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Gov't approves plan to support Iranian expats



IRNA – Iran's government has approved a plan to facilitate the return of Iranian expatriates to the country to encourage them to invest in Iran and use their scientific capabilities. The plan aims to help the country's development and progress. However, it needs to be approved by Iran's Parliament too.

Sandstorm send 1,047 to hospitals in southeast



IRNA – Nearly 1,050 people have been admitted to medical centers in Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan Province after a sandstorm hit the southeastern province's five cities. Head of the province's Crisis Management Headquarters Majid Mohebbi said that at least 90 people have been hospitalized due to respiratory complications and other medical issues. Affected by the Asian monsoon, the northern parts of Iran's largest province are slapped by strong winds and dust storms for 120 days during the hot months of the year.

Envoy: Denmark continues to invest in Iran



IRNA – Denmark's Ambassador to Iran Jesper Vahr said his country has continued to invest in Iran despite the US withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal and re-imposition of sanctions against Iran. The Danish envoy made the comments during a visit to the central city of Isfahan on Sunday. He added that Iran and Denmark are concluding several memorandums of understanding in different fields and expressed hope for good cooperation with Iran on energy resources.

Iran VP hails French court's rejection of US anti-Iran verdict

Iran's vice president for legal affairs hailed the French Supreme Court's decision to reject a US request to confiscate \$247 million in Iranian assets and said that it marked an important achievement for the Islamic Republic.

On June 28, the French Court of Cassation upheld a March 2021 verdict by a court of appeal that refused the US call for confiscating Iranian assets as per a US federal court verdict in 1998.

"This decision marks a very important legal achievement for the Islamic Republic of Iran and the [Raeisi] administration because it cemented the failure of the US pressures to have their rulings recognized and implemented in Europe," Mohammad Dehqan said on Saturday. Dehqan argued that the verdict will have an important reverberation on European countries' judicial procedure and their courage to dismiss US bids to impose its baseless and unfounded rulings on them.

Back in 1998, a US court ordered Iran to pay \$247 million to the family of Al-



isa Flatow, a 20-year-old US citizen killed in a bomb explosion in Gaza in April 1995, claiming that Iran was responsible for her death since Iran allegedly

supported the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which claimed responsibility for the act.

The family of Alisa has been seeking to imple-

ment the ruling in a European country.

However, back in March 2021, the Paris Court of Appeals turned down the verdict issued by the US

court. The US court then appealed against the Paris court's ruling.

Flatow's verdict had been rejected before by Italian courts in 2013 and 2015.

Tehran to Moscow: Iran serious about its territorial integrity
'Parliament strongly rejects GCC-Russia statement on Iran's isles'

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Iranian Parliament speaker reacted to a recent joint statement by the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Russia on Iran's three islands in the Persian Gulf, saying that Iran

is serious about its territorial integrity and will not compromise on it.

"Our Russian neighbor should know that the path of cooperation goes through respecting the red lines of the Iranian people including the territorial in-

tegrity and continuation of Iran's sovereignty over the three islands of Abu Musa, the Greater Tunb, and the Lesser Tunb," Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said.

He said Iran's Parliament "strongly rejects" the GCC-Russia joint statement, emphasizing that Iran is very serious about its territorial integrity, which has been preserved with the blood of hundreds of thousands of its youths.

"Russia, which is itself a victim of the geopolitical expansionism of the West and NATO and is fighting against it, should not assist the West with its geopolitical scheme to de-

stabilize the Persian Gulf," he said.

"As the sole guarantor of stability in the Persian Gulf, Iran is neutralizing the West's dangerous plots in this critical region."

Qalibaf also noted that regional stability and economic development are possible only through honoring the principles of good neighborliness and respecting Iran's territorial integrity.

"Authentic historical documents prove that these islands belong to Iran and that political statements cannot distort historical facts... Iran's authority over these islands is the guarantor of the Persian

Gulf stability in the face of the US hegemony."

The Iranian nation, he said, expects Moscow to demonstrate its economic and strategic partnership with Tehran in its political and media positions to enhance mutual trust.

On Wednesday, Iran's Foreign Ministry summoned Russia's Ambassador to Tehran, Alexey Dedov, and voiced the Islamic Republic's objection to the joint statement.

The Foreign Ministry reaffirmed that the three islands are an integral part of Iran and called on Russia to revise its stance vis-à-vis the issue.

The three Persian Gulf islands of Abu Musa, the Greater and Lesser Tunbs have historically been part of Iran, proof of which can be found and corroborated by countless historical, legal, and geographical documents in Iran and other parts of the world.

However, the United Arab Emirates has repeatedly laid claim to the islands. The islands fell under British control in 1921 but on November 30, 1971, a day after British forces left the region and just two days before the UAE was to become an official federation, Iran's sovereignty over the islands was restored.



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Pakistan's Army praises ..

He regarded this approach as a highly valuable opportunity for the Muslim world. Acknowledging the extensive common border between the two countries and the potential for increased border exchanges, Gen. Munir emphasized that bolstering economic, trade, and border interactions would lead to improved security conditions.

He also said that both sides have successfully reached agreements aimed at enhancing security along their shared borders, and



they are diligently working towards implementing these measures to establish sustainable security. Pakistan's Army chief has also held talks with his Iranian counterpart, Major General Mohammad Hossein Baqeri, during which both sides emphasized the

significance of bilateral relations in the region. The Pakistani official has also met with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian as well as the commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, Major General Hossein Salami.