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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Spectacular Achievements of the Year 1401

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Today, in our last issue of the Iranian calendar year 1401 solar hijri, we felicitate our readers on the auspicious coincidence of Nowruz or the Spring Equinox (March 21) with the start of the blessed fasting month of Ramadhan two day later.

We earnestly hope that when we meet again after the New Year holidays on Monday, April 3, our country, our region, and our world would be firmly on the way to overcome the problems besetting humanity because of the negative policies of the US, the West European regimes, and their clients, especially the illegal Zionist entity.

The penchant of these devilish powers for bullying, oppression, exploitation, pressures, crises, wars, economic terrorism, cultural depravity, and environmental disasters on a global scale, has plunged the world in gloom.

The Islamic Republic of Iran saw spectacular progress in various fields in the year which ends on Monday.

As part of its policies for the welfare of its citizens, it is now enriching uranium to 60 percent purity for use in a variety of peaceful projects, including medicine, agriculture, and several industries, in accordance with its inalienable right as a signatory to the NPT.

In the aerospace sector it has successfully launched satellites into space to gather vital information meteorological developments and geological research which helped Iran discover some 8.5 million tons of lithium deposits of 10 percent of the total deposits of what is called 'white gold' and extensively used in the manufacture of pollution-free batteries and other industries.

In the pharmaceutical sector, the Islamic Republic started manufacture of medicine for treatment of cancer and some high-technology equipment making it self-sufficient in this vital field.

Iran's committed personnel took the country to new heights in the defence field by developing hypersonic cruise and other missiles, sophisticated drones, aircraft, and state-of-the-art vessels for its ever-expanding navy.

The year that ends on March 20 also saw Iran become a full-fledge member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) thereby increasing its international stature and busting the illegal sanctions imposed by archenemy US.

As a matter of fact, Iran's oil and petrochemical exports soared significantly over the past twelve months to the exasperation of Washington.

There were many other achievements, such as cyberspace and artificial intelligence which cannot be listed because of lack time and space, and will become more dazzling in the New Year.

Always the loser, the US, along with the three notorious West European regimes of France, Germany, and Britain, made a desperate attempt to destabilize Iranian society by bankrolling a group of thugs, traitors, terrorists, professional murderers and blasphemers to commit acts of arson, robbery, sacrilege, and vandalism in a few parts of Tehran and some other cities.

These sporadic riots which quickly fizzled out failed to tarnish the image of the Islamic Republic, as the nation unanimously stood beside the revolution and its enlightened leadership to defeat these anti-social elements, including a group of characterless women, trying to misuse freedom against the dignity of Iranian culture.

President Raisi Hails Spirit of Progress in Iran



President Raisi addresses an official ceremony to inaugurate the launch of several new urban railway routes in Tehran Saturday.

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi on Saturday lauded Iran's achievements and progressive movement over the years, saying the enemies seek to induce despair among the people and turn the country's strengths into weaknesses.

Raisi made the remarks in an official ceremony to inaugurate the launch of several new urban railway routes here.

"Today, the enemies seek to instill despair, hopelessness and helplessness in the society, but we, the Iranian nation, believe in the culture of 'we can'," Raisi said.

Underling the heartfelt cooperation between the Iranian government and nation, the president said a lot of work has been done in the country and a lot more is also underway, which will be accomplished through the efforts and perseverance of the country's youths.

"Today, the atmosphere of work

and effort prevails in the country, and such an atmosphere will surely bring about satisfaction and trust of the people, and generate strength for the country," Raisi noted.

"The enemy does not want the country to progress and the people to hear good news, so it tries to mask the strengths and magnify the weaknesses that exist in every corner," he noted.

In a speech in November, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said arrogant powers are disgruntled by Iran's scientific advances and tremendous achievements, adding that the West's enmity towards Iran is rooted in the Islamic Republic's continuous progress, which the West cannot stand.

"The enemy is trying to make not only the people and the youths, but also the officials lose hope, and unfortunately, the enemy has an in-

ternal extension that they are also trying to instill hopelessness and despair," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Touching upon some instances of progress and forward movements in Iran in recent weeks, the Leader recounted Iranian scientists' new method to treat leukemia, localization of one of the oil and gas extraction equipment, opening of a railway line in a part of Sistan and Baluchistan Province, which is an important part of the North-South railway, opening several factories, setting up the first offshore refinery, operating 6 power plants, unveiling one of the largest telescopes in the world, launching a satellite-carrying rocket and unveiling a new rocket.

Ayatollah Khamenei said such achievements were obtained at a time that the enemy was trying to prevent this forward-heading movement with riots and by the imposition of draconian sanctions.

Turkey: Iran-Saudi Deal Will Strengthen Muslims

TEHRAN -- The Turkish foreign minister says he is confident a recent deal signed between Iran and Saudi Arabia to restore relations after seven years of estrangement will strengthen the Muslim world and boost synergy among Muslim states to help resolve regional issues.

In a phone call with Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, Mevlut Cavusoglu said Turkey welcomes the China-brokered agreement between Tehran and Riyadh.

The top Iranian diplomat, for his part, said positive interaction among the neighboring and regional countries would prepare the ground for the development of peace and security in the region as well as synergy in the international

scene.

After several days of intensive negotiations hosted by China, Iran and Saudi Arabia finally clinched a deal on March 10 to restore diplomatic relations and re-open embassies and missions within two months.

According to a joint statement, Iran and Saudi Arabia underscored the need to respect the national sovereignty and refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of one another.

Iran, Saudi Arabia and China expressed their firm determination to make their utmost efforts to promote regional and international peace and security, it emphasized.

The top Iranian and Turkish diplomats also exchanged views about

the expansion of relations and issues of common interests in regional fields.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said the Iran-Saudi rapprochement amounts to "a substantial change in the strategic situation in the Middle East."

The Saudi-Iranian deal would complicate matters for the occupying regime of Israel, said the Nixon-era top diplomat.

This is due to the fact that the occupying regime will no longer be able to try pressuring Iran as easily as it used to before the agreement was signed, he wrote in the Washington Post.

From now on, Israel would have to "take into account Chinese interests"

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Official Reminds West of Chemical Supplies to Saddam

TEHRAN -- Iran's top human rights official has deplored the European Parliament's resolution over the suspected poisoning of some students in Iranian schools, emphasizing that thousands of Iranians lost their lives as a result of the West's chemical weapons supplied to the deposed Ba'ath regime of Iraq during the 1980-1988 imposed war on Iran.

Kazem Gharibabadi, secretary of Iran's High Council for Human Rights and the Judiciary chief's deputy for international affairs, made the remarks in a post published on his Twitter page.

"The upshot of supply of chemical warfare by Germa-

ny, the United States, France, Britain and the Netherlands to [executed Iraqi dictator] Saddam Hussein: 13,000 civilian deaths and 130,000 chemical victims in Iran," he tweeted.

Gharibabadi noted that the June 1987 chemical attack on the western Iranian city of Sardasht killed over a hundred civilians and injured another 8,000 people.

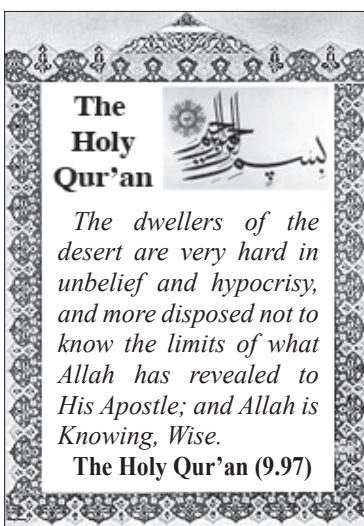
The chemical bombardment of Halabja town in the Kurdistan region also left some 5,000 civilians dead and around 10,000 others injured, the Iranian judiciary official said.

European lawmakers issued

a statement on Thursday, calling on the UN Human Rights Council to conduct an independent investigation into a wave of suspected poisonings in schoolgirls in Iran. The motion was passed by 516 votes in favor, five against and 14 abstentions.

Since November 2022, some Iranian students have reported symptoms of poisoning while in school.

The outbreak started in the central city of Qom before expanding to other cities. In most cases, students suffered respiratory problems, nausea, fatigue and dizziness, while some were



PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	12:12
Evening (Maghreb)	18:33
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:10
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:46

Top Security Chief to Visit Iraq After China, UAE

TEHRAN -- The secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) will visit Iraq for talks on ways to remove the obstacles to economic cooperation between the two neighbors, Nour News reported on Saturday.

In a tweet, the news portal affiliated with the SNSC said Iraq, Iran's second trade partner, will be Admiral Ali Shamkhani's next destination, following his visits to China and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"Protection and promotion of trade exchanges worth over \$10 billion necessitate removal of certain challenges imposed on ties between the two countries, acceleration of economic agreements and facilitation on banking cooperation," read the tweet.

Iraq hosted five rounds of talks between Tehran and Riyadh in the course of the diplomatic process leading up to the deal.

Earlier, Iraq secured the U.S.'s agreement to release Iranian frozen assets worth \$500 million, despite the anti-Iran sanctions, with the goal of stepping up trade ties with Tehran.

Iraq heavily relies on neighboring Iran for its energy needs.

hospitalized.

Earlier this month, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said the poisoning was an "unforgivable and big" crime, calling on authorities to seriously pursue the issue.

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi has also ordered the ministers of intelligence and interior to follow up on the poisoning cases.

"The enemy's new conspiracy of creating fear in the hearts of students... and their parents is a crime and an inhumane act," he said during a cabinet meeting on March 5.