

New accessions to BRICS bespeak its growing power: *Iran*

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Iran's acting Foreign Minister Ali Baqeri Kani said joining of new members to the BRICS group of countries is a clear sign of its growing power in the world.

"BRICS has the largest population, the largest economy and the largest territory on the planet. Therefore, it should be the voice of the majority of the world's people who prefer a more democratic and multilateral world over the current chaotic one," Baqeri Kani told a BRICS ministerial meeting in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod on Monday.

BRICS has now turned into a successful model of "new cooperation" and "coalition of fast-growing economies" and has shown that it has a plan, initiative and multifaceted programs to reform global governance and play a greater role in the world, the



Participants in the BRICS ministerial meeting in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod observe a minute of silence in memory of the late Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi and foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian. **IRNA**

Iranian official added. He said that the reform of the international financial system based on the Bretton Woods should be the BRICS's priority as the international monetary system, Bretton Woods, has always acted as an obstacle for the progress

of independent and developing countries. Referring to the US abuse of countries' dependence on the dollar as a weapon, Baqeri Kani said that the BRICS member states should expedite measures to tap further into their national currencies

instead of the dollar in trade, use cryptocurrencies and establish new financial-banking structures, etc. The summit kicked off on Monday, with the participants observing a minute's silence in memory of the late Iranian President Ebrahim

Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, who lost their lives in a tragic helicopter accident last month. The BRICS group of fast-developing economies initially consisted of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and

South Africa. This year, the group was expanded to include Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE and Ethiopia as new members. The bloc, which is often seen as an alternative to the Western economic and political hegemony, comprises almost

46 percent of the global population, 36 percent of the world's gross domestic product (GDP) and 25 percent of the global trade measured in terms of exports. Upon his arrival in Russia, Iran's acting foreign minister told reporters that, "BRICS is the biggest international economic and trade organization that operates outside the framework of Western unilateralism." "The presence of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this organization is indicative of the position and importance of our country in the multilateral [world] system," he added.

Quake hits Israel's war cabinet Three members step down

The ultimatum given by "Benny Gantz," the rival and member of "Benjamin Netanyahu's" war cabinet, expired. A month ago, Gantz threatened to leave the war cabinet if Netanyahu did not meet his conditions, and he fulfilled his promise. Gantz, a major Netanyahu rival, former defense minister and leader of the center-right National Unity party, had set a deadline of June 8 for Netanyahu to choose, in his view, between "division and unity" and between "victory and disaster." Israel's war cabinet was formed after Hamas's October 7 operation in the occupied territories. Gantz listed six "strategic objectives," including ending Hamas's rule in Gaza and establishing a multinational civilian administration for the region. He asked Netanyahu to clarify how he intended to achieve these goals.

National Unity holds five posts in the emergency cabinet. The withdrawal of his party also means Gadi Eisenkot, an Israel Defense Forces general and war cabinet observer, and the minister without portfolio, Chili Tropper, are also stepping down. Gantz is a political rival of Netanyahu and a former chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces. A month ago, Netanyahu explicitly stated he could not accept Gantz's conditions, especially as extreme members of his cabinet, like Defense Minister "Yoav Gallant," insisted that Netanyahu should not give in to Gantz. Faced with the choice between the collapse of the war cabinet by Gantz or the exit of his far-right allies from the cabinet, Netanyahu preferred to keep his extremist allies. With the deadline passed, Gantz announced his res-

ignation at a press conference, stating that Netanyahu "prevents us from achieving true victory." He urged Netanyahu to hold elections as soon as possible and to form a national investigative committee. Gantz described his decision to leave the war cabinet as painful and called for elections this fall. Opposition leader Yair Lapid defended Gantz's decision, stating that Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot's decision to leave Netanyahu's "failed cabinet" was correct. Lapid emphasized that it is time for a prudent cabinet to replace this extremist one, restore security, bring back the hostages, and regain our international standing. Former Defense Minister "Avigdor Lieberman," a former member of Netanyahu's cabinet and now the leader of the Yisrael Beiteinu party, called Gantz's resignation a good but overdue move.

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Far right's election gains shake EU's traditional powers

Far-right parties rattled the traditional powers in the European Union with major gains in parliamentary seats, dealing an especially humiliating defeat to French President Emmanuel Macron, who called snap legislative elections. The outcome of the elections showed the 27-nation bloc's parliament membership has clearly shifted to the right.

Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni more than doubled her party's seats in the assembly. And despite being hounded by a scandal involving candidates, the Alternative for Germany extreme right party still rallied enough seats to sweep past the slumping Social Democrats of Chancellor Olaf Scholz, AP reported. Sensing a threat from the far right, the Christian Dem-

ocrats of EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had already shifted further to the right on migration and climate ahead of the elections — and were rewarded by remaining by far the biggest group in the 720-seat European Parliament and de facto brokers of the ever-expanding powers of the legislature. But the surge by nationalist

and populist parties across Europe will make it much harder for the assembly to approve legislation on issues ranging from climate change to agriculture policy for the next five years. Undoubtedly however, the star on a stunning electoral night was the National Rally party of Marine Le Pen, which dominated the French polls to such an extent that Macron immediately dissolved the national parliament and called for new elections to start later this month.

Macron's gov't rattled ...

Voters from the Socialist camp have signaled their **Page 1 >** readiness for a leadership transition. Although Le Pen's far-right party seems poised for a historic win, currently, centrist and left-wing parties that align with the incumbent president collectively outnumber her party. This decision by Macron is a strategic move to rally support and counter the rising tide of the right-wing. Le Pen's rising influence is undeniable, but the broader

trend toward right-wing parties in France is what truly underscores the urgency of the situation. This rapidly growing trend likely prompted the French president to announce, "with great concern," his swift decision to dissolve parliament and call for snap elections. Concerning the two mainstream parties, "Renaissance" (Macron) and Socialists (Glucksmann), which are projected to secure 15% and 14% of the vote, respectively, it's estimated that the left-wing party "Unyielding France"

will capture 3.8% of the vote, while the Green Party is expected to garner 5.2%. These figures highlight the shifting political landscape in France, with traditional parties facing challenges from both the right and the left. Around 360 million voters turned out on the final day of the European Parliament elections across 21 countries, including major players like Germany, France, Spain, and Poland. The four-day electoral process kicked off on Thursday in the Netherlands, wrapping

up voting in six countries. According to polls, the large, pro-EU parties are expected to retain their majority, but right-wing and nationalist parties will make gains, claiming more seats in the 720-member parliament. These elections mark the first time the European Parliament will convene without British representation following the UK's exit from the European Union. The timing of these elections is significant, as the European continent grapples with rising nationalist sentiments and deepening political divisions.

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Analysis %		
Fe	65.00	Min
FeO	1.0	Ave
P	0.05	Max
S	0.01	Max
SiO2	3.5	Max
Al2O3	0.7	Max
CaO	0.9	Max
MgO	2.5	Max
CCS (kg/p)	Ave 250	
8-16 mm%	Min 90	
-6 mm%	Ave 5	
A.I%	Max 3.8	
T.I%	Min 95	
Prosioty%	19-24	
Reducibility%	Min 90	

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