

13th Flight Carrying Iran's Aid Arrives in Syria

TEHRAN – The 13th plane carrying Iran's relief aid for quake-hit people has arrived in Syria.

Iran's consul general in the Syrian city of Aleppo, Salman Navvab Nouri told IRNA that the cargo contains 12 tonnes of various foods and powdered milk. Previously, three planes of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Damascus, three to Latakia, and six more to Aleppo have been delivered Iranian relief aid to the quake-ravaged Syria.

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Knowledge-Based Exports Hit \$1 Billion

TEHRAN – Vice President for Science, Technology and Knowledge-based Economy Ruhollah Dehqani Firoozabadi said exports by Iran's knowledge-based companies have reached one billion dollars.

The achievement has been made despite all limitations, he said, adding nearly 1,600 companies were registered as knowledge-based this year, while the figure was 700 and 800 last year. With about 8,000 knowledge-based companies in the country, there is a huge potential that can make a big move if it is managed, he said.

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Piloting the Ship of Salvation

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Today is the 5th of the blessed month of Sha'ban, the third successive day of joyousness. Yesterday and the day before we celebrated the blessed birthdays respectively of the valiant standard-bearer of Karbala, Hazrat Abbas (AS), and the Immortal Martyr of Karbala, Imam Husain (AS), while today on the 5th of Sha'ban we are basking the blessings of the birthday of the Survivor of the heartrending tragedy of Karbala, Imam Ali ibn al-Husain Zain al-Abedin (AS).

"O Allah, bless Muhammad and the Progeny of Muhammad, the Ark faring through deep oceans: those who embark it obtain safety and those who forsake it are drowned. Those who try to get ahead of them leave the bounds of faith, and those who lag behind them perish, and those who attach themselves to them join their fold.

"O Allah, bless Muhammad and the Progeny of Muhammad, the secure sanctuary, the aid of the distressed and the oppressed, the shelter of the refugees, and the asylum of those seeking haven.

"This is the month of Your Prophet, the chief of Your Prophets – Sha'ban, which You have enveloped in Your mercy and Your approval, the month wherein it was the practice of the Prophet of Allah, may Allah bless him and his Progeny, to observe, until his death, its fast and to perform devotions during its nights and days, in order to do it honour and reverence out of humility before You! O Allah, so help us in following his example with regard to it and to make us deserving of his intercession (in Your Court)!"

The above passages are part of the special supplication the faithful recite daily in the blessed month of Sha'ban. The wordings provide a glimpse of some of the innumerable merits of the Messenger of Mercy and his Infallible Progeny, the Ahl al-Bayt, who are likened to the Ark of Prophet Noah. It means, whoever boards this Ark has attained salvation and whoever lags behind is drowned.

The difference is that Noah's Ark was for a specific time and a limited period of history for saving monotheists of that particular era from the great deluge, while Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) and his Ahl al-Bayt represent the Eternal and Universal Ark of Salvation so that the seekers of truth are saved from drowning in the sea of ignorance and the oceans of unbelief in every age, generation and geographical place. In other words this Immortal Ark is made up of Fourteen Flawless Helmsmen, who are none other than the Prophet, his Immaculate Daughter Fatema Zahra (SA), her husband the Impeccable Imam Ali (AS), their two Infallible Sons the Leaders of the Youths of Paradise, Imam Hasan (AS) and Imam Husain (AS), and the Nine Spotless Imams of the lineage of Imam Husain (AS). These peerless personalities steer humanity on the straight and unwavering path towards Allah and His promise of the everlasting bliss of paradise.

This unique supplication was taught to us by one of these 14 helmsmen of the Ark of Salvation. He was the Prophet's great-grandson, Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS) who was born in Medina on the 5th of Sha'ban in the year 38 AH (659 AD).

His father, the Martyr of Karbala Imam Husain (AS), named him Ali in honour of his own father, the Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS). The mother of the 4th Imam was the virtuous Iranian lady, Shahrbanu the Princess of Iran. He was thus known as "Ibn al-Khiyaratayn", or the "Son of the Two Best Persons" – that is the Hashemites among the Arabs and the Persians among the non-Arabs. Having lost his mother in childhood, he was brought up by his paternal aunt, the Heroine of Karbala, Hazrat Zainab (SA).

As a 23-year old youth, he was present in Karbala on the tragic 10th of Muharram the Fateful Day of Ashura, but could not take part in the Jihad because of being bedridden with high fever. During the equally tragic aftermath of the Tragedy of Karbala, Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS), along with the noble ladies and children of the Prophet's Household, including his own 4-year old son, the future Imam Muhammad al-Baqer (AS), was taken in chains to the courts of the tyrants in Kufa and Damascus. In Syria, in the court of the Godless Yazid, despite suffering the traumas of torture during the long and circuitous journey from southern Iraq, he made the mission of his martyred father triumph in the enemy capital.

His sermons shook the foundations of the Omayyad caliphate, and made Yazid release the noble captives. Here, we relate an incident that is indicative of the magnanimity of the 4th Infallible Heir of the Prophet.

When Yazid, feigning regret at the Tragedy of Karbala, asked whether God would forgive his misdeed in murdering the Prophet's grandson, the bereaved Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS), as the Divinely-Designated Refuge of all those seeking asylum, even if it be an avowed enemy, replied: "Perform the 'Salaat al-Ghufayla' between the daily Maghreb and Isha obligatory ritual prayers, perhaps the All-Merciful may have mercy upon you."

Glory to the Lord Most High for placing His trust in secure places! The All-Wise Creator knew that just as Iblis the damned Satan had deprived himself of Divine mercy by refusing to prostrate to the Father of the human race Adam, without the least regret, the agnostic and libertine Yazid, who was miserably trapped in Lucifer's snare to the extent of dismissing the concept of the Almighty Creator; the mission of Prophets and the revelation of heavenly scriptures; would never have the time from his debaucheries to ever think of prayer or supplication.

For the next 34 years, Imam Zain al-Abedin (AS) carried his unique Jihad of grooming the seekers of truth through the medium of prayers and supplications, which survive till this day as eternal bezels of wisdom for the guidance of humanity. He faced a string of tyrants, including the torturous decade-long rule in Hijaz of the crafty criminal Abdullah ibn Zubayr, who had laid claim to the caliphate and subjected the Prophet's Hashemite clan to acute oppression including a failed plot to burn all male members alive, but never for a moment did the Imam spare any effort to guide Muslims.

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Iran Can Now Track, Intercept Satellites



Head of IRGC Aerospace Division Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh comments on a video of the new Paveh cruise missile with a range of 1,650 km on February 24, 2023.

TEHRAN --The chief commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Saturday military experts at his force are now developing and manufacturing supersonic cruise missiles and intercepting and tracking satellites.

"We are developing cruise missiles capable of travelling at supersonic or supersonic speeds," General Hussein Salami said at a

ceremony here.

Gen. Salami said the process throughout which a supersonic ballistic missile is guided to strike a moving target in the sea is a fairly complicated one, but Iran's military specialists have mastered it.

"Today, we can intercept satellites with the help of radars positioned on the ground. Such great advances have been made by the

Iranian youth. Young Iranian military forces can now hit any moving ship from a distance of thousands of kilometers, and can even define the exact point of strike to the extent that the crew of the target ship remains unharmed," he added.

The IRGC chief said the Americans are aggressively seeking to win the hearts and minds of the

Iranian nation, and cherish it as a strategic dream.

"They have opted for the campaign after realizing that they cannot prevail militarily. They have utilized all their strategic means against us," the general said.

Gen. Salami touched on the expansion of Iran's domain of action, saying the Islamic Republic is now present on the coasts of the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

According to the IRGC chief, the only way to deal with the arrogant powers is the "language of force", because the enemy is unfamiliar with the power of logic.

Head of the IRGC's Aerospace Division Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh advised Europe not to test the Islamic Republic, saying Iran has intentionally capped the range of its missiles "out of respect" for the continent.

"We are now capable of targeting American aircraft carriers at a 2,000-kilometer (1242-miles) distance," he told a televised program on the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB).

Europe has done its fair share of trying to antagonize Iran by closely aligning its policies concerning the Islamic Republic with those of the United States.

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Human Trial of Iran's mRNA COVID Vaccine Begins

TEHRAN -- Iran has launched human trial of its first homegrown coronavirus vaccine developed and manufactured on the basis of the breakthrough messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) technology.

The Islamic Republic had already unveiled at least five other COVID-19 vaccines produced domestically based on a recombinant protein.

A volunteer received a dose of the new vaccine, dubbed CORE-NAPCIN and developed by Tehran-based and knowledge-based company ReNAP Group, during a Saturday ceremony attended by head of ReNAP Group Dr. Vahid Khoddami, the director of the biotechnology department, at the Iranian Vice Presidency for Sci-

ence and Technology Dr. Mostafa Qanei and other Iranian health officials, Press TV reported.

Messenger RNA is a type of RNA that is necessary for protein production. In cells, mRNA uses the information in genes to create a blueprint for making proteins. Once cells finish making a protein, they quickly break down the mRNA. mRNA from vaccines does not enter the nucleus and does not alter DNA.

Antibodies help protect the body against infection by recognizing individual viruses or other pathogens, attaching to them, and marking the pathogens for destruction.

Once produced, antibodies remain

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Pentagon's Internal Emails Leaked for Two Weeks

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The Pentagon is investigating how a trove of internal U.S. Special Operations Command emails was apparently exposed publicly online and leaked unclassified data for nearly two weeks without the military's knowledge, a Pentagon spokesperson told CNN.

The Pentagon's chief information officer and the U.S. military's Cyber Command are investigating the root cause of the incident and "why this problem was not detected sooner," U.S. Navy Commander Jessica McNulty, a Pentagon spokesperson, told CNN Thursday night.

The investigation follows an independent cybersecurity re-

searcher's discovery of three terabytes of Pentagon unclassified emails sitting on the public internet, apparently due to a misconfiguration of a computer server and dating to February 8. That amount is equivalent to dozens of standard smart phones' storage.

CNN reported earlier this week that the military had launched a probe into the researcher's report.

Samples of the emails that the researcher, Anurag Sen, shared with CNN dated back years and included standard information about U.S. military contracts and requests by Department of Defense employees to have their paperwork processed.

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Zionists Plan 7,000 New Settler Units

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Israeli authorities have approved plans for the construction of thousands of new settler units in the occupied West Bank and Al-Quds, defying international outcry over illegal settlement expansion and land grab activities in the occupied Palestinian territories.

The Palestinian Information Center reported that the so-

called Israeli supreme planning and building council has given the green light for plans to build 4,000 units, only a few days after it endorsed another 3,000 units.

According to Israeli newspaper Haaretz, the plans for the construction of the 7,287 settlement units were approved within two days. It is the largest number of settler units that has been

endorsed since 2021, the paper added.

The settlements in which the new settler units will be built are Ma'ale Adumim, Kokhav Ya'akov, Giv'at Ze'ev, Ma'ale Amos, and Eliezer.

Spokesman for the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said the UN chief is deeply worried about the Zionist

regime's announcement of plans to construct over 7,000 new settler units, stating that their implementation would cut the connection between the northern and southern sectors of the occupied West Bank.

"Settlements have no legal validity and constitute a flagrant violation of international law and

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