

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Illegal Afghan immigrants must leave: Minister



**TASNIM** – Undocumented Afghan immigrants should be expelled from Iran, Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi said, criticizing the Taliban's disregard for the problem that has been inflicted on Iran. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Vahidi emphasized the necessity of organizing the status and activities of Afghan immigrants in Iran. While the community of Afghan immigrants would naturally include a number of criminals, and although thousands of illegal immigrants have been imprisoned in Iran on various charges, it is necessary to prevent a phobia about Afghanistan from developing, he stated.

## Russia to forge strategic defense ties with Iran



**MEHR** – Russia plans to develop defense cooperation with Iran on a mutually advantageous basis while taking advantage of the lifting of certain restrictions on Tehran, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov told reporters. "We will develop our [military-technical] cooperation on a mutually advantageous basis, as we did before, in full compliance with international commitments and existing regimes in this field," the senior Russian diplomat said.

## Tehran slams Israel's killing of journalists

**PRESS TV** – Iran has strongly denounced the Israeli regime's killing of journalists in the Gaza Strip, saying the murders cannot help conceal the crimes of the Zionist regime and its supporters. Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani made the remarks in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Tuesday after it was revealed that the Israeli regime's ongoing war on Gaza had so far killed as many as 19 journalists.

# Leader: US 'definite accomplice' in Israeli crimes in Gaza

Global disgust at Israel contrasts sharply with UNSC's inaction: Raisi



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses members of Lorestan Province's Martyrs Commemoration Congress on October 25, 2023. [leader.ir](https://www.leader.ir)

## International Desk

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said the United States is a "definite accomplice" in the Zionist regime's crimes against the people of the Gaza Strip. He made the remarks during a meeting with members of the Lorestan Province's Martyrs Commemoration Congress on Wednesday, according to Press TV. Ayatollah Khamenei further said the US is somehow involved in crimes that Israel commits against Palestinians in Gaza. "The presence of the heads of the oppressive and villainous states in the occupied territories shows their concern about the disintegration of the Zionist regime," the Leader added, referring to Western leaders' trips to the Israeli-occupied territories to reaffirm their support for the regime. "Islamic governments should not be passive in the face of criminals. Victory certainly belongs to

Palestine." He described as "decisive" and "irreparable" the blow dealt to the usurping entity by Palestinian fighters in their October 7 raid, dubbed Operation Al-Aqsa Storm. Ayatollah Khamenei said that Gaza is now "the scene of innocence on the one hand and strength on the other hand." Ayatollah Khamenei said the "injured" and "worn-out" Israeli regime is taking revenge against the people of Gaza for the decisive blow it received from Palestinian fighters. "Yes, the people of Gaza are really oppressed, and this ruthless and bloodthirsty enemy, the usurping terrorist regime, knows no boundaries to crimes. It kills a thousand people in one bombardment," the Leader asserted. He added, "US hands are drenched with the blood of the oppressed, the children, the patients, the women...." "Undoubtedly, however, all these cruelties and crimes will ultimately lead no-

where, and victory belongs to the Palestinian nation in this [battle] and the future [battles], despite all the support from the world's villains and the Americans' definite complicity in the Zionists' crimes," he emphasized. Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the leaders of the US, Britain, France, and Germany have paid solidarity visits to the occupied territories and provided Israel with bombs and other weapons in a bid to rescue the regime. The extent and depth of Israel's repeated crimes, he pointed out, shook the public conscience in the US, Europe, Muslim countries, and other regions of the world. "The self-proclaimed advocates of freedom and human rights in Europe have banned pro-Palestine demonstrations, but people come to the streets in defiance of these bans and shout their anger, fury, and distress of conscience," he said. "No one will be able to stop nations from reacting to the Zionists' brutalities."



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi (R) meets with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Niger Bakary Yaou Sangaré in Tehran on October 25, 2023. [president.ir](https://www.president.ir)

## Raisi raps UNSC's inaction

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi highlighted the unprecedented disgust and hatred expressed by the people of the world for the recent crimes of the Zionist regime in Gaza, and contrasted it with the inaction of the United Nations Security Council in condemning those crimes. Speaking at the meeting of the cabinet on Wednesday morning, he stressed the necessity of passing a resolution that condemns Israel's heinous crimes in the United Nations General Assembly. Raisi described Israel's continuous killing of defenseless, innocent women and children in the Gaza Strip as a great tragedy for mankind. "Now that the unjust world order is threatening the normal course of life and the security and peace of all the people of the world, it is the duty of everyone, including the free people, intellectuals, and non-governmental organizations, to use all in their power to declare their disgust and condemn the crimes of the Zionist regime and the unjust world

order that supports it," he asserted. In describing the unjust world order, the president specifically referred to the steps taken by Western countries regarding the indiscriminate killing in Gaza, and said, "These countries are not only encouraging this regime to commit crimes and massacres in Gaza by staying silent on the crimes of the Zionist regime, but they are also practically complicit in killing the defenseless and oppressed women and children of Gaza since they send equipment to the cruel regime." Referring to the unprecedented disgust and hatred of the world public opinion for the crimes of the Zionist regime and the inaction of the United Nations Security Council in this regard, the president considered it necessary to pass a resolution condemning these crimes in the United Nations General Assembly. Speaking at a meeting with the foreign minister of Niger, Bakary Yaou Sangaré, the Iranian president recalled the hegemonic actions of Western countries throughout the contemporary history of the world. Raisi described the crimes of the Zionist regime in Gaza and the support of Western countries for these crimes as the true face of the racism and colonialism of Westerners in the recent era.



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## Iran begins building Karoun nuclear power plant

## National Desk

Iran has started to build the Karoun nuclear power plant in the southwestern province of Khuzestan, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said. Mohammad Eslami told reporters after a cabinet meeting on Wednesday that the government has signed contracts with domestic companies to equip the power plant, IFP reported. He said water and electricity have been supplied as

requirements for the activities of the 300-megawatt Karoun nuclear power plant. He also added a 24-megawatt power facility is under construction for a desalination plant. The nuclear power plant, which is designed by domestic experts and is to be equipped with indigenous technologies, is being constructed in an area of around 50 hectares near the Karoun River. Earlier on December 3, 2020, Eslami said that the

plant is of medium-scale standard, and the preliminary phase will include environmental and infrastructural studies. The construction of the 300 MW site was estimated to cost \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion, and take around seven years' time, he asserted, according to AEOI. The power plant is of the PWR type, with close to 4% fuel feed. The project design has already been registered with the International Atomic Energy Agency.