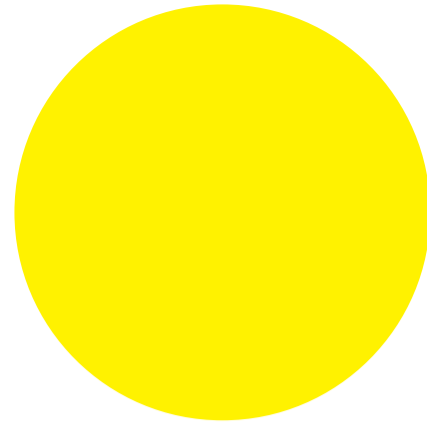




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EXCLUSIVE OPINION

During the recent United Nations Security Council meeting, which convened to assess the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and Resolution 2231, representatives from European nations and the United States adopted a firm stance against Iran. They made unfounded allegations, claiming

that Iran fails to comply with the JCPOA and deviates from Resolution 2231, which was passed to endorse the multilateral nuclear deal in 2015. Echoing these assertions, the European Troika (consisting of Britain, France, and Germany) issued a joint statement reiterating the same claims. They further demanded the extension of missile sanctions against Iran, which are set to expire in October, as stipulated by Resolution 2231. In recent months there has been a notable shift in Europe's approach. Previously, Europe sought to mediate between Iran and the United States; however, their current positions have become even more confrontational than those of the Americans. Page 2 >

Iran wins gold medal in 2023 Sitting Volleyball Asian Zone

Sports Desk

Iran's men's sitting volleyball team emerged victorious in a commanding performance against Kazakhstan, securing the gold medal at the 2023 WPV Sitting Volleyball Asian Zone Championship. In a series of three consecutive sets, Iran triumphed over the host nation with scores of 25-21, 25-14, and 25-17, as reported by IRNA. Having already secured their qualification for the upcoming Paralympic Games, Iran's win

ensures that Kazakhstan, as the highest placed non-qualified team in the Asian Zonal Championship, has now solidified their ticket to Paris 2024. This showdown between Iran and Kazakhstan mirrored their encounter in the 2017 Asian Zone finale held in Hangzhou, China, where Iran showcased their prowess once again, posting a resounding 3-0 victory and ascending to the top of the podium. In the battle for the bronze medal, China defeated Iraq with a score of 3-1 (16-25, 25-15, 25-22, and 25-13).