

Iran slams Ukraine at JCPOA meeting



Iran's UN ambassador has denounced the presence of the Ukrainian envoy in a Security Council meeting on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and the implementation of the 2015 Iran deal, lambasting the move as unconstructive and a suspicious attempt to divert attention from the main issue. "We strongly object to the Presidency of the Council extending an invitation to a member state that has no direct or indirect relevance to the agenda item of this meeting. We perceive this action as neither constructive nor in good faith. Instead, it appears to be a cynical attempt to divert attention from the pressing matter at hand – the implementation of the JCPOA – and the failure of certain Western parties to fulfill their obligations under the agreement," Amir Saied Iravani said as he addressed the UNSC session on "Non-Proliferation: Implementation of Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015)," Press TV reported. He underscored that the Security Council meeting and Resolution 2231 have no connection whatsoever to the conflict in Ukraine.

"The invitation extended to the representative of Ukraine [Sergiy Kyslytsya] for this meeting represents an abuse of the process and a misuse of the Council's presidency, serving the political agendas of certain states. Moreover, this action flagrantly contradicts established practices of the Council and its provisional rules of procedure and runs counter to the principles outlined in the UN Charter," the Iranian diplomat said.

Foreign patients ...

This is because of the lower costs and high expertise available in Iran, Raeisi said. A large, modern, and well-equipped center that meets international standards, Ghadir Hospital has an area of 62,000 square meters, divided into five blocks and 13 floors. It can accommodate 821 patients in different departments, such as smart operating rooms, CCU, NICU, ICU, LDR delivery, and emergency. The hospital has been equipped with the latest technologies in the world to provide high-quality care. It has been described as one of the leading hospitals in West Asia. Iran's success in becoming a prominent destination for health tourism can be attributed to its well-established health care infrastructure, highly skilled medical professionals, and advanced medical facilities.

Iran-E3 nuclear talks in progress to overcome misunderstandings: FM



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Iran and the European troika have launched negotiations since several weeks ago to clear up misunderstandings and move towards cooperation, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said in an interview with China's Phoenix Television in Tehran. "Iran has begun negotia-

tions with Germany, France and the UK for weeks. These negotiations started in Norway and have continued until recently in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates," Tasnim news agency quoted Amir-Abdollahian as saying. He made the remarks when asked if Iran and the US are involved in indirect negotiations despite the tensions in Tehran's relations with

the West. In an interview with Phoenix China Network, the foreign minister discussed the most important regional and international issues, including Iran's membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, relations with China, and sanctions-lifting negotiations. During the interview, Amir-Abdollahian high-

lighted Iran's diplomatic efforts to have the sanctions lifted.

He said the purpose of the talks between Iran and the European troika is to find a way to "overcome the misunderstandings" and enable Iran and the E3 to take the path to "better interaction and cooperation". "However, our relations with the European Union and with the bulk of Europe are normal and progressive," he added. In 2018, the US left the 2015 nuclear deal, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and re-imposed the sanctions that it had lifted. Bowing under American pressure, Washington's Western allies, including the UK, then started toeing the US's sanction line closely and stopped their trade activities with Tehran.

UK diplomat summoned

On Thursday, UK's ambassador to the UN, Barbara Woodward, accused Iran of violating the UNSC Resolution 2231, which endorses the JCPOA. Iran summoned the UK's chargé d'affaires to Tehran to the Foreign Ministry

over the British ambassador's "destructive and interventionist" remarks about the Islamic Republic. Isabelle Marsh was summoned by the Foreign Ministry's director-general for Western Europe hours after Woodward addressed the United Nations Security Council faulting Iran's peaceful nuclear energy work.

Woodward faulted a set of retaliatory steps that the Islamic Republic has been taking, without mentioning the Western countries' violations of the deal that have prompted the Islamic Republic's reprisal. Iran has said it would only reverse its reprisal if the US and the E3 resumed their commitments to the JCPOA.

Informing the British chargé d'affaires about Iran's protest at the envoy's remarks, the Iranian Foreign Ministry official strongly denounced them as meddlesome accusations.

He advised the British authorities "to refrain from walking into traps that are laid by the Zionist regime [of Israel] and terrorist groups."

Iran, Sudan look to restore diplomatic ties after seven years

Iran and Sudan said on Thursday they were planning to restore ties after the Iranian foreign minister met his acting Sudanese counterpart for the first time since diplomatic relations between the two countries were severed seven years ago.

Sudan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the meeting, on the sidelines of a Non-Aligned Movement meeting in Azerbaijan's capital Baku, had discussed restoring relations "as soon as possible," according to Reuters.

Sudan's Acting Foreign Minister, Ali Sadeq, also thanked Iran for supplying humanitarian aid through the Iranian Crescent during the conflict between Sudan's Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, which, according to the UN has displaced nearly three million people internally and across borders in less than three months. In addition to the more than 2.2 million internally displaced persons, nearly 700,000 others have fled into neighboring coun-

tries. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian tweeted: "Our delegation met with the Sudanese foreign minister and discussed how to imminently resume diplomatic ties between Khartoum and Tehran." "In this meeting, talks were directed at resolving misunderstandings between the two countries and strengthening the political and economic relations between Tehran and Khartoum." Sudan followed Saudi Ara-



bia's decision by severing diplomatic relations with Iran on January 4, 2016, after Iranian protesters, enraged by the execution of prominent Shia cleric Sheikh Nimr Baqir al-Nimr by the Saudi government, stormed its diplomatic mission in Iran. Saudi Arabia and Iran agreed to resume ties in

March under a deal negotiated by China, raising expectations that Tehran and other Arab countries would fully re-establish diplomatic relations. Sudan's Sadeq was quoted as saying the deal between Saudi Arabia and Iran would enhance security and stability in the region and the Islamic world.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (R) shakes hands with Sudan's Acting Foreign Minister Ali Sadeq on the sidelines of a Non-Aligned Movement meeting in Azerbaijan's capital Baku, on July 6, 2023.
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Iran says it had court order to seize Chevron tanker

Iran said a tanker owned by US energy company Chevron damaged an Iranian vessel in the Persian Gulf. Iran's maritime authority says it is seeking to confiscate a tanker owned by US energy company Chevron that damaged an Iranian vessel in the Persian Gulf on July 5 before illegally re-routing to territorial waters of Oman, Press TV reported. Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) said in a Thursday statement that the Richmond Voyager had ignored basic international maritime laws by escaping

the scene of collision with an Iranian vessel after an incident that occurred in international waters in southern Iran. The statement said five people had been seriously injured in the collision between the Bahamas-flagged tanker and the Iranian ship, which was carrying seven crew members when the incident took place. It added that the incident had caused flooding on board the Iranian vessel. The PMO said the Iranian Navy forces then sought to seize the ship based on a

court order and upon a request by the owner of the damaged ship. "The ship rerouted and entered the territorial waters of Oman without heeding warnings and alarms issued by the Iranian Navy," it said, adding that Iran has informed Omani authorities of the case and will continue efforts to confiscate the ship because of its violation of international maritime laws. The statement came a day after the US Navy said it had sent its guided-missile destroyer USS McFaul to prevent Iran from seizing the Richmond Voyager. The PMO did not mention the involvement of US Navy forces in the incident.