

Tehran to Host Aviation Expo

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The 5th edition of National Exhibition of Iranian Aviation and Space Industries will be held in Tehran on October 21.

The four-day exhibition will be mounted by the Iranian Aviation and Space Industries Association at the International Mehrabad Airport. The event will provide an opportunity for the Iranian state-owned and private companies, airlines, knowledge-based aerospace companies, academic centers, aviation publications and producers of aeronautical parts to showcase their abilities.

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Germans Wary of Missing Out Iran Market

BERLIN (IRNA) -- A leading German trade official warned of missing out on Iran's lucrative market as other European companies are rushing to Iran to sign business agreements. Speaking to IRNA in Berlin, the chairman of the German Near and Middle East Association (Numov), Rainer Seele expressed concern that his county could actually "miss the train" to Iran to sign trade deals in that country. Other international competitors are taking much better advantage of their opportunities in Iran and are preparing for much bigger business agreements, Seele said.

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"O Pardoner of slips, pardon my failings! O Answerer of supplications, grant my supplication! O Hearer of all sounds; hear my cry; have mercy on me; and overlook my misdeeds and faults. O Majestic and Munificent One!"

Today is a very blessed day. It is the day on which the above mentioned supplication is recited by the faithful, after performing a special ritual prayer to thank God for His infinite favours that no human brain or the most advanced product of the brains of the intelligentsia, that is, the computer, cannot enumerate.

To be more precise, today, the 25th of the month of Dhu'l-Qa'dah is the anniversary of "*Dahw al-Ardh*" the day on which the first dry spot of land emerged from underneath the water to catch the sun's rays for the first time, and to gradually expand and spread above the surface of oceans, in order to serve as the cradle for transforming Planet Earth into the brilliant bed of civilization through the efforts and brains of the intelligent two-legged perfectly-moulded human race, which God was planning to create as the "Best of all creation".

The spectacular progress of mankind, the wonders of science and technology, the venture into outer space after having explored the depths of the oceans, are all indeed indebted to this day, when dry land in harmony with water made Earth hospitable for life, unlike the barren spherical bodies orbiting around the Sun as they turn on their own axis.

"Have they not reflected in their own souls? Allah did not create the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them except with reason and for a specified term. Indeed many of the people disbelieve in the encounter with their Lord." (Holy Qur'an 30:8)

Yes, it is Islam, the set of belief decreed for the entire human race by the All-Loving Creator, which enlightens us with these dynamic facts, including the exact location of the first spot of dry land to emerge.

It was on this spot that the first man was commanded by the Almighty to build the first house. Adam did not build it as his own abode, but as the symbol House of the Unseen but Omnipresent Lord, Who has neither shape or form, nor is bound by time and place.

Now we understand why the holy Qur'an refers to the holy Ka'ba as the First House. We also begin to realize why the pilgrims from all over the globe start their journey towards it in this sacred month of Dhu'l-Qa'dah, so as to be present in time in the initial days of Dhu'l-Hijjah for performing the annual Hajj at the place that was rebuilt by Prophet Abraham and institutionalized as the focal point for all humanity by the Last and Greatest of God's Messengers, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

"Indeed the First House to be set up for mankind is the one at Bakkah (Mecca), blessed and guidance for all nations. In it, are manifest signs [and] Abraham's Station, and whoever enters it shall be secure. And it is the duty of mankind toward Allah to make pilgrimage to the House—for those who can afford the journey to it..." (3:96-97)

For the information of our readers, it was on the eve of 25th Dhu'l-Qa'dah (*Dahw al-Ardh*) that Abraham was born in antiquity, while over two millenniums ago, on this same night the Virgin Mary (SA) gave birth to Prophet Jesus (AS).

This interesting fact further confirms the confusion of the pagans of Europe, who on conversion to Paul's creed called Christianity – over three centuries after end of the monotheistic Islamic mission of the Messiah – made the fatal error of designating 25th of the Roman solar month of December as Jesus' (AS) birthday, instead of the correct 25th of the Semitic lunar month of Dhu'l-Qa'dah that was in vogue in Palestine.

At any rate, Dhu'l-Qa'dah is one of the four sacred months, in which even the pre-Islamic Arabs never dared to start any armed hostilities.

Unfortunately, it was in this very month that the self-styled champion of Arab nationalism, Saddam of the tyrannical Ba'th minority regime of Baghdad, sent his bloodthirsty hordes across the Iranian border, on the orders of his masters in Washington, to start the devastating 8-year war against the newly founded Islamic Republic.

Today, the 22nd of September happens to be the anniversary of that fateful day in history when an unprovoked aggression was launched on Iran, which a year-and-seven-months earlier had rid itself of the despotism of the British-installed and American-backed Pahlavi potentate.

Exactly 34 years ago (35 according to the lunar calendar and the month of Dhu'l-Qa'dah), as the Ba'thist army advanced into Iran, there was joy in Washington, London, Paris, Bonn, Moscow, Baghdad, Cairo, and most other Arab capitals. The enemy and its backers throughout the world began to celebrate. However, they were in for a shock. The Father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), promptly said it is "*Haram*" (religiously forbidden) to pull back and it is the duty of all Iranians to defend their homeland. His words had electrifying effect and soon the tide of the war began to turn as Iran's Muslim combatants pounced on the cowardly enemy to liberate the occupied regions.

Here it should be recalled that when the UN Security Council issued several unjust resolutions calling for ceasefire while over 20,000 square km of Iranian territory was under enemy occupation, Imam Khomeini had resolutely said: "An imposed peace is worse than an imposed war."

It is outside the scope of this brief column to refer to the crimes against humanity of Saddam and his backers including the chemical bombardment. It is also tedious to cite the direct entry into the war by the US, which scuttled an Iranian merchant ship, set ablaze Iranian oil platforms, attacked Iranian warships, and criminally shot down an Iranian passenger plane with 290 passengers on board.

What is important to note is that the key to the steadfastness and victory of the Iranian combatants were the values of Islam, including the observance of "*Dahw al-Ardh*" that unnerved Iraq and its backers during 8-years of the Holy Defence, for according to a narration, it will be on the 25th of Dhu'l-Qa'dah that the Imam Mahdi (AS) will reappear to establish the global government of peace, prosperity and justice.

Leader Announces Scientific Development Outlines



TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, in a directive of power, outlined on Saturday general policies on science and technology sent to heads of Iran's three branches

to stimulate scientific growth in Iran. The proclamation, laying out a grand plan for Iran's higher education system and research and technology sectors, was issued after consultation with the country's Expediency Council and prepared on the basis of the Clause 1 of Article 110 of the Iranian Constitution.

In his directive, the Leader emphasized the necessity for continuous scientific endeavor with the aim of turning Iran into "the world's scientific and technological reference".

Ayatollah Khamenei also insisted that under the policies, the Islamic Republic's global scientific ranking should be upgraded in such a way that Iran would become "the Islamic world's scientific and technological hub".

The plan has also put an emphasis on the promotion of "fundamental science and research" in the country.

According to the general policies, the budget allocated for research should rise to four percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) by the end of the Iranian year of 1404 (March 2026).

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IAEA Confirms Iran's Compliance

VIENNA (Dispatches) -- Iran is taking further action to comply with the terms of an extended interim agreement with six world powers over its nuclear energy program, a UN nuclear agency report showed.

The findings in a monthly update by the International Atomic Energy Agency – though no major surprise – may be seen as positive by the

West as negotiations resumed in New York this week on ending the decade-old nuclear standoff.

The IAEA document made clear that Iran is continuing to meet its commitments under the preliminary accord that it reached with the United States, France, Germany, Britain, China and Russia late last year and that took effect in January.

In addition, as agreed when the deal was extended by four months in July, it is using some of its higher-grade enriched uranium in oxide form to produce fuel.

The IAEA is tasked with checking that Iran is living up to its part of the temporary agreement, which was designed to buy time for the current talks on a comprehensive settlement

of the dispute.

Iran is saying it is refining uranium to fuel a network of nuclear power plants.

The initial aim was for Iran and the six powers to reach a long-term agreement by a self-imposed July 20 deadline. But the talks and the interim deal were extended until Nov.

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World Powers Entreat Iran for Role

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier was here to attend a special ministerial meeting of the United Nations Security Council on the crisis in Iraq, at which he made calls for the inclusion of Iran in diplomatic efforts to stem the ISIL militants.

"Despite the difficulties that we have with Iran and its nuclear ambitions, I am of the opinion that all of the neighbors of Syria and Iraq should be included," Steinmeier said.

"I sincerely hope that Iran will be considered, for only then will we be able to get control of the threat posed by ISIL".

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who was chairing the special UN Security Council session, also said that Iran had "a role to play" in preventing the spread of IS throughout the region.

"The coalition required to elimi-

nate (ISIL) is not only, or even primarily, military in nature," Kerry said. "It must be comprehensive and include close collaboration across multiple lines of effort. There is a role for nearly every country in the world to play, including Iran".

Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif stressed that Iran will not team up with the U.S. against Takfiri ISIL militants.

In an interview with PBS NewsHour, Zarif said, "We were not convinced that the United States government is serious" in its claim to fight terrorism.

He also criticized the U.S. Congress plan to finance "moderate Syrian militants" in the fight against the extremists, saying the decision does not correspond with the so-called efforts to fight terrorism.

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Tongue in Cheek: CIA Says Halts Spying on Friends

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA has curbed spying on friendly governments in Western Europe in response to the furor over a German caught selling secrets to the United States and the Edward Snowden revelations of classified information held by the National Security Agency, according to current and former U.S. officials.

The pause in decades of espionage, which remains partially in effect, was designed to give CIA officers time to examine whether they were being careful enough and to evaluate whether spying on allies is worth running the risk of discovery, said a U.S. official who has been briefed on the situation.

Under the stand-down order, case officers in Europe largely have been forbidden from undertaking "unilateral operations" such as meeting with sources they have recruited within allied governments. Such

clandestine meetings are the bedrock of spying.

CIA officers are still allowed to meet with their counterparts in the host country's intelligence service, conduct joint operations with host country services and conduct operations with the approval of the host government. Recently, unilateral operations targeting third country nationals -- Russians in France, for example -- were restarted. But most meetings with sources who are host nationals remain on hold, as do new recruitments.

The CIA declined to comment.

James Clapper, the U.S. director of national intelligence, said during a public event Thursday that the U.S. is assuming more risk because it has stopped spying on "specific targets," though he didn't spell out details.

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