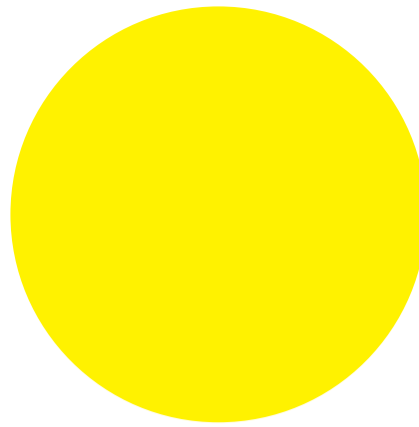




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Iran Daily

Muslim scholars in Tehran: Peaceful coexistence key to revival of Islamic civilization



International Desk
At a time when statesmen and politicians in Muslim countries are striving toward de-escalation and convergence in the West Asian region, distinguished scholars and researchers from various Islamic nations convened in Iran to deliberate on the urgent need for religious and cultural unification between Islamic school of thoughts and Muslim nations. The second edition of the international conference on "Peaceful Coexistence" was held at the University of Tehran just yesterday. Shia and Sunni scholars made it a point to highlight the significance of fostering unity among Muslims through constructive dialogue, by emphasizing their shared religious beliefs while steering clear of extremist and bigoted sentiments. Such emphasis was made within the context of religious discourse. Mohammad Moqimi, the dean of the University of Tehran, emphasized the pressing need for Muslims to prioritize convergence as a means of restoring the Islamic world to its past splendor. In a bid to achieve this, Moqimi called for practical solutions to be explored with the assistance of Islamic scholars. He also announced that the University of Tehran stands ready to establish a network of elites from across the Muslim world, linking Islamic NGOs globally. Salman Husaini Nadwi, who a prominent Muslim scholar in Lucknow, India, said the Islamic world must return to its fundamental principles, including upholding the Qur'an, the Prophet's conduct and that of his household. Furthermore, he called for solidarity among Muslims against their enemies, while advocating for the liberation of Al-Quds and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Nadwi hailed the recent agreement between Iran and Saudi Arabia, describing it as a testament to the power of the Islamic world. He expressed hope that this rapprochement would serve to further strengthen the power of the Muslim world.

Religious diversity an advantage
Sheikh Bilal Saeed Shaban, the secretary-general of Lebanon's Islamic Monotheism Movement, underscored the importance of collaboration between Islamic nations in all spheres, be it economic, social, or cultural. Shaban viewed the religious and ethnic diversity among Islamic countries as a boon, citing the example of the Islamic Republic of Iran where various religions and ethnicities coexist harmoniously and are treated equitably. Another distinguished foreign dignitary in attendance was Salah Abu al-Haj, the dean of the Faculty of Hanafi Jurisprudence at Jordan's World Islamic Sciences and Education University. In his remarks, while extending gratitude toward the organizers of the conference, he reiterated that the solidarity of Muslims bestows upon them strength and dignity, and that every endeavor must be aligned with the interests of Muslims. For al-Haj, supporting Palestine is a crucial Islamic interest and serves as the bedrock of Muslim unity.

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Raeisi to Macron: Europeans misled by terrorists' misinformation



International Desk
Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi on Saturday warned European governments against being caught in a "trap of misinformation" provided by anti-Iran groups. "The miscalculations made by several European governments about the Iranian nation stem from falling into a trap of misinformation fed by terrorist, separatist, and opposition groups," Raeisi told his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron during a 90-minute phone conversation. He urged these countries to stop interference in Iran's internal affairs and "respect its national sovereignty". The Iranian president also touched upon the negotiations on removal of sanctions and urged the parties to the talks to avoid unconstructive measures in the negotiations. The ongoing war in Ukraine was also part of the conversation between the two presidents. Raeisi repeated Iran's opposition to the war in Ukraine, saying that Tehran believes that diplomacy is the best way to resolve the conflict. The French president, for his part, said Iran is a part of the solution to the Ukraine crisis and called for Iran's greater role in this regard. He also stressed that France is seeking interaction with Iran and called for continuation of talks between the officials of the two countries to strengthen bilateral relations. Iran showed to the world the peaceful nature of its nuclear program by signing a landmark nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with six states. However, Washington's unilateral withdrawal in May 2018 and its subsequent re-imposition of sanctions against Tehran left the future of the deal in limbo. Negotiations started in the Austrian capital city of Vienna in April 2021, with the intention of removing anti-Iran sanctions and examining the United States' seriousness in rejoining the accord. The talks, however, have been stalled since August 2022 due to Washington's insistence on not removing all the sanctions and its failure to offer necessary guarantees that it will not abandon the deal again. In a statement at a session of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on June 7, Iran's permanent representative at the United Nations office in Vienna, Mohsen Naziri Asl, urged the European governments to avoid "provocative and unconstructive attitudes" towards the Islamic Republic's peaceful nuclear program and work towards the resolution of disputes.

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China urges U.S., UK to stop double standards on Iran's nuclear case

International Desk
China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said that the approach adopted by the United States towards Iran's nuclear program is an example of a double-standard policy. The U.S. should "stop double standard and political manipulation," Wenbin noted in his press conference on Friday, according to IRNA. Wenbin criticized how the United States, United Kingdom, and some other countries "wouldn't budge an inch and strictly prohibit Iran from obtaining highly-enriched uranium," but meanwhile, the two countries plan to transfer tons of highly enriched weapons-grade uranium of over 90% purity to Australia through their nuclear submarine cooperation. "The contrast once again laid bare their hypocrisy on the issue of nuclear non-proliferation," Wenbin pointed out. The Chinese foreign minister then urged the U.S., UK, and Australia to earnestly fulfill their international obligations on nuclear non-proliferation and stop double standard and political manipulation.

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'\$2.7b of Iran's frozen assets in Iraq released'

Economy Desk
The chairman of the Iran-Iraq Joint Chamber of Commerce said on Saturday that part of Iran's assets frozen in Iraqi banks has been reportedly released by the Arab country. Yahya Al-e Es'hagh said that the neighboring country has released \$2.7 billion, which is part of Iraq's debt to Iran. Al-e Es'hagh said that parts of the assets have been allocated for the provision of funds needed by Iranian Hajj pilgrims and the rest has been used for purchase of essential commodities for the country. However, he said that the Central Bank of Iran should confirm the amount of the money and the way they have been spent. He noted that the release of the assets would definitely have a positive impact on the markets inside the country, as it will meet the needs of the CBI and ensure the purchase of essential goods needed in the country. Al-e Es'hagh added that the release of Iranian assets can also help stabilize the country's forex market. U.S. sanctions imposed by former president Donald Trump under the so-called "maximum pressure" campaign have prevented Iran from accessing a huge amount of its assets in foreign banks. Iran's total frozen assets in Iraq amount to approximately \$7 billion, according to Iranian officials.

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