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Blinken's 'Lie'

The recent deal between Iran and the United States regarding the release of prisoners and the release of Iran's blocked money has drawn many reactions, especially in the United States. However, in order to reduce the pressure of the internal and external influence lobbies, the US government has made false statements about this deal in the media and is trying to present it in a different way. Among these efforts are Blinken's false statements that Iran has limited access to its assets.

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Russia downs Ukrainian drone west of Moscow, two airports reopen $(\mathbf{5})$



Underprivileged gifted students to study tuition-free at NODET schools

South Africa backs Iran's membership in BRICS

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said his country fully supports Iran's membership in the BRICS bloc of emerging markets.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian on Friday met and held talks with Ramaphosa at the Union Buildings, which form the official seat of the South African government. Mehr news agency reported.

The president also said Pretoria is ready to implement agreements reached in the joint commission meeting on Thursday.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi is expected to pay two visits to South Africa, one on August 24 to attend the summit of the friends of BRICS, and the other in the fall to discuss bilateral ties. Ramaphosa expressed hope that during Raeisi's visit, the two countries would sign further cooperation documents.

BRICS membership; new opportunities in a shifting global order



sanctions on Russia, which have

In 2010, Brazilian President Lula da Silva, during his speech at the BRIC summit in Brasilia uttered the famous phrase, "We have a fundamental role in creating a new world order". What is

envisioned today is effectively a shift in the global geopolitical status quo. With several Western countries entering a recession because of the consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the





heavily hit the driving economies of Europe, Southeast Asia is registering the largest emerging economies.

Diplomacy a safer option for Iran, US



In a display of political success, diplomacy once again exhibited its positive facet. Following a series of indirect

negotiations spanning approximately two years. Iran and the United States have reached a consensus to put into force a prisoner exchange while concurrently releasing Iran's frozen funds held in South Korea.

Nevertheless, as news of this deal reached the public sphere, it encountered criticism from various quarters. Within American circles, particularly from more radical factions, and among adversaries of the Islamic Republic of Iran that are based over-

seas, a wave of disapproval surged. Among the critical voices, US Re-



publicans have branded the agreement as a "ransom payment" by the US administration to Iran.