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Indigenous radars give Iran edge



TASNIM – Homegrown radars and missile systems have helped Iran emerge as one of the world's strongest air defense powers, Commander of the Iranian Army's Air Defense Force said.

With homegrown systems and radars at their bases, the Iranian Air Defense is monitoring each and every movement of the enemies, Alireza Sabahifard said on Wednesday.

He made it clear that Iran has no problem in detecting, tracking, intercepting, and destroying any type of aerial target from any generation.

UN lauds Iran's aid to Afghan refugees



IFP – The United Nations commended Iran, as the second largest host of refugees in the world, for its health services to Afghan migrants and refugees, promising more support for future efforts.

"The UN Population Fund has signed an agreement with (Iranian) health authorities to provide midwifery and nursing skill-based education to Afghan women and girls who are currently in Iran," UN spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told a press conference on Tuesday.

Iran's annual handicrafts exports at \$300m



IRNA – An Iranian official said Wednesday that the country's handicrafts exports had reached nearly \$300 million per year.

The main destinations for the exports are the Persian Gulf littoral states and Iraq, said Mohammad-Hossein Askarpour, a senior official with Iran's Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts.



The Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution (2nd-L) speaks with cabinet members in Tehran, Iran, on August 30, 2023
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Leader hails joining int'l bodies

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei expressed his gratitude to President Raeisi's government for its foreign policy achievements including its "neighborliness policy" and efforts to join international organizations. The neighborliness policy must be pursued vigorously, he stressed during a Wednesday meeting with Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi and members of his

cabinet in Tehran on the occasion of the Government Week, according to Press TV. "We must not be in conflict with any of our neighbors," Ayatollah Khamenei said. "Every conflict must be turned into cooperation. This is doable and has already been done to some extent." He also described Iran's membership in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the BRICS

group of emerging economies as two great achievements within a short span of time. "Gaining membership in two important international bodies in a short period of time was a great success," the Leader said, arguing that the developments demonstrate Iran's clout has grown to such an extent that "the founders of these international agreements are willing — and sometimes insist

— to include our beloved country among them."

Sanctions must be 'neutralized'

Ayatollah Khamenei also said the anti-Iran sanctions are intended to take people's livelihood hostage, calling for attempts to "neutralize" the bans while pursuing negotiations for lifting them. He added that it is a pity that the Iranian government's positive measures

are being overshadowed by livelihood problems such as the high cost of housing and rent.

The Leader advised officials to consider the effects of their economic decisions on issues of wealth inequality, market stability, exchange rate, inflation, etc.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that he has supported every Iranian government despite their different ideologies for more than three

decades, adding that in addition to supporting the incumbent government, he would like to express his praise for it.

"What I want to emphasize is that a significant number of macroeconomic indicators show growth and progress," he added.

Unfortunately, the Leader lamented, the incumbent government is not eloquent enough in presenting what it has done to the public.

Iran's nuclear tech has overcome '20 years of sabotage'

The photo released by the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran on July 2, 2020, shows a building after it was damaged by a fire at the Natanz uranium enrichment facility as a result of sabotage.

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The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said the country has managed to advance its nuclear technology despite facing two decades of industrial sabotage.

"Assassination of [Iran's nuclear] scientists, sanctions, psychological operations, and recourse to international organizations to exert more pressure on Iran... none could impede the advancement of the country's nuclear science," Mohammad Eslami said on Tuesday, Press TV reported.

Israel has assassinated as many as seven Iranian nuclear scientists and targeted Iran's nuclear installations on several occasions with its terrorist attacks.

In line with its attempts to cast Iran's nuclear energy

program in a bad light, Israel's officials have, one after another, also been running a raucous propaganda campaign to sabotage the Islamic Republic's nuclear activities.

This is while, the Israeli regime itself is the Middle East region's sole possessor of nuclear weapons that has — thanks to the support of its oldest and strongest ally, the United States — evaded joining the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Eslami reminisced how Iran's enemies would "resort to saber-rattling every day, saying they would attack the country's nuclear facilities".

Today, however, Iran's nuclear energy has assumed a leading global status, and

the enemies "cannot tolerate this," he added.

The enemy is opposed to the prosperity and calm of the Iranians, the country's nuclear chief stated, advising Tehran to invest stronger, more expedient, and more integrated efforts toward further enabling its nuclear advancement.

He pointed out that the country is now among the world's top producers of radiopharmaceuticals, heavy water, and semiconductors. "Today, by God's grace, we have achieved everything in the field of nuclear technology," Eslami said, ascribing the progress to "ardor and round-the-clock endeavor". He also noted that Iran's nuclear science has served as a propeller for all of its industries.



Mohammad Ali Rajabi
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Qatar Museums to present rare Safavid textiles

Qatar Museums will host "Fashioning an Empire: Textiles from Safavid Iran", an exhibition featuring a selection of extraordinary textiles from its collection, on view at the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) from October 23 through April 20, 2024.

The exhibition, to be displayed in MIA's Sheikh Saoud Gallery, highlights the importance of silk in the vibrant social, economic, and artistic life of the Safavid Dynasty (1501-1736), The Peninsula wrote.

Fashioning an Empire: Textiles from Safavid Iran was first conceived by and presented at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art, Washington, DC, and shown as part of the Qatar-USA 2021 Year of Culture.

The more than 100 works on view, drawn

from MIA and Qatar Museums' permanent collections as well as loans from the Qatar National Library, include a wide selection of artifacts, among them 20 precious brocade silk textiles and 12 carpets from the Safavid period.



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