

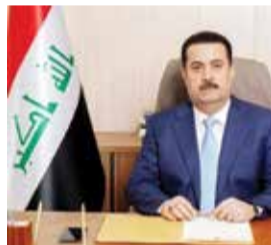
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Army self-sufficient in arms production: Chief



IRNA – Iranian Army Commander Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said that the country's army is self-sufficient in meeting its defense needs and is not dependent on any foreign country. He said that Iran's Army has reached a point that is now independent of foreign countries in supplying its defense equipment.

Iraqi PM to visit Iran



IRNA – Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani will pay a visit to Khuzestan Province next week, said the governor general of Iran's Khuzestan Province, Ali Akbar Hosseini-Mehrab. The details about his trip to Iran will be announced in the coming days.

Iran slams Pakistan terror attack



IRNA – Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani in a statement condemned a suicide attack on Pakistan's military forces in northwest Pakistan. Kanaani offered his condolences to the Pakistani government, army and families of the victims, wishing a speedy recovery for those injured in the suicide attack. At least nine soldiers were killed and 20 others were injured in the terrorist attack in Bannu, which is a district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, bordering Afghanistan. Pakistan's Army said that no group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Iran reaffirms support for resistance front

Nasrallah warns Israel against any 'miscalculated' action

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Secretary General of Lebanon's Hezbollah's movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah warned of a strong response to any "miscalculated" action by the Israeli regime.

During a meeting with Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian on Friday in Beirut, Nasrallah emphasized that the resistance front in Lebanon and Palestine is in its strongest position.

He also referred to Iran's constructive role in the Middle East region and the role Iranian General Qassem Soleimani played in ensuring security in the region. Both officials also discussed several regional issues including developments in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria.

The Iranian foreign minister, for his part, described as positive a recent trip to Saudi Arabia and his meetings with the Arab country's officials.

Amir-Abdollahian, who arrived in Beirut on Thursday, also held separate meetings with other Leb-

anese officials.

During his meeting with Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, the Iranian top diplomat underscored the significance of Lebanon's security and stability in the West Asia region, expressing Iran's support for the election of a president and new government in the Arab country.

Formation of new gov't

"The election of a president and the formation of the new government of Lebanon is very important, and of course, this issue is within the jurisdiction of the nation and the political leaders of Lebanon," the top Iranian diplomat said.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran supports your efforts as the speaker of Parliament and the Lebanese political currents to elect the president," he added.

The Iranian foreign minister also held a meeting with his Lebanese counterpart Abdullah Bouhabib. Amir-Abdollahian stressed the importance of economic cooperation between the two nations, saying that



the sanctions imposed by the US on Iran cannot impede economic relations between Iran and Lebanon. He said that Iranian companies are ready to help Lebanon fix its electricity problems.

The Iranian official also slammed the Israeli regime as the enemy of the whole region, its stability and security, warning that any plan for the normalization of ties with the regime will be detrimental to the region.

Amir-Abdollahian's trip to Lebanon followed a visit to Syria and talks with the country's top officials.

Meeting with Assad

On Thursday, Syrian Presi-

dent Bashar al-Assad in his meeting with the Iranian official congratulated Tehran on its upcoming accession to the BRICS group of emerging economies.

Assad said that Iran's membership in the BRICS group of fast-developing economies – Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa – shows that the world is changing and that both Tehran and Damascus are on the right path.

Iran was invited last week to join BRICS, which is often seen as an alternative to the Western economic and political hegemony, along with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Ethiopia, Egypt, and Argentina.

Amir-Abdollahian, for his

part, expressed his satisfaction with Syria's return to the Arab League and the strengthening of Damascus' relations with Arab states. He also noted that Syria is today in its "best condition" after its government, nation and army won "a global terrorist war."

"We are happy that the region and the world recognized the reality and power of Syria. Nevertheless, the enemies of Syria are seeking to pursue their own political objectives by subjecting its government and nation to sanctions and economic pressure."

Amir-Abdollahian arrived in Syria on Wednesday to hold talks with the senior officials of the Arab country.

Raeisi: United Muslim world 'greatest barrier' to imperialism

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi said a united Muslim world poses the biggest obstacle to the realization of the objectives of global imperialism in the post-World War II era.

Addressing a meeting of Sunni religious scholars in

Tehran on Thursday, Raeisi noted that the "global arrogance" has created obstacles in the path of Muslims trying to make progress, spread propaganda via their media empire, and formed Takfiri terrorist groups to cause bloodshed

among Muslims, Press TV reported.

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They also insulted Muslims' sanctities, particularly Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the Holy Qur'an, to oppose Muslim nations, he said.

Elsewhere in his address, the Iranian president said regional developments are taking place in favor of the resistance front, adding, "The current situation in

Palestine cannot be compared with the one in the past."

Raeisi emphasized that the Palestine Liberation Organization made decisions for Palestinians in the past, but the Palestinian fighters are currently taking the initiative.

He said the resistance is the victorious front on the battlefield, and "there is no talk of compromise and capitulation in the Palestinian literature anymore". Raeisi also highlighted that the rhetoric of attacking Iran has been removed from the arrogant powers' language "because the Iran of today is different and [more] powerful compared

to the Iran of yesterday".

The Islamic Republic owes its power to the martyrs' blood, including its 15,000 Sunni martyrs, and the presence of Iranian men and women in various political scenes, he noted.

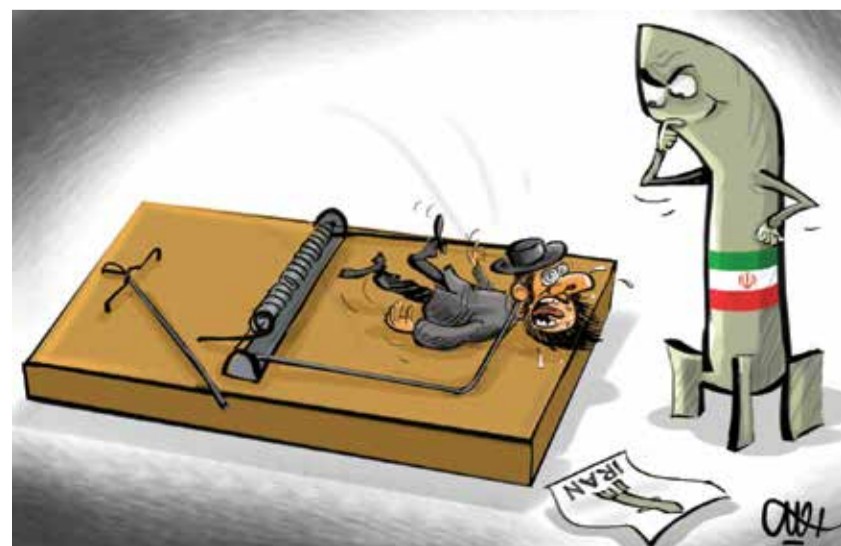
The Iranian chief executive also said that a new world order would be established with the collapse of the US and other arrogant powers.

"The regional and extra-regional coalitions and treaties among emerging powers, including BRICS and the Shanghai [Cooperation Organization], oppose the unilateralism of the current hegemonic system," Raeisi said.

Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi (R) greets Sunni religious scholars in Tehran, Iran, on August 31, 2023. president.ir



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Iran foils Israel's ...

"Despite the very complex plan of the Zionist enemy, this action was under intelligence and operational monitoring from the very beginning and was completely neutralized by the arrest of the network's agents," the unnamed source said.

The official did not say how many agents had been arrested or where they were from. The Israeli prime minister's office declined to comment, though it comes amid a years-long effort by both Israel and the US to target Iran, AP wrote.

A reporter also said the parts could be used in Iran's extensive arsenal of drones. The pieces shown in the television report appeared to be military-style, high-density circular electrical connectors. Such connectors can be used to attach electronic components of a missile or a drone, such as its guidance computer, and pass both electricity and signals. Video released by Iran in the past showed missile scientists working with similar connectors.

The New York Times in 2019 reported the US under then-President Donald

Trump had accelerated a sabotage program targeting Iran's missile and rocket program that dated back to the administration of President George W. Bush. The CIA declined to comment on the purported sabotage attack.

Tehran has also accused Israel of being behind a January drone attack on a Defense Ministry site in the central province of Isfahan. Fabian Hinz, a missile expert and research fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said, "It's quite likely Iran purchases these connectors from abroad."