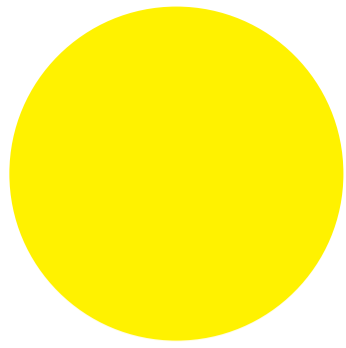


Iran chastises new US sanctions as 'unjustified'

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Pezeshkian says verifying peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program not difficult

International Desk



President Masoud Pezeshkian reiterated that Iran is not pursuing nuclear weapons, saying that verifying the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program is not difficult.

"We are not pursuing nuclear weapons. Our dear Leader of the Islamic Revolution [Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei] has issued a fatwa (religious decree) against it," the Iranian president told foreign ambassadors and envoys in Tehran on Thursday.

"Even those who think they can push this country toward nuclear weapons cannot do so because the doctrine of the Islamic Republic of Iran does not, under any circumstances, accept the mass killing of innocent people," Pezeshkian added. Iran's nuclear doctrine is based on Ayatollah Khamenei's fatwa that categorically bans the production, possession and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

Pezeshkian said verifying the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program is not difficult.

"Whenever inspectors (from the International Atomic Energy Agency) have wanted, they have come and inspected. They can come and inspect a hundred more times. When we have no such intention, they should not keep saying every day that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons."

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Safeguarding wetlands for our collective future



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PERSPECTIVE

In the past week, on World Wetlands Day (February 2), we held a meeting of the national coordination and management headquarters for wetlands, chaired by First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref, along with the relevant member organizations. We reviewed and examined the resolutions from the six sessions held since 2018 regarding wetlands. In this meeting, specific operational decisions were approved concerning the Miyankaleh Wetland [Golestan Province]. The first vice president emphasized that the issue of wetlands should be prioritized by all member organizations of the headquarters.

Additionally, this week, the Gandoman Wetland [Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari Province]

was registered as the 27th wetland in the country on the Ramsar Convention's list of international wetlands. This news, along with the earlier announcement regarding the introduction of three wetland cities — Kiyashahr, Babol, and Gandoman — by the Ramsar Convention Secretariat [located in Gland, Switzerland, within the headquarters of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)], as well as the selection of Iman Ebrahimi as the Young Champion of Wetlands worldwide, brought great joy to environmentalists; however, this joy is tinged with concern over the current condition of many wetlands in the country.

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Leader rules out talks with US as 'not smart, wise, or honorable'

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Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stands before members of the Iranian Air Force as they salute during a meeting held on the occasion of the 46th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution in Tehran on February 7, 2025.
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Journey of Brig. Gen. Hossein Khalili, a pioneer pilot

INTERVIEW EXCLUSIVE

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Army, especially its Air Force, has played a key role in shaping the Islamic Revolution and standing firm during the eight-year war with Iraq in the 1980s. The Air Force's declaration of loyalty to Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979 was a game changer, helping to bring down the Pahlavi regime. As Iraq invaded, brave airmen, including Brigadier General Hossein Khalili, stepped up to defend Iran, thwarting enemy advances despite initial disarray in the military. Khalili, a standout fighter pilot with over 2,000 incident-free flight hours, has continued to give back as a university professor and senior advisor in the Air Force.

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