information provided by the usurping regime of

Israel," he said. In a meeting with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi in Tehran early in March, Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi said Tehran expects the IAEA to adopt a "professional and fair" approach to its nuclear energy program and refrain from being affected by certain powers which are pursuing their own specific goals.

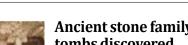
Persepolis chasing the double, Esteghlal seeking solace in Hazfi Cup final





Iran launches effort to save endangered Caspian barbel







Ancient stone family tombs discovered in Khuzestan



Drones damage Moscow buildings in pre-dawn attack blamed on Ukraine

A rare drone attack **International Desk** jolted Moscow Tuesday morning, lightly damaging some buildings and leading to the evacuation of others, while Russia pursued its relentless bombardment of Kviv with a third assault on the city in 24 hours.

The Russian Defense Ministry said five drones were shot down and the systems of three others were jammed, causing them to veer off course. It called the incident a "terrorist attack" by the "Kyiv regime," AP reported. The attack brought the war to civilians at home in Russia's capital for the first time. It caused "insignificant damage" to several buildings, according to Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyanin. Two people received medical attention for unspecified injuries but did not need hospitalization, he said in a Telegram post. Residents of two high-rise buildings damaged in the attack were evacuated. Sobvanin said.

According to Reuters, Ukrainian presidential aide Mykhailo Podolyak denied Kyiv was directly involved in targeting Moscow on Tuesday, though he said "we are pleased to watch" and forecast more to come.

Andrei Vorobyov, governor of the wider Moscow region, said some of the drones were "shot down on the approach to Moscow." Ukraine made no direct comment on the attack, which would be one of its deepest and

most daring strikes into Russia since the Kremlin launched its "military operation" in Ukraine more than 15 months ago.

gaining momentum

Iran-Egypt normalization



Following the recent visit of the King of Oman to Iran, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution made an announcement indicating that Iran was open to restore relations with Egypt. Presi-

dent Raeisi on Tuesday assigned his foreign minister to follow up on the reestablishment of diplomatic ties with Egypt. It appears that tensions between the two nations are gradually easing. In light of these developments, it is important to elucidate several key points.

First and foremost, King Haitham's visit served as a pivotal moment, signifying the joint efforts of Tehran and Cairo to rekindle their diplomatic relations. Earlier, both countries had embarked on initiatives with the assistance of various mediators. However, with the new presidential order in place and a heightened focus on regional cooperation, coupled with the recent normalization of relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the endeavors to foster normalized ties between Tehran and Cairo have gained momentum.

Secondly, the revival of relations encompasses more than just formal diplomacy. Various other forms of diplomacy, such as public diplomacy and cultural diplomacy, play an active role in this process. Bonds between Iran's cultural entities and their Egyptian counterparts could come handy as adjuncts to official diplomatic channels.

Tehran, Islamabad bent on tightening border security: MP



Officials of Iran and Pakistan are determ i n e d

move insecurity in border areas

between the two countries by improving their security cooperation, said a member of the Iran-Pakistan Parliamentary Friendship Group.

In an interview with Iran Daily, Malek Fazeli maintained that strengthening bilateral trade ties as well as economic and energy cooperation lays the groundwork for increasing border security.

He cited the Iranian president's recent visit to the southeastern Sistan and Baluchestan Province and meeting with his Pakistani counterpart, where the two jointly inaugurated an electricity transmission line and the first of six border markets, as an example of such

'The launch of the Pishin-Mand border market in the presence of the presidents of Iran and Pakistan was symbolically significant as well since it Page 2 > indicated years of friendship between

the two nations and the will to form new economic and trade cooperation," Fazeli stated.

Iran can greatly increase crude output in a short time: OPEC

Iran is a founding member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and a key player in the global oil market, said OPEC Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais, adding that the country has the capacity to significantly increase crude production within a short period of time.

This was demonstrated in 2015-16, when the sanctions were removed, he said, adding, "Iran has managed to increase its production by almost one mb/d of crude oil and condensate," Shana reported.

"Iran continues to invest in its oil sector, not only in the upstream, but also in the downstream and petrochemical sectors. So, Iran, as a fundamental key player, along with all other OPEC members continue their roles in providing a stable and reliable supply of oil to customers and countries around the world."

The OPEC family welcomes the full return of Iran's oil production to the oil market, once the sanctions against its oil sector are lifted, said the official.