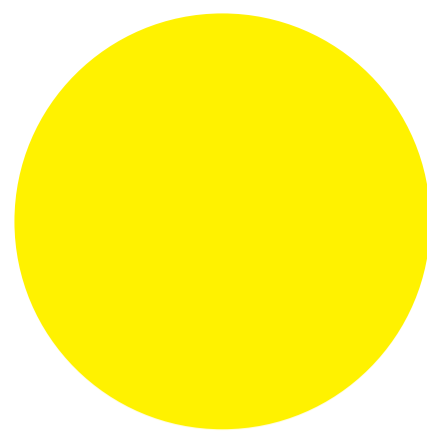




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Iran expects Russia to 'rectify' stance over three islands

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Referring to a recent joint statement made by Russia and the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (PGCC), a senior Iranian cleric urged Moscow to rectify its position regarding Iran's three islands in the Persian Gulf.

Giving the Friday prayer sermon held in Tehran, Mohammad-Hasan Abu-Torabi Fard stressed on respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran, both as the newest member state of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and Moscow's strategic ally.



During the sixth joint ministerial meeting between the PGCC and the Russian Federation that was held in Moscow on Monday, the ministers raised the issue of reaching a peaceful solution to the matter of [Page 2 >](#) Iran's three islands of the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb, and Abu Musa.

Italian ambassador summoned for hosting MKO ringleader

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has summoned Italy's Ambassador to Tehran Giuseppe Perrone to protest a meeting between members of the Italian Parliament and the ringleader of Mujahedeen Khalq Organization (MKO), an anti-Iran terrorist cult. Director General of Western European Affairs Majid Nili Ahmadabadi emphasized Italy's international obligations in the fight against terrorism, noting that the meeting of several Italian legislators with a terrorist is a clear example of promoting terrorism, IRNA reported. The official emphasized that Iran does not tolerate the promotion of terrorism by anyone in any shape



and categorically censures it. The Italian ambassador replied that he would inform his country's capital of the issue as soon as possible. Senior Iranian MP Ebrahim Azizi also criticized the Italian Parliament for inviting the terrorist MKO, noting that Iran's response to the friendship between the Italian Parliament and MKO will be crushing.

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