

# FM Zarif to Visit Italy

TEHRAN (Press TV) – Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif will visit Italy next week to hold talks with senior Italian officials, the Iranian embassy in Rome said on Saturday. According to the embassy, Zarif will arrive in the Italian capital, Rome, on Wednesday and is scheduled to meet with Italian officials, including Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini. Prior to his visit to Rome, Zarif will head to Luxembourg and Belgium, where he will meet with EU foreign policy chief, Catherine Ashton, in Brussels on Monday.

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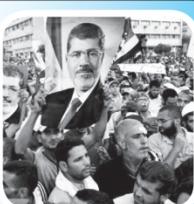
# Finland's FM in Tehran

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Finland's Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja was expected to arrive in Tehran on Saturday night for talks with senior Iranian officials. Tuomioja is paying a two-day visit to the Islamic Republic at the invitation of his Iranian counterpart Muhammad Javad Zarif. During his stay, the European diplomat is scheduled to hold a number of meetings with high-ranking Iranian officials, including President Hassan Rouhani, Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani, and chairman of Expediency Council Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

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## President: We Should Resist West's Oppression

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – President Hassan Rouhani on Saturday said fresh U.S. sanctions imposed on Iran have "further deepened" mistrust that exists between the two countries.

"This is not compatible with the atmosphere of the negotiations," Rouhani told reporters in Tehran. "It goes against confidence building measures. Mistrust has further deepened."

The U.S. Treasury on Friday announced dozens of measures targeting Iranian individuals and entities, including shipping and oil companies, banks and airlines.

"Some sanctions like those against drugs or food products are crimes against humanity. We fight and go round these sanctions and we are proud of that," Rouhani said.

The president said the sanctions are an "oppression of the Iranian nation". He said: "We should resist the oppression and put the oppressors in their place. We should not allow the continuation and repetition of the oppression."

However, he pledged that discussions with the P5+1 powers (Britain, China, France, Russia, the U.S. and Germany) would continue.

"We hope to achieve a result within the time limit if the other party acts with goodwill," he said, noting that three or four difficult questions remain.

Rouhani also said he didn't know whether he would attend next month's UN General Assembly and said he had "no plan" to meet U.S. President Barack Obama there. Last year, the two presidents spoke by telephone, the first direct conversation between leaders of the two

countries since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

During his news conference, Rouhani also touched obliquely on the advance of the ISIL in Iraq, saying that Iran had "no plan to cooperate" with the U.S. in the fight against terrorism.

"In our viewpoint, crime is crime," Rouhani said. "If some say we only fight terrorism if an American is killed, it only indicates they are not serious in fighting."

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said that new U.S. sanctions placed on some Iranian and foreign banks and businesses would have negative consequences on its nuclear negotiations with world powers.

"These actions are inconsistent with the current process of nuclear negotiations," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said in remarks quoted by the state news agency IRNA, referring to measure announced by Washington on Friday.

"At a time when the Islamic Republic of Iran has taken confidence building measures based on the agreements, as was reflected by the IAEA reports in Tehran, Iran is expecting the same actions by the U.S. and the rest of the (powers)."

Afkham said the new sanctions would jeopardize the nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

"These actions have a negative and non-constructive impact on the trend of the talks. The Islamic Republic of Iran rejects any unilateral and self-serving interpretation of last year's Geneva deal," she said. "Iran strongly believes that the

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## Leading British MP Attacked by Zionist

LONDON (Dispatches) – Leading British lawmaker George Galloway has been released from hospital after being assaulted on a London street, police have said.

The MP suffered a suspected broken jaw and rib as well as facial bruising when he was attacked by a man shouting about the Holocaust on Friday evening, his spokesman said.

The attack was believed to have been related to comments Galloway recently made about the conflict in Gaza. Galloway was posing for pictures in Notting Hill in west London when the attack took place. He was treated overnight at St Mary's hospital.

A 39-year-old man arrested shortly afterwards on suspicion of assault occasioning actual bodily harm remained in police custody, the Metropolitan police said.

"The victim of the assault was taken to a central London hospital for treatment to his injuries. He was

discharged from hospital this morning, Saturday 30 August. Detectives from Kensington & Chelsea are investigating," a spokesman said.

The Respect party released a photo taken of Galloway's battered face as he was on his way to hospital.

The tweeted picture showed two red lumps on his right temple. "The Respect party thanks all wellwishers," the accompanying message said.

Galloway's spokesman said he did not know whether the attacker was a Zionist, an EDL supporter or had some other motivation for attacking the MP.

The MP was interviewed earlier this month by West Yorkshire police following a speech in Leeds in which he said Bradford was an Israel-free zone.

The spokesman said Galloway, who represents Bradford West, had described himself as being "in a pretty bad shape".

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## U.S. Slaps New Sanctions in Breach of Deal: So Much For Dealing With Untrustworthy Foe



A view from the White House.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The United States imposed new sanctions on Iran in violation of a nuclear deal which seeks to end decades of hostilities.

The new sanctions expanded the vast web of U.S. penalties that remain in force despite a temporary easing in exchange for Iran's suspension of some of its nuclear ac-

tivities. "Today we took additional steps in our effort to maintain pressure on the government of Iran," said Caitlin Hayden, spokeswoman for the

White House's National Security Council.

"The United States remains committed to working with our P5+1 partners toward a long-term, comprehensive solution that provides confidence that Iran's nuclear program is exclusively peaceful," the NSC spokeswoman said.

The P5+1 group -- Britain, China, France, Germany, the United States, plus Russia -- extended an interim agreement by four months, to November 24, to allow more time to negotiate a final accord.

The Treasury announced more than 25 sanctions targeting individuals and entities, including shipping and oil companies, banks and airlines.

Asia Bank, one of the banks targeted, has provided U.S. dollar bank notes to Iran, including a mid-2014 delivery from Moscow to Tehran of more than \$13 million, in violation of U.S. sanctions, it said.

Tehran used Iranian government-owned airline Meraj Air and Iran-based Caspian Air to ferry cargo to Syria, it claimed.

Pouya Air was identified as an alias for an already U.S. sanctioned airline, Yas Air, listed for "illicit" (Continued on Page 7)

## Ashton: Talks With Iran to Continue

MILAN (Dispatches) -- The six global powers will discuss ways to reach a comprehensive nuclear deal with Iran on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September, the European Union's foreign policy chief said on Saturday.

Talks aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear program in exchange for ending sanctions began in February. But Iran and the six powers involved failed to meet an initial self-imposed July 20 deadline to negotiate a deal.

The six, comprising Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and

the United States and known as the P5+1, have agreed to extend negotiations until Nov. 24.

Catherine Ashton, the EU's top diplomat, is expected to continue to lead nuclear negotiations with Iran even as she leaves her EU job at the end of October.

"There are ongoing discussions on that (Iran nuclear issue)," Ashton told a news conference when asked if nuclear talks would take place in New York around mid-September.

"We will use the opportunity of the General Assembly in New York to also do that," Ashton, speaking at the

end of a two-day informal gathering of EU foreign ministers in Milan that discussed the situation in Ukraine, Iraq and the Middle East.

Ashton is due to meet Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif in Brussels on Monday.

This year's UN General Assembly starts in New York on Sept. 16. The Iran nuclear discussions are expected to begin among senior foreign ministry officials the same week and may continue at ministerial level at the annual assembly gathering of world leaders, which begins on Sept. 24.

On Friday, director of the Atomic

Energy Organization of Iran Ali Akbar Salehi said the West has come to the conclusion that it has no choice but to engage with Iran.

During a speech before the Friday prayers sermons in the coastal city of Bushehr, Salehi said the enemies have made efforts to create Iranophobia in the world and stop Iran from progressing, but the Iranian nation will not surrender to their will.

He added that having nuclear energy creates some kind of deterrence and presents the country as a dynamic and independent society to the world.

## UK Raises Terror Threat Level to 'Severe'

LONDON (Dispatches) -- The British government raised the threat level for international terrorism to "severe", indicating a terrorist attack is "highly likely" but, based on intelligence, not necessarily "imminent".

UK Home Secretary Theresa May released a statement, saying the increased threat is "related to events in Syria and Iraq where terrorist groups are planning attacks against the West, and that some of those attacks are likely to involve fighters who have travelled from the UK". British Prime Minister David

Cameron said it was the first time in three years the threat has been raised to such a level in the UK.

"What we're facing in Iraq now with ISIL is a greater and deeper threat to our security than we have known before," Cameron said in an address to the nation, noting that the terrorist group has recruited hundreds of British citizens to its ranks.

Western security officials have been concerned for months that ISIL recruits with Western passports could travel to Syria and Iraq and then return home with deadly

skills to wreak havoc.

Cameron said ISIL's "ambition" to create a caliphate centered in Iraq and Syria -- and potentially growing to the banks of the Mediterranean -- "is a threat to our own security here in the UK".

The murder of American journalist James Foley in Syria at the hands of what sounded like a British terrorist, Cameron said, was "clear evidence... that this is not some foreign conflict thousands of miles from home that we can hope to ignore".

"The links between what happens overseas and what happens here... has always been there," Cameron said.

The "severe" threat level is the second highest in the UK's threat level system, topped only by "critical". The "critical" level indicates that an attack is "expected imminently".

Shortly after Cameron's comments, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson released a statement saying DHS and the FBI (Continued on Page 7)