

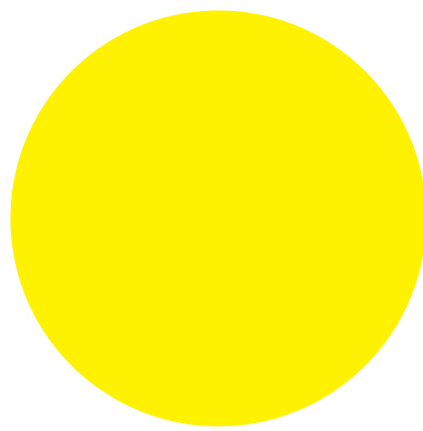
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Leader: Hajj can foil plots of arrogant powers against humanity



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said the annual Hajj rituals can foil all the plots of the arrogant powers and the Zionists against humanity. In a Tuesday message to the 2023 Hajj pilgrimage, the Leader said the rituals can render ineffective all the plans of the arrogant powers and Zionism aimed at the moral downfall of humanity at the present time and the future, Press TV reported.

Ayatollah Khamenei added that the arrogant powers and Zionists are targeting unity and spirituality with their acts of enmity and sabotage at this juncture in time, more than in the past. The Leader emphasized that the US and other arrogant centers are strongly opposed to unity among Muslims, understanding among Muslim nations and countries, and commitment to the religion of the younger generation in

these nations. The Kaaba, as the focal point and the main focus of attention of all Muslims, and also the Hajj ritual as a small example of the extensive diversity of the Islamic world, can serve to elevate human society and improve the health and security of all people. Hajj can bless all humanity with spiritual and moral elevation, and this is the vital need of humankind today.



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Peace formula in the Caucuses



By Mohsen Pakaein
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Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan held a phone call on Monday and discussed a range of issues including regional developments. A few hours before that, foreign ministers of Iran and Azerbaijan had a phone conversation. These phone calls are in line with the neighborliness policy pursued by the Raeisi govern-

ment and show that the expansion of cooperation and ties with neighbors is among its strategic and long-term policies. The phone call between the top Iranian and Azerbaijani diplomats was aimed at reducing tensions and finding a solution to a dispute sparked by an attack on Azerbaijan's Embassy in Tehran in late January this year. The phone conversation also indicates that Iran and Azerbaijan have attached significance to diplomatic approaches to resolve their differences.

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Emir of Qatar: Doha ready to increase investments in Iran



International Desk

Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani said his country is to increase economic cooperation and investment in Iran. The Emir of Qatar made the remarks in a phone call with Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani also congratulated Raeisi and Iranians on Eid al-Adha (The Feast of Sacrifice). Referring to recent talks between the two countries on the expansion of relations, the Qatari emir announced Doha's readiness to hold a joint economic commission for further cooperation in the near future. President Raeisi, for his

part, said the development of bilateral relations between the two countries can further enhance their cooperation on regional and international issues. During the Iranian president's visit to Doha in February 2022, Iran and Qatar inked 14 major economic cooperation agreements, including a deal on cancelling visa requirements for passengers travelling between the two countries. The deals will cover close cooperation between Iran and Qatar in various fields of the economy, including trade, shipping, aviation and electricity. Iranian and Qatari central banks have also agreed to work to boost their financial and banking ties.



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Preliminary work begins for Iran-Saudi oil cooperation: NIOC

Economy Desk

Head of the National Iranian Oil Company Mohsen Khojasteh-Mehr announced that preliminary work for bilateral cooperation between Iran and Saudi Arabia in the oil industry has already begun. Khojasteh-Mehr made the remarks on the sidelines of a conference in Tehran on Tuesday, according to IRNA. Referring to the joint oil fields between the two countries, the Iranian official noted that, currently,

there is no joint oil field between Iran and Saudi Arabia; the share of each side has not been determined. Khojastehmehr also said that the necessary measures have been made to increase production and maintain production capacity for all joint fields between Iran and Saudi Arabia. Regarding the Forouzan shared oil field, Khojasteh-Mehr said companies are actively working there. Khojasteh-Mehr also said

the development plan for the Farzad A gas field has been presented to the board of directors of the National Iranian Oil Company, and the construction of the its jacket will also begin in the near future. He added that Iran is ready to begin drilling in the shared Arash oil field, adding that enough financial resources have been allocated for the project. Khojasteh-Mehr called the drilling industry as a main part of the production of oil and gas.



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