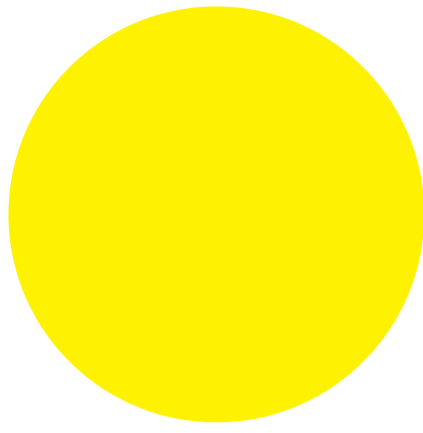


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Raeisi: Use of active diplomacy essential to increase country's national power

National Desk

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi said the use of active diplomacy is essential to increase the country's national power. Addressing Iran's new ambassadors to 11 countries, President Raeisi said the government seeks to restore balance in the country's foreign policy, emphasizing the expansion of relations with neighboring, friendly and aligned countries. He said that foreign policy should increase the country's national power and, in this regard, the use of active and smart diplomacy is essential. The president referred to a recent meeting of the Lead-

er of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei with a group of Iranian Foreign Ministry officials and ambassadors, during which he explained in detail the ways to act based on the principle of dignity, wisdom and expediency. "Dignity in foreign policy means negation of the diplomacy of imploring," the Leader said in the meeting. The Leader underlined that Iranian diplomats and envoys should never pin their hopes on a specific political figure, and get carried away by others' comments and actions. "Dignity means we should not put absolute trust in others, but rather rely on our own principles," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Pointing to Iran's capacities for cooperation with many countries, Raeisi urged the envoys to do their utmost to use the country's capacities in order to expand sustainable economic and commercial relations with other countries. He also called on the new ambassadors to use the capacities of regional organizations and unions in order to expand cooperation and relations with other countries. President Raeisi also congratulated Iran's new ambassadors to Finland, Bulgaria, Kuwait, Armenia, Turkey, Mauritania, Kyrgyzstan, Bolivia, Australia, the Philippines and Sweden at the beginning of their missions, and wished them success.

A recent rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia has helped the countries in the Middle East region to put aside their differences and make efforts in order to expand their relations. Following several days of intensive negotiations in China's capital, Beijing, Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed on March 10 to resume their diplomatic ties and reopen their embassies within two months. Iran has given priority to expansion of relations with countries in the region and the new détente between Tehran and Riyadh will certainly help Iran to expand its relations with the regional countries, especially in the field of economy.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi (c) holds a meeting with Iran's new ambassadors to 11 countries in Tehran on June 25, 2023. [president.ir](#)

Building trust for regional cooperation



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During his recent tour of the four Arab countries in the region, namely Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Iranian foreign minister unveiled Tehran's new initiative to establish regional dialogue and a cooperation forum among the Persian Gulf littoral states. Of course, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian promised to disclose the details

of the plan in the future, but so much is clear that if the obstacles in the way of its implementation are removed, it would become a new model for resolving disputes and expanding cooperation, making it a laudable plan. During the past few months, the process of easing regional tensions, especially between Tehran and Riyadh, has been unfolding favorably. It seems that the countries of the region have passed the phase of holding preliminary negotiations and are moving to build trust.

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Iran advances to 2023 FIFA U-17 World Cup



Iran advanced to the FIFA U-17 World Cup Indonesia 2023 after booking its place in the final four of the AFC U-17 Asian Cup Thailand 2023. The young Persians defeated Yemen 4-2 in the penalty shootout after the last-eight tie ended 0-0 at the Thammasat Stadium on Sunday. Goalkeeper Arsha Shakouri saved two of Yemen's spot-kicks as Iran booked not only a last-four meet-

ing with either Japan or Australia but also its ticket to the FIFA U-17 World Cup Indonesia 2023. Iran, the 2008 AFC U-16 Championship winner, started the campaign with a 6-1 win over Afghanistan in Group B but was held to a goalless draw against Qatar. Hossein Abdi's team defeated South Korea 2-0 in its final group match and advanced to the quarterfinals as the first team.

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Thousands of Germans rally against U.S. military hegemony

Thousands gathered in southwestern German town Ramstein to protest against U.S. military hegemony and demanded the U.S. military to withdraw from Germany. Holding banners reading "No weapon transportation to Ukraine" and "Americans go home", about 1,500 people joined in the march, Reuters reported. Many pacifists delivered speeches denouncing the U.S. military hegemony in front of the U.S. air force base in the town. "You know we have 22 wars in the world and about 200 military or armed conflicts. In the main majority of these conflicts, the United

States of America is a part of it. So, the U.S. is a key player when we are discussing a world to war or world to peace. This means, we must develop much more pressure on the United States and on NATO to go to another way, to go to a way of common security," said Rainer Braun, a pacifist. Since the conflict erupted between Russia and Ukraine, the air base in Ramstein has played an important role. The NATO-led contact group on Ukraine's defense holds meetings regularly at the base, discussing plans on providing military support for Ukraine.

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Millions of Muslims begin Hajj pilgrimage

Millions of Muslim worshippers from across the world have started the annual Hajj pilgrimage in the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, with the rituals taking place over a period of several days and culminating in Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice). Saudi authorities have described this year's event as the "biggest" Hajj pilgrimage in years, as more than two million people from over 160 countries were said to have attended the annual religious gathering. This year, the maximum age limit has been scrapped,



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meaning thousands of elderly people will be among those braving Saudi Arabia's scorching heat that is projected to reach 44 degrees Celsius. Hajj pilgrimage is one of the pillars of Islam that

Muslims who enjoy financial self-sufficiency are religiously obliged to perform at least once in their lifetime. This year, the first groups of Hajj pilgrims left Iran for Saudi Arabia on May 24.