

OPEC+ Agrees Deep Cuts to Oil Production

VIENNA/LONDON (Reuters) -- OPEC+ agreed its deepest cuts to oil production since the 2020 COVID pandemic at a Vienna meeting on Wednesday, curbing supply in an already tight market despite pressure from the United States and others to pump more. The cut could spur a recovery in oil prices that have dropped to about \$90 from \$120 three months ago on fears of a global economic recession, rising U.S. interest rates and a stronger dollar. The United States had pushed OPEC not to proceed with the cuts, arguing that fundamentals don't support them, a source familiar with the matter said. (Continued on Page 7)



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Top Negotiator Bagheri in Europe for Talks

TEHRAN -- Iran's chief negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani says an agreement on the revival of the 2015 nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), could be immediately achieved if the parties provide sustainable commitments to Tehran. Bagheri Kani, who is also deputy foreign minister for political affairs, made the remarks in a meeting with Peter Szatary, the minister of state for security policy at Hungary's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, after he arrived in Budapest on Tuesday, on the first leg of his tour of several European countries.

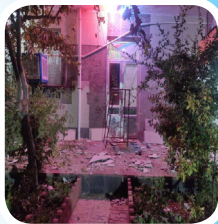
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Beginning of the Saviour's Mission

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Heartiest felicitations to our dear readers on a very auspicious day, since today happens to be the 9th of Rabi al-Awwal which marks the start of the Divinely-designated mission of the 12th and Last Infallible Heir of the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA). He is the Prophet's namesake, and was a boy of only five years when orphaned the day before on the 8th of Rabi al-Awwal, in the year 260 AH (874 AD) in the Iraqi city of Samarra on the martyrdom through poisoning of his father, Imam Hasan Askari (AS).

The Divine mantle of imamate came to rest on his tender shoulders under circumstances when the self-styled caliph of the usurper Abbasid regime, after assassinating his father, was bent upon finding him, and if possible murder him as well. But by the Grace of Allah Who bestowed prophethood upon Jesus (AS), while still a boy in the cradle and saved him from the conspiracies of the Israelites, the 12th Imam went into occultation, and will reappear as Qa'em al-Mahdi in the end times to cleanse the Planet of all vestiges of oppression and corruption by establishing the global government of peace, prosperity, and justice.

Orphaned at the tender age of 5, Divine Providence Willed that his imamate continue in the state of occultation. As a matter of fact minor occultation or *Ghaybat as-Sughra*, during which period he was hidden from the prying eyes of the usurpers of the caliphate who had launched a manhunt to trace him out and murder him, in view of the Prophet's famous statement that the number of his Righteous Successors will number 12 and the last one will rise as Qa'em al-Mahdi. Nevertheless he kept secret contact with the followers of the Ahl al-Bayt through the well-organized system of "*wikala*" or representation, headed by Deputies, who succeeded one another and numbered four. The Abbasids shuddered at the thought of his return, which God Willed should be prolonged for several centuries as *Ghaybat al-Kubra* (major occultation) – as a trial for mankind, as a respite for the doubters to reform and rectify their beliefs, and as a hope for the believers to look forward to his eventual reappearance without the least pessimism after having endured the blessings of unwavering awaiting that no propaganda of the faithless, no plot of hypocrites, and no treason of the Takfiris could undermine.

The One promised by God, foretold by the Messenger of Mercy – as both Shi'a and Sunni sources of hadith testify – and expected in all religions as the Deliverer of humanity, will indeed reappear when the world would be brimming with violence, bloodshed, treachery, and all sorts of injustices – as the trend of events of our times indicates. He will make his advent at the holy Ka'ba, the Symbolic House of the One and Only Creator. He will stand between the *Rukn al-Yamaani* and the *Maqaam al-Ibrahim* (or the Station of Prophet Abraham), and call five times for redemption of justice, that is, *Isteghasa* or appeal in the Divine Court for help.

The 1st phrase of his *Isteghasa* would be: "*Know O' people of the world! I am Imam al-Qa'em.*" The 2nd phrase of the Imam's *Isteghasa* will be: "*Know O' people of the world! I am the Avenging Sword.*"

Here some questions arise. For whose innocent blood will Imam Mahdi (AS) will be the Avenging Sword? Who was the person whom beasts in human form brutally martyred? For whom do the faithful continue to shed tears, while making pilgrimage to his shrine, even at the risk posed to their life by the dastardly devils of every deviationist doctrine, such as the US regime, the Zionists, the Wahhabis, the Salafis, the cannibalistic Takfiris, and all sorts of terrorists and traitors?

The answers to these questions are provided in the 3rd, 4th and 5th phrases of the *Isteghasa* of Imam Mahdi (AS), who will proclaim from the precincts of the holy Ka'ba:

"*Know O' people of the world! Indeed my ancestor [Imam] Husain was slain in the state of acute thirst.*"

The next phrase will be: "*Know O' people of the world! Surely, my ancestor [Imam] Husain lay bare without a shroud or burial.*"

The last phrase of the *Isteghasa* of Imam Mahdi (AS) on his reappearance at the holy Ka'ba will be: "*Know O' people of the world! The bare body of my ancestor [Imam] Husain was trampled [by the Omayyad horsemen].*"

True believers from all over the world will rally to the Imam's call on his reappearance, which would be preceded by five definite signs, according to a statement from the Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, Imam Ja'far Sadeq (AS), who says:

"*Before the uprising of Imam Mahdi (AS) there will be five certain signs: (uprisings of) the Yemeni, the Sufyani, the call from the sky, martyrdom of Nafs Zakiyyah (or the pure soul) and the rift in the desert (where the earth will swallow an army sent to Hijaz by the enemies of the Ahl al-Bayt).*"

This hadith is ample proof that the Arabian Peninsula would be cleared of the evil presence of the Wahhabis, especially the ruling Saudi Najdi family of brigands with Jewish roots, who are masquerading as Muslims in order to destroy the spirit of Islam through their collaboration with the US and the Zionists, and their open enmity with the followers of the Prophet's Ahl al-Bayt. Another point to note is the Islamic Revolution in Yemen and preparation of Yemeni Muslims for the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (AS), along with the flags of the east from Khorasan (Iran) that will converge on Iraq to save the country from the bloody hordes of Sufyani who would be unleashing bloodbaths in Syria. It is mentioned that Sanaa will be the capital of the Islamic Movement in Yemen, and its leader will be from the progeny of Zayd the Martyr, the son of Zain al-Abedin (AS).

Imam Mahdi (AS) will arrive in Iraq to save the people from the sedition of the Sufyani and his bloodthirsty invaders from Syria.

The Mahdi (AS) will have as his lieutenant Prophet Jesus (AS) – who will also reappear and disown Christianity – which means, most of the Europeans and Americans, having rid themselves of the despots in the White House and the despicable Zionists, would by then become God-fearing believers, receptive to the universal mission of Islam, as preached by the 12th Imam whose mother was the spotlessly pure lady, Narjes, a granddaughter of the Byzantine emperor and a direct descendant through her mother of Simeon, one of the 12 disciples of the Virgin-born Messiah.

"*O Allah make him the refuge for Your oppressed servants and a helper for him who has no other helper besides You and the reviver of the commandments in Your book which has been neglected and the strengthener of the sciences in Your religion and the way of Your Prophet – may Allah's blessing be upon him and his progeny.*"

"*O Allah, enable us to witness his days, his appearance and his rising, and appoint us to be among his helpers, avenging the martyrs alongside him. Write us among his supporters and dedicated friends; bring us to life in his reign, prosperous, enriched by his company, defending his cause, and secure from all ills, O Most Merciful of the merciful. All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds, and may His blessings be on our master, Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets and Envoys, and on his Progeny and Kindred, the truthful ones. (O God, may Your curse be on all oppressors!)"*

Iran Launches 'Tug' Into Suborbital Space



This picture released by the Iranian Defense Ministry on Oct. 4, 2022 shows a Saman test tug rocket before being launched in Iran.

TEHRAN — Iran has launched a space tug capable of shifting satellites between orbits, Tuesday reports said.

The Saman test spacecraft was built by the country's Space Research Center and launched Monday by the Defense Ministry.

Hassan Salarieh, chief of the Islamic Republic's space agency, told

national TV that officials "hope to use and test the main tug in near future." Iran unveiled the craft in 2017. A space tug can transfer a satellite from one orbit to another.

"As part of efforts to further expand homegrown telecommunications technology and manufacture a satellite rotating on a geostationary orbit (GEO), the development

of the space tug was placed high on the agenda of the Iranian Space Research Center. This means a quicker and smoother process of obtaining the orbital point synchronized with the Earth once a satellite elevates its orbital height from the geostationary orbit to the operational one," Hassan Salaryieh, acting chief of Iran's space agency,

said.

"Since the design and construction of a tug is a very sophisticated and costly task and its launch must be carried out with reliability considerations taken into full consideration, the intermediate steps of technology development were therefore included in the program," he added.

"The first step, which included the test of the engine of the first stage of the space tug as well as the test of the performance of its rotation generating and de-rotating motors, was successfully completed," Salariyeh noted.

He further explained that the sub-orbital payload was sent to a high altitude during the second step so as to test the performance of the cold gas thrusters, the rotation generating and de-rotation engines, the tracking and aiming system, and the payload separation system.

In June Tehran had launched a solid-fuel rocket into space and in August a Russian rocket successfully launched an Iranian Khayyam satellite into orbit. It's named after Omar Khayyam, a Persian scientist who lived in the 11th and 12th centuries.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in April 2020 successfully launched a satellite into orbit.

UK Envoy Summoned Over 'Provocative' Remarks

TEHRAN -- Iran summoned the British ambassador, again, for "provocative" statements made by London over recent violent riots in the country which the UK is accused of having a role in.

The Foreign Ministry summoned Simon Shercliff for the second time in less than 10 days and "strongly condemned the interventionist statements resorting to provocative and fake interpretations" by London, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The summons came two days after British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly made incendiary remarks about the riots.

Iran said the "unilateral and selective" statement showed that the UK is siding with British-based groups engaged in subversive acts against the Islamic Republic.

Earlier last week Iran summoned Shercliff to protest Britain hosting Farsi-language media outlets inciting for violence.

On Wednesday, Iran's foreign minister decried the role of the EU countries and terrorist groups based there in instigating recent riots in the country, vowing response to any "hasty" and "ill-considered" action against the

Islamic Republic.

In a phone call with his Italian counterpart Luigi Di Maio, Hussein Amir-Abdollahian discussed a wide range of bilateral and global issues, including the recent foreign-backed riots in Iran, which led to many casualties.

"We are dissatisfied with the positions and interference of some European officials concerning recent incidents," he said, referring to meddlesome remarks made by some EU officials about recent developments in the country.

"If the European Union seeks to adopt a hasty and ill-considered measure through a double standard behavior, it should await the Islamic Republic of Iran's effective and reciprocal action," he added.

Protests over the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman who fainted at a police station on September 16 and was later pronounced dead at a Tehran hospital, erupted first in her native province of Kordestan and later spread to other parts of the country, including the capital.

Immediately after Amini's death, Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi ordered a thorough investigation (Continued on Page 7)

U.S. Announces New Military Aid for Ukraine Russia Warns of Direct War With West

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- Washington's decision to send more military aid to Ukraine poses a threat to Moscow's interests and increases the risk of a military clash between Russia and the West, said Anatoly Antonov, Russia's ambassador to the United States.

"We perceive this as an immediate threat to the strategic interests of our country," Antonov said on the Telegram messaging app on Wednesday.

"The supply of military products by the U.S. and its allies not only entails protracted bloodshed and new casualties, but also increases the danger of a direct military clash between Russia and Western countries."

His warning came as the United States said it was sending \$625 million to Ukraine in additional weaponry, including High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) launchers.

U.S. President Joe Biden spoke to his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky on Tuesday as Ukraine continues an offensive in the country's south and east to retake areas held by Russia.

Zelensky has claimed his forces were making "rapid and powerful" gains and had retaken "dozens" of villages on the two battlefronts.

Biden, who was joined in the call by Vice President Kamala Harris, stressed Washington's continued support for Kyiv.

Biden "pledged to continue supporting Ukraine as it defends itself from Russian aggression for as long as it takes," a statement from the White House said.

The military package is the first since Russia announced it was formally annexing four occupied areas of Ukraine following a series of referendums.

The White House said the arms – to be drawn immediately from existing U.S. military stockpiles – would include four more HIMARS precision rocket launchers, 32 Howitzers with 75,000 rounds of ammunition, 200 Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles and Claymore anti-personnel mines.

Ukraine is now trying to make inroads in the south and east before the colder weather arrives and Russia (Continued on Page 7)