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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Points to Ponder for Production in the New Year

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*A New Year not just refreshes our physical energy but is a stimulant for our psychology as well, with new ideas cropping up in our minds for progress of the self and of the society, based on the time-honoured and time-tested values of Islam.*

*On March 20, on the occasion of the Spring Equinox, celebrated in Iran and most of the Islamic east influenced by Iran's Islamic culture, we bade goodbye to the year 1399 solar hijri and ushered in the Calendar Year 1400.*

*It means, according to the Earth's orbit around the Sun as it rotates on its axis, we Muslims have entered a new century since the auspicious migration of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) from his hometown Mecca to Medina – exactly a millennium and four centuries ago – that propelled Islam into the decisive phase of state-building on the basis of the comprehensive set of laws revealed by the Almighty Creator to His Last and Greatest Messenger in order to serve as a universal model for all justice-seeking societies as well as individuals aspiring to lead a healthy and harmonious life.*

*In view of these undeniable facts, Iranians should consider themselves fortunate to have the Islamic system of government that was established 42 years ago, and which two days earlier on Thursday, Farvardin 12 (April 1) stepped gracefully into the 43rd year of the nationwide referendum that transformed the country into a republic firmly based on the timeless laws of the Holy Qur'an.*

*No wonder, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution in his annual message to the nation on the occasion of the start of another Calendar Year spelled out a set of guidelines, which, if diligently followed by the officials and the people, will most surely make Iran self-reliant and immune from the plots of its archenemies.*

*Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has wisely designated 1400 solar hijri as the "Year of Support for Production and Elimination of Obstacles" as a sequel to the "Year of Leap in Production" which was the designation of 1399 and which in his own words "was not completely achieved, but to be fair, made production move forward in important areas."*

*As we said in our last Viewpoint of the year that went by (Thursday March 18), "If the concerned officials had fully followed Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei's practical formula for the "Economy of Resistance" the results would have been much better and the country more immune from the illegal sanctions imposed by the US to scare away other countries from buying Iran's prime export, that is crude oil."*

*Nonetheless, there is no need for dismay, especially when we fully recognize that the US is our archenemy, which means we should never again make the mistake of ever trusting the American officials, no matter how sweet they talk.*

*In other words, Iran ought not to look back in any fields of production and should move ahead with added energy, including the uranium enrichment for our peaceful nuclear project which is presently at 20 percent purity.*

*Any back step, on any condition, or false promise, would be noting but self-deception in view of the western powers' black, bleak, and bloody record of plots against Iran.*

*Interestingly, in his New Year message the Leader of the Islamic Revolution refreshed the memories of the nation when he said:*

*"If we want to make a small but significant comparison with the country's entrance into the previous century – the year 1300 (1921) – the latter was the beginning of Reza Khan's dictatorial and dependent regime. It was in fact an English coup launched by Reza Khan and that regime was in fact a dependent, tyrannical and English regime. That was how the country entered into 1300.*

*"This year, the year 1400, is the year of elections which means government on the basis of independence, the people's votes and national self-confidence. So, our entrance into this century has such an important difference with the entrance into the year 1300 – the 14th century. I hope that God will drive all our affairs forward with the same proportion."*

*These remarks of Ayatollah Khamenei need to be memorized by one and all in order to safeguard the independence, sovereignty, and freedom of Iran, which on no account should allow itself to be deceived once again by its archenemies, especially the US.*

## Iran Marks 42nd Anniversary of Islamic Republic



This file photo shows Iranians voting in a 1979 referendum on the establishment of the Islamic Republic in Iran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran on Thursday commemorated the 42nd anniversary of the establishment of the Islamic Republic on the back of a historic referendum, in which Iranians voted overwhelmingly in favor of departure from monarchical rule weeks after the collapse of the U.S.-backed Pahlavi regime.

In a landmark two-day referendum held on March 30-31, 1979, more than 98.2 percent of eligible Iranians voted "yes" to the establishment of an Islamic Republic in the country.

The vote, which was held less than two months after the victory of the Islamic Revolution, is considered a turning point in the modern history of Iran.

Since then, the nation annually celebrates Farvardin 12 (April 1) on the Iranian calendar as the Is-

lamic Republic Day.

The Islamic Revolution, led by the late Imam Khomeini, culminated in the overthrow of Muhammad Reza Pahlavi and put an end to 2,500 years of monarchical rule in Iran.

In a post on his Twitter account, Iranian Parliament speaker Muhammad Baqer Qalibaf said the Islamic Republic has put an end to the era of "occupation and coup d'état" and started instead to rely on the people's power.

He added that the Islamic Republic is the manifestation of the people's will to end the disgraceful era of monarchs, who took pride in handing over Iranian territory to outsiders.

The Iranian youths have made great sacrifices to protect every inch of this soil, the top parliamen-

tarian tweeted.

Meanwhile, in a statement, Iran's Constitutional Council said the Islamic Republic Day is "undoubtedly one of the most important and decisive days in the history" of the country which "put on display religious democracy in the modern world."

It added that the Islamic Republic Day is the beginning of the "real life of the Islamic Revolution and the first step towards the foundation of an establishment based on true popular vote."

In its statement, the body congratulated the Iranian nation on the occasion and renewed its allegiance to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

It also stressed the importance of

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### COVID Deaths Hit 100 for First Time in Months

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – The daily death toll from the coronavirus pandemic in Iran soared above 100 on Friday, returning to a three-digit number for the first time in the new year that began on March 21.

The Health Ministry's spokeswoman told a press conference that 117 coronavirus patients had died across the country over the past 24 hours, bringing the total death toll to 62,876.

Sima Lari said the total num-

ber of people tested positive for COVID-19 infection in Iran has exceeded 1,908,900 following the detection of 11,660 new cases since Thursday, adding that 1,330 new cases have been admitted to the hospital.

Nearly 1,634,000 patients have recovered from the coronavirus infection so far or have been discharged from hospitals across Iran, the spokeswoman added.

The number of people infected

with COVID-19 across the world has surpassed 130 million and the death toll has exceeded 2.83 million.

Iran expects to start domestic production of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine in April, the RIA news agency cited the Iranian ambassador to Moscow as saying.

Iran approved Sputnik V for domestic use in January, and says it has received more than 400,000 of the 2 million doses it ordered from Russia.

### IRGC Dismantles Terrorist Cell in Khuzestan

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says a terrorist element has been killed when its forces thwarted an attack by two members of a terrorist group against military and police stations in the southwestern Khuzestan Province.

In a statement released on Sunday, the IRGC said that two members of a terror outfit linked to the so-called Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz (ASMLA) began firing at military and police stations in Shush city, leading to clashes with its forces.

According to the statement, the terrorists tried to enter the posts, but their attack was neutralized and both were injured and taken to hospital, one of whom died on the way.

The statement said their Kalashnikov assault rifles and ammunition were also confiscated.

In a statement to honor Iran's security forces, Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi lauded the

forces' efforts to provide security and stability in the country.

Alavi said the Iranian security forces foil all ploys and plots hatched by the hegemonic states, led by the U.S. and the Israeli regime and their regional servants, against the Iranian people and government one by one.

"The Anonymous Soldiers' Week is an opportunity to pay tribute to parts of the silent struggles of your anonymous soldiers and brave sons in the great fight and jihad (struggle)," he said.

The terrorist group ASMLA has been engaged in armed conflict against the Islamic Republic with the aim of separating Khuzestan Province — home to some of the country's Arab population — from the rest of Iran.

Last year, the Iranian Intelligence Ministry published secret correspondence between Saudi Arabia's spy service and the terrorist group.

The documents were published by the ministry on November 18, 2020, days after the ringleader of the separatist armed group was arrested.

The ministry announced the detention of Farajollah Chaab, also known as Habib Asyud, in a statement on November 12, saying he had been identified and arrested during a series of "specialized and combined measures" by intelligence forces.

Chaab had planned several terrorist attacks in Tehran and Khuzestan in recent years, the statement read, adding that he was planning a new assault when he was arrested.

In September 2018, the ASMLA claimed responsibility for an earlier attack on a military parade in Ahvaz, Khuzestan's provincial capital, which killed 25 people, including members of the IRGC and civilian bystanders, and injured 70 others.

The Holy Qur'an

Whenever there cometh down a sura, some of them say: "Which of you has had His faith increased by it?" Yea, those who believe - their faith is increased and they do rejoice. But those in whose hearts is a disease, - it will add doubt to their doubt, and they will die in a state of Unbelief.

The Holy Qur'an (8:124)

#### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	13:08
Evening (Maghreb)	19:46
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:22
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	06:48

### YouTube, Facebook Block Press TV in War on Iran

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Google has for the seventh time targeted Iranian broadcaster Press TV, blocking the English-language news network's access to its official YouTube account without any prior notice.

The U.S. tech giant shut YouTube accounts of Press TV late on Tuesday, citing "violations of community guidelines."

"We have reviewed your content and found severe or repeated violations of our Community Guidelines. Because of this, we have removed your channel from YouTube," Google said in a message.

The community guidelines, as YouTube says, are designed to ensure the video-sharing platform stays protected and set out what is allowed and not allowed on YouTube. The guidelines apply to all types of content, including videos, comments, links, and thumbnails.

The last time Google blocked Press TV's access to its official YouTube account was last September, again without any prior notice but citing "violations of export laws."

The United States export laws and regulations prohibit the use of and access to controlled information, goods, and technology for reasons of national security or protection of trade.

Over the past years, the U.S. tech giant has recurrently been opting for such measures against Iranian media outlets. It has taken on Press TV more than any other Iranian outlet given the expanse of its viewership and readership.

The measure comes shortly after another hostile move and aggression on the Iranian media outlets, with Facebook shutting down the page of Press TV news network.

The U.S.-based social media giant informed Press TV a week ago that its account had been shut down for what it claimed to be the Iranian news channel's failure to "follow our Community Standards." The page was reinstated a few days later.

Facebook has on a number of occasions attacked Press TV, despite its claim of providing space for freedom of expression.

The Tehran-based English-language news network has repeatedly fallen victim to censorship on multiple fronts, including Twitter and Instagram besides Google and its services.