

TEHRAN – The Iranian Foreign Ministry on Sunday described the discovery of another mass grave of indigenous children in Canada as a "great human tragedy" and a blatant example of "genocide" in a country whose government resorts to hypocritical and deceptive shows to pretend support for human rights.

"These major and heinous crimes have been committed in a country whose government has, by putting on deceptive and hypocritical shows, always tried to create the impression that it is an advocate of human rights and express its opinion as an interventionist country about (Continued on Page 7)

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TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said Sunday his Qatari counterpart conveyed messages from the parties to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, whose fate has been in limbo ever since the United States unilaterally withdrew from the agreement in 2018.

Speaking at a joint press conference with Qatari Foreign Minister Muhammad bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Amir-Abdollahian also lauded efforts by Doha during multilateral negotiations to revive the nuclear deal, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

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Zionists Step Up Violence Against Palestinians



Zionist Regime Fresh Protests Hit on the Brink Occupied Cities

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Tens of thousands have protested across Occupied Palestine against the right-wing cabinet for the fourth consecutive week.

Protests took place in several cities, including Tel Aviv, Al-Quds and Haifa, as well as in New York.

Two demonstrations in Tel Aviv began at 19:00 (17:00 GMT), with one beginning on Kaplan Street and the other at Habima Square. Streets in and around the city were blocked off to traffic from the afternoon.

In occupied Al-Quds, protests started in front of the president's residence beginning at 19:30.

Police estimate that 40,000 protesters were in Tel Aviv, with 12,000 protesters in Haifa.

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered in the southern city of Be'er Sheva.

Meanwhile, several hundred protesters gathered in New York City to decry Netanyahu's regime and its planned judicial overhaul, according to the Times of Israel.

The crowd in Washington Square park carried signs that read, "Fascism is not OK".

The demonstrations in Occupied Palestine were organized criticism of some extremist stances the ultra-conservative regime has adopted, including planned reforms to the country's justice system.

A main concern of opposition groups is a recently-proposed reform that would allow parliament to override decisions made by the supreme court. Analysts have warned that such a program could potentially allow lawmakers to uphold any annulment of the corruption charges Netanyahu is being tried on.

Netanyahu is the first sitting Israeli prime minister indicted while in office.

He took office late last month following his 1 November election win, heading a coalition that includes a politician who last year admitted tax evasion and a clutch of far-right personalities, including one who once kept a portrait in his home of a man who massacred scores of Palestinian worshippers.

Earlier this month, the new security minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, ordered the state's police commissioner to enforce a directive to remove Palestinian flags from public spaces a day after one was waved at a previous anti-regime protest in Tel Aviv.

There have been regular protests against the regime for several weeks, with more than 100,000 people turning up in

Tel Aviv on January 21.

This week's protests come after seven Zionists were killed in a retaliatory attack on a synagogue in occupied East Al-Quds on Friday. On Saturday, a 13-year-old shot and seriously injured two Zionists near Al-Quds' Old City.

That was after nine Palestinians were martyred Thursday and dozens injured in an Israeli military operation in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin. In all, Zionist forces have martyred at least 33 Palestinians this month.

The Israeli massacre provoked grief and anger in the besieged Gaza Strip. Rockets were fired at the occupying regime, an attack claimed by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Netanyahu's cabinet, which is filled with extremist politicians aligned with the illegal settlement movement in the occupied West Bank, approved punitive measures against Palestinians on Saturday in response to the pair of retaliatory shootings.

Netanyahu's office said the cabinet agreed to seal off the attacker's home immediately ahead of its demolition. It also plans to cancel social security benefits for the families of attackers, make it easier for Zionists to get gun licenses and step up efforts to collect what it considers "illegal" weapons.

Europe in Turmoil: Tens of Thousands Protest in Portugal

LISBON (Dispatches) -- Tens of thousands of public school teachers and other staff marched in Lisbon to demand higher wages and better working conditions, putting further pressure on the Portuguese government as it grapples with a cost of living crisis.

Shouting slogans like "for the banks there are millions, for us there are only pennies," about 80,000 protesters filled the Portuguese capital, police said.

A year after Socialist Prime Minister Antonio Costa won a majority in parliament, he is facing a slump in popularity and street protests not just by teachers but by other professionals such as doctors.

The Union of All Education Professionals (STOP) is demanding that the government increases the wages of teachers and school workers by at least 120 euros (\$130) a month and speeds up career progression.

The government has not made a counter-proposal specifically for teachers but has said it will increase the monthly salaries of all civil servants who earn up to



These pictures show the aftermath of the 5.8-magnitude quake near Khoy in northwest Iran.

TEHRAN – A 5.9-magnitude earthquake hit northwestern Iran overnight, killing at least three people and injuring more than 800 in the region near the border with Turkey, state officials and media said Sunday.

Panicked residents fled their homes as buildings collapsed and rubble crushed cars, with hundreds seeking shelter from freezing winter conditions in evacuation centers as more than 20 aftershocks rattled the region.

The shallow quake hit the city

of Khoy, with a population of around 200,000, in West Azarbaijan province at 9:44 pm (1814 GMT) Saturday, said the Seismological Center of the University of Tehran.

"This incident has left 816 injured and three dead," West Azarbaijan governor Muhammad Sadeq Motamedian was quoted as saying by IRNA news agency.

People were seen wrapped in blankets and huddling around fires in the snow-dusted region,

in images published by Iranian media, as national TV broadcast footage of major damage to residential buildings, including half-destroyed houses.

Buildings in 70 villages suffered quake damage, IRNA reported, with rescuers clearing rubble to free those trapped in the area around 800 kilometers (500 miles) northwest of the capital Tehran.

Iran's Red Crescent Society chief, Pirhussein Koolivand, later

announced the search and rescue operations had finished, with no more survivors or bodies believed trapped.

Iran's interior minister, Ahmad Vahidi, travelled to Khoy to observe the situation, where he said water, power and gas connections were impacted but being restored, IRNA reported.

Hamid Mahbubi, head of the Red Crescent Department in West Azarbaijan, said 500 relief and rescue teams had been dispatched to Khoy since late Saturday.

Iran sits astride the boundaries of several major tectonic plates and experiences frequent seismic activity.

On January 18, a previous, 5.8-magnitude quake near Khoy left hundreds injured.

In February 2020, a 5.7-magnitude earthquake struck the western Turkey village of Habash-e Olya and killed at least nine people.

Iran's deadliest recorded quake was a 7.4-magnitude tremor in 1990 that killed 40,000 people, injured 300,000 and left half a million homeless in the country's north.

In 2003, a 6.6-magnitude quake in southeastern Iran leveled the ancient mud-brick city of Bam and killed at least 28,000 people.

In November 2017, a 7.3-magnitude quake in Iran's western province of Kermanshah killed 620 people.

Murder: Normal Police Procedure in U.S.

MEMPHIS (AP) -- If you stumbled on the scene too late, you might have missed him there, bloodied and beaten.

The officers' demeanors seem untroubled and their work nonurgent as they mill at this quiet corner trading battle tales, a fist bump and a back pat. The police ranks have ballooned, but everyone seems to agree there's nothing to see here. They tie their boots and fret over their glasses and carp about knee pain, so you might have missed him there among the phalanx that towers above, the ones who wear a smile and spurt laughter and will go home safe.

Look past the men who punched, kicked, shocked, sprayed, dragged and now stand in seeming indifference. Let your eyes drift downward and the crumpled body comes into view. Hands behind his back, one shoe off, he writhes helplessly on the pavement. His screams seem to have ended, his cries for his mother have stopped and his voice has weakened so much his words are hard to discern.

"You can't go nowhere," the officer bent over him responds. "You can't go nowhere."

In harrowing video of this Mem-

phis night, all eyes are drawn to the chaotic moments of brutality that preceded this and would leave another Black man dead at the hands of police. But alongside the attacks themselves the footage captures another excruciating reality: Minute after minute of officers' jocular nonchalance as Tyre Nichols lay critically hurt, their behavior seemingly affirming just how ordinary this sort of thing is.

"The cops who murdered Tyre Nichols are not some aberration. They're not an outlier," cultural critic Touré wrote on Twitter. "That's normal police procedure it's just usually they get away with it."

The 67 minutes of body camera and surveillance footage released in the case are a muddled and messy picture of the night that would lead to Nichols' death and murder charges for five officers, all also Black. The views are at times obscured and the story incomplete, but the video also offers stunning clarity of what happened.

It starts at about 8:24 p.m. on a Saturday evening, Jan. 7. What roused officers to pull Nichols over is unseen, but for the routine traffic

stop they claimed it was, the escalation appears to be immediate and baffling.

At least three officers surround Nichols' car as he is yanked from his blue sedan. At least one of them approaches with a gun extended. Nichols can be heard for the first time, saying "I didn't do anything," and is pushed to the ground. He voices compliance, repeating "all right" over and over as the officers scream and curse.

"Tase him! Tase him!" one officer barks.

He has been wrestled to the ground, but officers keep yelling for him to lay down, an order that seems to confuse Nichols, who is already lying on his right side. Still, he responds calmly, his voice cracking just a hint as he tries to appease them.

"You guys are really doing a lot right now," Nichols says. "I'm just trying to go home."

Nichols finally appears rattled as officers continue to shout for him to lie down.

"I am on the ground!" he yells back, before suddenly, he is up and has broken free.

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