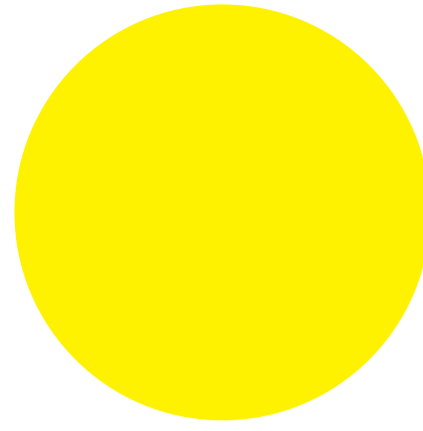




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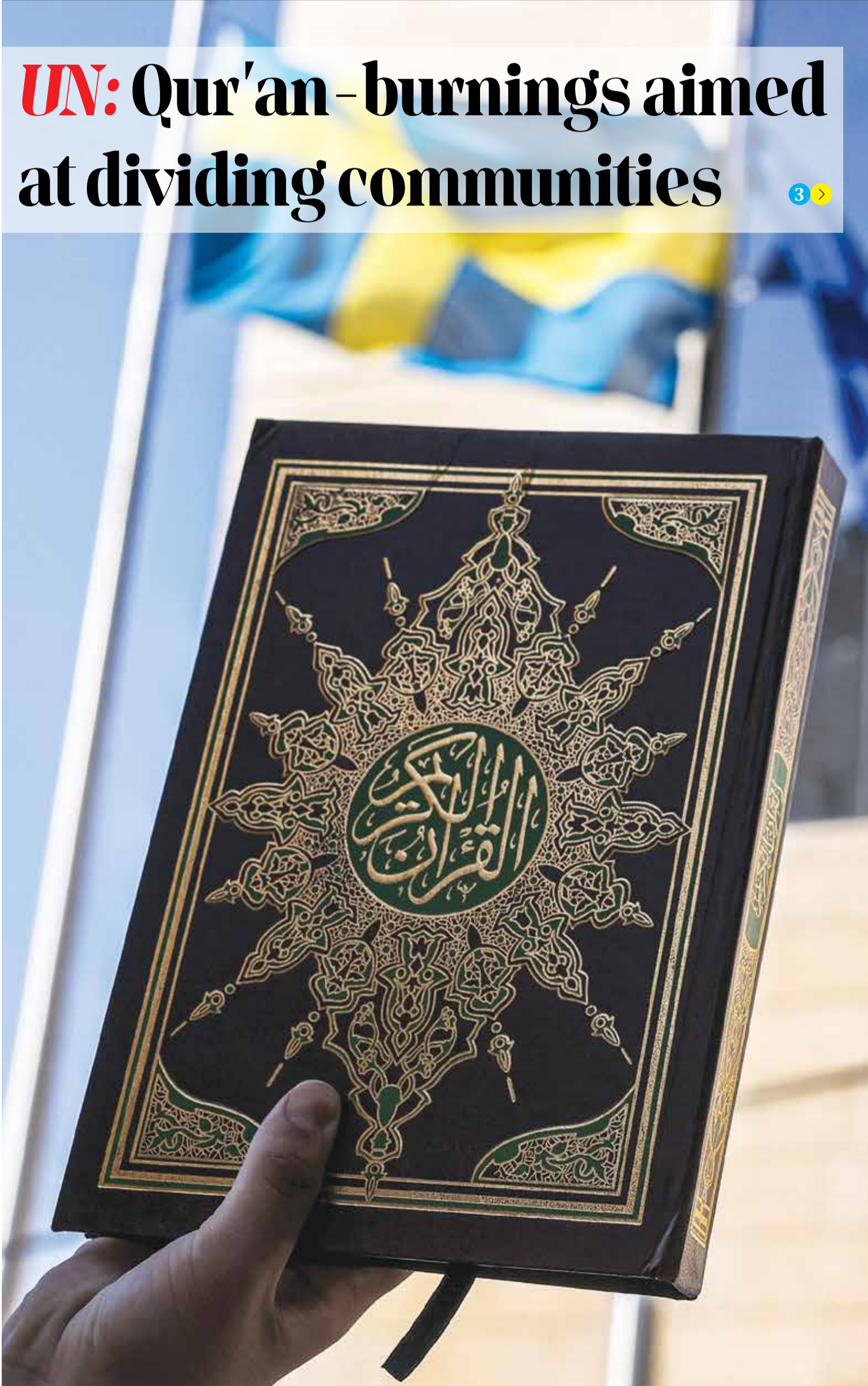


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## UN: Qur'an-burnings aimed at dividing communities



A Palestinian protester stands with a copy of Qur'an, Islam's holy book, during a demonstration outside the Swedish consulate headquarters in the East Al-Quds neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah on July 3, 2023. HAZEM BADER/AFP

### Africa; land of opportunities, fortune



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#### OPINION

Africa is the world's largest continent after Asia and enjoys a special global political and economic significance in various aspects. Rich agricultural resources in the central and western parts of Africa, huge petroleum and mineral resources in northern and eastern Africa, and industrial attractions of the countries in the south of the continent have turned it into one of the world's most lucrative economic zones and attractive tourism

poles. Economic opportunities in various sectors such as public services, ports, mines, oil and gas, agriculture, and tourism have grabbed the attention and investment of leading industrial countries in Africa in recent years. On such a basis, the high economic capacities and commercial potentialities of the Islamic Republic of Iran and African nations provide an important ground for both sides to develop interests and profit from the existing capacities.

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### Qalibaf: Asia becoming world's powerhouse, West's biggest concern

**International Desk** Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Baqer Qalibaf said Tuesday the greatest challenge facing the West is the return of Asia as the center of the world's economic and political power.

To manage this historical turn, Asian countries should institutionalize multilateral cooperation in the framework of regional integration, said Qalibaf. He made the remarks at the opening ceremony of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly's (APA) Budget and Planning Committee in Tehran.

Iran's top parliamentarian said that the current change in the international system can pave the way for renewing the structure of international institutions such as the United Nations.

Today, the ancient continent of Asia is at the center of geopolitical developments in the world, which enjoys a pivotal position on the international stage, Iran's parliament speaker said.

The APA was established in 2006 at the seventh session of the Association of Asian Parliamentary for Peace (AAPP). It has 42 members and 16 observers. The assembly has been created as a forum to exchange views, ideas, and experiences for developing common strategies and promoting peace in Asia and the world.

### Top commander warns Iraq over anti-Iran groups

Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Hossein Baqeri cautioned the Iraqi government that its failure to meet a deadline of September for action against hostile armed groups in its northern regions will result in a fresh round of Iranian military strikes against them.



Addressing an annual conference of the commanders of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) in the northeastern city of Mashhad on Tuesday, Baqeri remarked the fact that a

number of neighboring states have failed to honor their commitments to border security, Tasnim news agency reported. "Armed secessionist groups exist in northern Iraq which cause insecurity at our borders," the top commander said.

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