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Iran's unemployment rate drops: VP

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Mansouri said that not only the inflation rate has decreased but also the unemployment rate in Iran has dropped to below nine percent since President Ebrahim Raeisi's administration took office two years ago.

He made the remarks during an inauguration ceremony of 7,000 job-generating projects that was held through videoconferencing on Tuesday, Mehr news agency reported.

"One of the definite policies of the president, which he has always insisted on was solving economic problems, especially creating jobs. According to the Statistical Centre of Iran and monitoring systems of the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour, and Social Welfare, more than one million jobs were created last year," the top official said. He noted that most of the created jobs were the results of the efforts of industrialists and manufacturers.

US furious with Israel over revealing Libyan FM meet

US President Joe Biden's administration is reportedly furious with Jerusalem for revealing last week's meeting between the foreign ministers of Israel and Libya. Foreign Minister Eli Cohen on Sunday announced the meeting with his Libyan counterpart Najla Mangoush,



sparking outrage in Libya over the unprecedented sitdown and a storm of criticism at home over his revelation, Israeli media reported. Mangoush on Monday was fired for meeting with Cohen, and US officials told Israel that the episode will deter other countries from embarking on a normalization process with Israel.

A US official also said it "killed" the conversation channel with Libya about recognizing Israel.

Iran's new air defense system can engage 12 targets at once

Iran has unveiled its indigenous 'Tactical Sayyad' air defense system, boasting that it can simultaneously engage 6 to 12 of these targets within a 120-kilometer radius. Afshin Naderi Sharif, the Iranian deputy defense minister for Research and Industrial Affairs, added that



the system demonstrates the ability to detect up to 24 targets within a range of 180 kilometers, according to armyrecognition.com.

Sharif emphasized that the Tactical Sayvad is purpose-

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi (c) speaks at a press conference in Tehran gust 29, 2023.

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fully designed for medium altitudes. Notably, one of the system's standout features is its short-range self-protection mechanism, a significant improvement over Iran's existing Khordad-3 and Khordad-15 air defense systems.



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