

Veep: Victory in societal front occasioned success on other fronts in 12-day war

Utilizing private sector's capacities regarded as Khatam Headquarters' merit

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First Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref hailed on Tuesday sacrifices made by Iran's Armed Forces and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) during the 12-day US-backed war imposed by the Israeli regime last month, stressing that victory on the societal front resulted in success on other fronts in the recent anti-Iran aggression.

Aref made the statement in a visit to Khatam al-Anbiya Construction Headquarters, an Iranian engineering firm run by the IRGC and one of Iran's largest contractors in industrial and development projects.

"During the 12-day war, not a single day of construction was halted. The same was true in the production sector, where factories voluntarily operated day and night shifts, and victory on the societal front was the reason for success on other fronts," Aref said.

"The enemies waged the war believing that after the martyrdom of the commanders and victory on the battlefield, the case would be closed with popular demonstrations in the forthcoming days, and that the Islamic Republic of

Iran would accept all their demands in negotiations with the United States. However, the people unbelievably joined the foray, and even critics and protestors raised the unified voice of Iran, which helped victory on the social front extend to other fronts."

Congratulating the Islamic Republic for triumphing in a treacherous and violent aggression spearheaded by the Zionist regime, the Iranian first vice president emphasized, "We believe we have won on the battlefield, and the country's capacity is such that within 12 hours of the martyrdom of the country's commanders, replacements are chosen for the most sensitive and important defense and military positions, and everyone welcomes this, which is nothing short of a miracle."

Aref also emphasized the necessity for all military and security bodies to be prepared to counter the "enemy's mischief," and to avoid focusing on unnecessary and non-priority issues.

Tapping private sector's capacities

Elsewhere in his remarks, the first vice president said Khatam al-Anbiya Con-

struction Headquarters should enter the important and priority sectors of the country, and there must be a "unified and cohesive" command for construction across the country.

Underscoring the necessity for the IRGC-controlled engineering firm to enter software sectors and areas related to information technology, Aref said, "With the presence of young and high-potential forces within the Headquarters, as well as in the country's academic sector, it is essential to achieve a secure environment in the country regarding new technologies."

Pointing to the fact that utilizing the capacities of the private sector is one of the important advantages of Khatam al-Anbiya Construction Headquarters, Aref said, "The private sector has come to the conclusion that it can better enter construction and infrastructure projects through the Headquarters, and this Headquarters, with full oversight of the private sector, has been able to effectively pursue the Establishment's strategy of utilizing the non-governmental sector."

Praising the good cooperation of the engineering firm with various govern-



ments, the first vice president said, "We never heard a negative answer from the Headquarters, and despite all the problems and lack of allocations, it has always shined in the country's construction and infrastructure projects."

Aref also visited the exhibition of achievements, activities of Khatam

al-Anbiya Construction Headquarters in the fields of social responsibility and deprivation alleviation, information and communication technology, agriculture and aquaculture, maritime, oil, gas and petrochemicals, water and power, knowledge and research, industry and mining, urban planning, and railway and metro.

Minister launches Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari rail link to national network



Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development Farzaneh Sadeq Malvajerd addresses the inauguration ceremony of the rail-laying operation in Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari on July 8, 2025. ● IRNA

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The rail-laying operation in the southwestern province of Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari commenced on Tuesday, as announced by Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development Farzaneh Sadeq Malvajerd.

At the inauguration ceremony, Sadeq Malvajerd stated that railways are an effective factor in the country's infrastructural development and noted, Shahrekord, the provincial capital and Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari are being connected to the country's railway network," IRNA reported.

The minister of roads stated that with the commencement of this rail-laying, another city will be connected to the railway network, and "the whistle of the Shahrekord train will probably sound by the

next [Iranian] year (to begin on March 20, 2026)."

The minister stated that Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari was a province whose employment and agricultural sectors were highly effective. She added that if the railway were completed as soon as possible, it would impact passenger transportation and support the agricultural industry. She also expressed appreciation for the efforts of all individuals active in the project over the past 15 years.

Sadeq Malvajerd, referring to the implementation of unfinished projects in Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, stated that the existence of many unfinished projects, particularly within the roads and urban development sector, was among the issues she had encountered during that trip.

"Efforts are being made to inject resources to complete and utilize projects of which five to ten kilometers is left," the minister said.

IAC: 500 flights handled in single day amid operational recovery

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The head of Iran Airports Company (IAC) said that approximately 500 international and domestic flights received services from the company on Monday.

Referring to the increasing number of flights, IAC head Mohammad Amirani said, "Yesterday, approximately 500 flights, including transit, domestic, and international flights, received services from the Iran Airports and Air

Navigation Company," IRNA reported.

Airlines began avoiding Iranian airspace on June 13 when the Israeli regime launched unprovoked aggression against the country. The eastern half of Iran's airspace reopened to domestic and international flights on June 25, a day after the United States claimed it had brokered a unilateral ceasefire between Iran and Israel.

The Civil Aviation Organization in a statement on Friday announced the first international flight landed at

Imam Khomeini International Airport.

Amirani added that the company's committed specialists "quickly operationalized the damaged areas in the country's airports in the shortest possible time."

According to Amirani, "The country's radar, navigation, and surveillance systems are in an operational status and ready for the safe guidance of flights."

IFO reports 17% growth in national caviar output last year

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A senior official at the Iran Fisheries Organization (IFO) reported a 17% growth in Iran's caviar production last year (1403, began on March 20, 2024).

"The country's caviar production increased from 21 tons and 600 kilograms in the year 1402 to 25 tons and 100 kilograms in 1403," said Nasser Karami-Rad, the head of the renovation office at IFO.

Karami-Rad announced the extensive development of sturgeon farming in 22 provinces across the country, adding, "Given the suitable climatic capacities for expanding the industry

in the second development phase, targets have been set for producing over 140 tons of caviar and 20,000 tons of sturgeon meat," IRNA reported.

He stated that investment in the sector is highly profitable, noting that investment dashboards for industry development in various provinces have been prepared.

"Last year, sturgeon meat production reached over 6,050 tons, representing approximately 26% growth compared to the year 1402. Additionally, the country's caviar production increased from 21 tons and 600 kilograms (21.6 tons) to over 25 tons and 100 kilograms (25.1 tons), indicating a

17% growth," Karami-Rad noted.

In the export sector, he said, "Over 7.5 tons of caviar were directly exported through customs."

According to the official, it is estimated that a significant portion of Iran's caviar has also been transported abroad by passengers as personal luggage.

He pointed out that Iran's caviar remains unrivaled in the global market and has its own specific clientele.

Karami-Rad added that the country's capacity for sturgeon production and exports is increasing, and new opportunities for investment in the sector have emerged.

Public support remains ...

Iran's missile capabilities remain among the country's strongest defense assets, demonstrating its ability to strike deep into enemy territory.

However, decades of cruel sanctions have prevented access to modern fighter jets and advanced aerial technologies—shortcomings that were laid bare in recent events. While Iran boasts strong offensive missile power, there is a pressing need to upgrade its air defense systems with modern equipment.

Neither the Iranian government nor its people seek war. The bitter legacy of the previous conflict and its economic and human toll is well understood. Even in the most recent confrontation, despite delivering major blows to the enemy and damaging the security image of the Israeli regime, Iran's econo-

my also suffered collateral damage. Any new conflict could impose enormous costs on the country's economy and the livelihoods of its citizens.

To avoid such outcomes, the government must leverage diplomatic channels to resolve tensions with the West and dispel the specter of war. At the same time, the Iranian people must continue to support prudent and strategic policymaking—maintaining unity so that adversaries think twice before contemplating any aggression.

Iran has already proven its ability to stand firm against powerful adversaries. But for its deterrence to be truly comprehensive and enduring, equal investment must be made not only in military might, but also in economic resilience and social cohesion.



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