



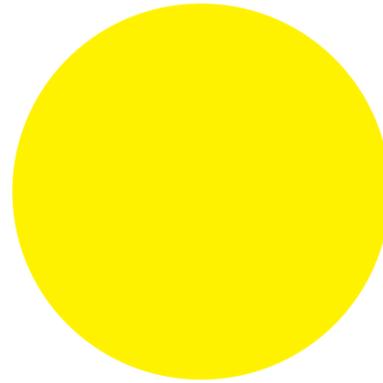
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Iran-US military faceoff unlikely

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INTERVIEW

In a recent development, the United States has dispatched over 3,000 military personnel to the Red Sea, ostensibly with the stated goal of thwarting any potential attempts by Iran to commandeer oil tankers and to maintain the security of maritime trade routes. Adding to this display of military presence, the US disclosed its intentions to station a warship along with its complement of F-35 and F-16 fighter jets in the Persian Gulf. Furthermore, the US has floated the idea of deploying its armed forces aboard commercial tankers. These provocative acts come as Iran and the United States have recently agreed on a prisoner exchange and releasing the former's frozen assets in South Korea. Shedding light on this complex scenario, Iran Daily has talks to Abouzar Gohari-Moqadam, a professor of international relations. [Page 5 >](#)
The interview explores the underlying objectives driving America's fresh military maneuvers.

Iran starts gas production from South Pars Phase 11

Economy Desk

Iran says it has begun gas production in Phase 11 of the giant South Pars Gas Field in the Persian Gulf. Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Mohsen Khojastehmehr said on Tuesday that the gas extracted in the gas field is now being transferred to an onshore refinery through a pipeline. Khojastehmehr added that the Phase 11 of the South Pars Gas Field will be inaugurated during a ceremony and in the presence of President Ebrahim Raeisi, Oil Minister Javad Owji, and other high-ranking officials in the near future. In 2017, the French company Total signed an agreement with Iran to develop Phase 11, but the company abandoned the multi-billion-dollar project after the US re-imposed sanctions against Iran in 2018. China National Petroleum Corp. (CNPC), which replaced Total, also suspended investment in Iran's South Pars natural gas project in response to US pressure. South Pars is the world's largest gas field. Despite being under illegal sanctions, Iran managed to develop the project with the help of Iranian experts.

China strengthens military ties with Iran, SCO

International Desk

China's Defense Minister, Li Shangfu, announced plans to strengthen military collaboration with Iran, Belarus, and member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which includes Russia. "We will continue to strengthen the mechanism of security cooperation within the SCO, actively deepen defense collaboration with the organization's newest member Iran, as well as Belarus, which will soon become an SCO member," TASS quoted him as saying. [Page 4 >](#)



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