

Secret Israeli documents obtained in 'complicated operation': Minister

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Iran's Intelligence Minister Esmail Khatib said on Sunday that the country has managed to acquire thousands of secret Israeli documents in an "extensive and complicated operation".

In an interview with the IRIB News, Khatib called the documents a trove of "strategic, operational, and scientific information".

The minister added that the documents are related to the regime's nuclear facilities, its relations with the United States, Europe and some other countries as well as information that will help Iran enhance its offensive capabilities.

His remarks came a day after Iranian national broadcaster (IRIB) reported Iran's acquisition of the documents.

Informed sources told the IRIB News on Saturday that the intelligence breach was one of the biggest blows to the regime. Asked whether there are really "thou-

sands" of documents as reported earlier, he said, "This is a very major development, and in fact, 'thousands of documents' is a very small term compared to what has been acquired."

The sources said that although the operation to obtain the documents was carried out some time ago, the sheer volume of materials and the need to transfer them safely into Iran necessitated a news blackout to ensure they reached the designated protected locations.

They also noted that the abundance of documents is so vast that reviewing them, along with viewing images and videos, has consumed a significant amount of time. Khatib said the operation was carried out inside the occupied territories and succeeded in transferring the documents to Iran.

Back in May, Israeli authorities said that they had arrested two settlers suspected of carrying out "intelligence-gathering missions" at Iran's behest near the mili-

tary affairs' minister's home.

The arrests are the latest in a spate of cases in which Tel Aviv has charged its own settlers with spying for Iran since the start of the war in Gaza in October 2023.

Police and the Shin Bet domestic security agency said that, "In a joint operation... Roi Mizrahi and his friend, Almog Attias, both 24, were arrested at the end of April for committing security offenses after collecting intelligence in Kfar Ahim," where Defense Minister Israel Katz lives.

Iran and Israel have waged a years-long campaign of covert and overt operations against each other, ranging from cyberattacks to drone strikes.

Tehran, which does not recognize Israel, accuses the regime of orchestrating the assassinations of several of its nuclear scientists.

Last year, tensions between the two foes reached an all-time high as they exchanged direct fire amid Israel's ongoing war in Gaza.



Esmail Khatib
IRNA

Trump sends military force to LA to quell immigration protests



AFP

US President Donald Trump ordered National Guard troops to Los Angeles, a rare deployment against the state Governor's wishes following protests against immigration enforcement raids.

Trump took federal control of California's state military to push soldiers into the country's second-biggest city, a decision deemed "purposefully inflammatory" by California Governor Gavin Newsom and of a kind not seen for decades according to US media, AFP reported.

The development came after two days of confrontations during which federal agents fired flash-bang grenades and tear gas toward crowds angry at the arrests of dozens of migrants in a city with a large Latino population.

"It's up to us to stand up for our people," said a Los Angeles resident whose parents are immigrants, declining to give her name.

"Whether we get hurt, whether they gas us, whatever they're throwing at us. They're never going to stop us. All we have left is our voice," she told AFP as emergency services lights flashed in the distance.

An AFP photographer saw fires and fireworks light up the streets during clashes, while a protester holding a Mexican flag stood in front of a burnt-out car that had been sprayed with a slogan against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.

"President Trump has signed a Presidential Memorandum deploying 2,000 National Guardsmen to address the lawlessness that has been allowed to fester," White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said, blaming what she called California's "feckless" Democratic leaders.

"The Trump Administration has a zero tolerance policy for criminal behavior and violence, especially when that violence is aimed at law enforcement officers trying to do their jobs."

Trump congratulated the National Guard for "a job well done" shortly before midnight on Saturday in a post on Truth Social.

However, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said on social media platform

X the troops had not yet been deployed, while AFP journalists have so far not seen them on the ground. Trump took a swipe at Bass and Newsom, saying in his post they were "unable to handle the task," drawing a comparison with deadly fires that hit the city in January.

The National Guard – a reserve military – is frequently used in natural disasters, such as in the aftermath of the LA fires, and occasionally in instances of civil unrest, but almost always with the consent of local politicians.

California's governor objected to the president's decision, saying it was "purposefully inflammatory and will only escalate tensions."

Trump has delivered on a promise to crack down hard on the entry and presence of undocumented migrants – who he has likened to "monsters" and "animals" – since taking office in January.

The Department for Homeland Security said ICE operations in Los Angeles this week had resulted in the arrest of "118 aliens, including five gang members."

Saturday's standoff took place in the suburb of Paramount, where demonstrators converged on a reported federal facility that the local mayor said was being used as a staging post by agents.

Pezeshkian calls for Muslim nations' unity to promote peace, stability in region



Abdelmadjid Tebboune

Shehbaz Sharif

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

Masoud Pezeshkian

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in talks with the leaders of Bahrain, Pakistan and Algeria called for unity among Muslim countries to promote peace and security in the region.

Pezeshkian and Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa emphasized the need to strengthen solidarity and interaction between Islamic countries to promote peace, stability, and lasting security in the region.

The two leaders also congratulated Eid al-Adha, the feast of sacrifice, to each other during a phone conversation on Saturday. Iranian president also made a separate phone conversation with Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, during which Pezeshkian expressed Iran's readiness to broker lasting peace between Pakistan and India.

The Iranian president said that Iran's principled policy focuses on promoting de-escalation and fostering peace globally, particularly within the Islamic world.

"The Islamic Republic welcomes any measures and efforts towards establishing lasting peace between Pakistan and India, and it can play a mediating role to that aim," he added.

He also congratulated the Pakistani

prime minister on the Eid al-Adha, emphasizing the need for unity among Muslim nations.

Sharif recalled his recent visit to Tehran, where he held productive discussions on defense, security, economic, and other matters.

He also expressed hope that bilateral agreements signed between Pakistan and Iran will be implemented.

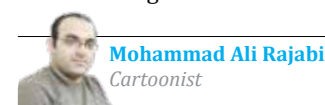
Commending Iran's position on the Pakistan-India tensions, he reaffirmed Islamabad's commitment to dialogue with New Delhi to achieve peace and welcomed Iran's mediation in that regard.

In May, India and Pakistan engaged in the most intense fighting in decades that included fighter jets, missiles, and explosive-laden drones. The four-day conflict ended with a cease-fire.

Pezeshkian also extended Eid al-Adha greeting to his Algerian counterpart, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, in a phone call on Saturday.

The Iranian president called for deeper bilateral relations and stronger unity among Muslim countries, especially in support of the Palestinian people in Gaza.

He emphasized strengthening ties in political, economic, scientific, cultural, and technological fields between Tehran and Algiers.



Mohammad Ali Rajabi
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Russia: Anti-Iran resolution at IAEA 'will not bring positive results'

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Russia on Sunday warned that an anti-Iran draft resolution at the UN nuclear agency, which has been proposed by the US, France, Britain and Germany, "will not bring positive results".

In a post on X, Russia's Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna, Mikhail Ulyanov, said that the June session of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will start on Monday and he expects a tense discussion on Iran's nuclear program.

Ulyanov said that the United States and the three European parties to the 2015 nuclear agreement plan to table a draft resolution against Iran at the Monday's meeting.

"For sure, it will not bring positive results", the Russian official said.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Friday warned the three Euro-

pean countries against their move, calling it a "strategic mistake."

"After years of good cooperation with the (International Atomic Energy Agency) IAEA—resulting in a resolution which shut down malign claims of a 'possible military dimension' (PMD) to Iran's peaceful nuclear program—my country is once again accused of 'non-compliance'," Araghchi said on X. The three European countries plan to submit the draft resolution to the IAEA Board of Governors today, creating a window to trigger the snapback of all the UN sanctions on Tehran before the mechanism expires in October. The resolution would accuse Iran of failing to meet its obligations under the 2015 nuclear agreement.

The move comes amid ongoing nuclear talks between Iran and the US, which have been started on April 12. The two countries have held five rounds of negotiations mediated by Oman to resolve a decades-old dispute over Iran's nuclear program.

In recent weeks, Tehran and Washington have clashed over the issue of uranium enrichment, which Washington says must be brought to zero. Tehran maintains its nuclear program is exclusively for civilian purposes and views its enrichment industry as a red line.

On Sunday, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said in an interview with TASS that Washington is seriously intent on concluding a deal with Iran.

"These days, we are noting Washington's much more serious intent toward concluding a deal with Tehran on mutually acceptable terms, allowing to avoid a crisis, having removed suspicions and prejudices with regard to peaceful nuclear development in the Islamic Republic of Iran," he noted.

Ryabkov pointed out that Russia exerts active efforts on assisting in seeking a resolution between Washington and Tehran.

