

Saudi Envoy Tours Iran's House of Technology

TEHRAN – Saudi Arabian ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran Abdullah bin Saud al-Anzi on Tuesday stressed the need to boost scientific and technological relations between Tehran and Riyadh. Al-Anzi visited Iran's House of Innovation and Technology (iHiT) and held talks with Amir-Hussein Mirabadi, the caretaker of the Center for International Science and Technology Interactions, on Tuesday. At the meeting, the Saudi envoy emphasized increasing the level of cooperation between the two countries, especially in the fields of science and technology. The two sides decided to determine priority areas and defined joint programs based on these priorities in technology development and knowledge-based economic projects.

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Report: India Mulls Resuming Iranian Oil Imports

NEW DELHI (Dispatches) -- Indian sources said the country is willing to resume importing Iranian crude oil, adding that the issue was discussed in recent bilateral meetings held between the foreign ministers of the two countries. India is reportedly considering the resumption of crude oil imports from Iran following the escalation in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden near Yemen. The issue was on the agenda during the recent bilateral talks when Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited Iran last week.

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The Great Tiding

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“What is it about which they question each other?  
“[Is it] about the Great Tiding;  
“The one about which they differ.  
“No indeed! They will soon know!  
“Again, no indeed; they will soon know!” (Holy Qur’an 78:1-5)  
During one of the battles of the protracted several-month-long War of Siffin near Raqqa in Syria, a soldier from the troops of the rebel, Mu’awiyya ibn Abu Sufyan, entered the field against the Islamic army of the Commander of the Faithful, the Leader of the Pious, and the Divinely-designated Vicegerent of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) – Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS) – wielding his sword and reciting these Ayahs of the holy Qur’an.  
Imam Ali (AS) happened to be on the battlefield at the moment, and on hearing the neo-Muslim Syrian recite what he had some three decades earlier diligently written down (along with explanatory notes) as the Prophet’s personal scribe on revelation of Surah Naba, he asked him the meaning of these Words of God Almighty. “Who is “Naba’ il-Azeem” or the “Great Tiding” regarding whom people differ?”  
The Syrian replied: No, I do not know.  
To the misled soldier’s utter surprise, Imam Ali (AS) answered: “I am the Naba’ il- Azeem and it is concerning my “Wilayah” (Divinely-decreed authority proclaimed by the Prophet) about which you differed amongst yourselves and rose (in rebellion) against me in the matter of my position of (the Prophet’s) Vicegerent, after having acknowledged it (on the Plain of Ghadeer-Khom). On the Day of the Resurrection (Qayamah) once again you will understand it (when everything becomes manifestly clear).”  
These words of guidance from the Epitome of Valour who could have cut down the rebel soldier with a flashing stroke of his redoubtable twin-bladed sword, the **Dhu’l-Feqar**, may have enlightened the Syrian and made him realize that Mu’awiyya was deliberately dividing Muslims. Despite these earnest efforts of the Mirror of Magnanimity, the charlatan Mu’awiyya and his misled forces made their ears deaf to the call of the Imam of the Truthful to decide the fate of the battle through a single combat with him, instead of bleeding thousands of unsuspecting Muslims to death.  
The Omayyads and those who had installed this Godless clan in power in Syria were without the least doubt the usurpers of the right of political leadership of Imam Ali (AS) and the cause of the splintering of the Ummah into sects by disputing the manifestly “Great Tidings” of the Holy Qur’an in his favour.  
The Imam, however, whose “position is like that of the Ka’ba” – to quote the Prophet – stood firm and for the sake of guiding humanity never harboured malice against those who had hijacked the caliphate. We are on the threshold of the auspicious 13<sup>th</sup> of Rajab, the day the Holy Ka’ba came alive in Mecca, exactly 1468 lunar years ago, when its walls miraculously parted and then closed to allow the noble lady, Fatema bint Asad (AS), to enter the sancta sanctorum for the birth of the Great Tiding.  
The only person to be born in the holiest spot on Planet Earth needs no introduction. Those who differ about Imam Ali (AS) and his prime position as the Prophet’s Heir, they do so at their own peril. A famous hadith says that “A true believer will never cease to love Imam Ali (AS), while a hypocrite will never give up enmity to him” – preferring the eternal fires of hell rather than the bliss of paradise. As a matter of fact, Imam Ali (AS) is the Barometer for testing one’s faith. Like the Ka’ba his position is pivotal. He is the noblest person created by God after his cousin, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA). His entire life was in the service of Islam, and those who turn against him, in fact, have turned away from the Prophet and God.  
It was not for no reason that Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), while elaborating to his companions the virtue of his cousin, son-in-law, and Divinely-designated Vicegerent, has said:  
“O Ali! Allah has created me and you from His Light. He created Adam and put that light into Adam. This light reached Abdul-Muttalib and then it split; so I was in Abdullah and you were in Abu Taleb. Nubuwwah (Prophethood) does not befit anyone other than me, while Wilayah (Vicegerency) does not befit anyone other than you. Whoever denies your Vicegerency denies my Prophethood, and whoever denies my Prophethood Allah will throw him down on his nose into the Fire...”  
To end this brief column, here is a famous statement from the Imam himself, in whose direct progeny is the Prophet’s 12<sup>th</sup> and Last Infallible Heir, Imam Mahdi (AS), who will reappear in the end times to usher in the global government of peace, prosperity and justice, as the rightful successor to the Great Tiding:  
“The earth shall never be devoid of the Divine Proof, He may be apparent and prominent or he may be concealed and hidden. And it is because of him that the proofs and signs of Allah are not wasted.”

Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Khamenei: Islamic States Should Cut Lifeline to Zionist Regime



Ayatollah Khamenei meets with organizers of a congress to commemorate 24,000 martyrs of Tehran Province on January 23, 2024.

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei here Tuesday criticized the officials of Islamic countries for their poor conduct regarding the highly crucial situation in Gaza.

“Sometimes the positions and statements of the officials of the Islamic countries are wrong because they talk about an issue such as the ceasefire in Gaza, which is beyond their control and is in the hands of the evil Zionist enemy. The officials of

Islamic countries should focus on matters that are within their control,” he said. The Leader made the remarks during a meeting with the organizers of the National Congress for the Commemoration of the 24,000 Martyrs from Tehran.

Ayatollah Khamenei underlined the importance for officials in Islamic countries to sever all ties with the Zionist regime in order to cripple its power.

“What is in the hands of the officials of the Islamic countries is to cut off the vital arteries of the Zionist regime. The Islamic countries should cut off their political and economic relations with the Zionist regime and also refrain from supporting this regime,” the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei said, “Despite the inadequate conduct of the officials of Islamic countries and despite all the difficulties, as stated in the Qur’an, ‘God is with the righteous people and wherever God is, there is victory.’”

The Leader said the victory of the people of Gaza is inevitable.

“The Almighty God will show this victory to the Islamic Ummah in the not too distant future, bringing joy to the hearts of Muslims, especially the people of Palestine and Gaza.”

Various Types of Drones Join Army Fleet

TEHRAN -- The Islamic Republic of Iran Army on Tuesday received large numbers of strategic combat, reconnaissance, destruction and radar drones.

The delivery of the home-grown unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) took place during a ceremony attended by Army chief Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi and Defense Minister Brigadier General Muhammad Reza Ashtiani.

The drones have been designed and manufactured by the Iranian Defense Ministry in cooperation with Iran’s Army amid Western sanctions.

They include strategic multi-purpose Abail-4 and Ababil-5 drones, which are capable of carrying out all kinds of reconnaissance, surveillance, electronic warfare, combat and signal data collection missions.

Among the delivered UAVs were Arash and Bavar that can perform destruction, along with long-range and precision-strike missions, as well as Karar, a jet-powered drone with the ability to perform a variety of target, combat and aerial interception missions. The upgraded drones are

equipped with self-protection, anti-electronic warfare and indigenous navigation systems, as well as smart precision-strike weapons.

They also have special and up-to-date capabilities for use with other weapon and network-based operation systems.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mousavi said that the delivery of the drones “will definitely improve the combat power” of the four branches of the Army, namely the Ground Force, Navy, Air Force and Air Defense Force.

“Everything in the field of UAVs, ranging from design to use against threats, today relies on the domestic capability and knowledge of the country’s young scientists,” he added.

Mousavi noted that the Iranian armed forces have in recent years witnessed “auspicious developments,” including the delivery of hundreds of drones to the Army.

Meanwhile, Ashtiani said that the new UAVs “will have a significant impact on the combat power of the Islamic Republic of Iran Army.”

Zionist Regime Suffers Worst Daily Troop Loss Yet

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) – The occupying regime of Israel’s military said on Tuesday that at least 21 of its soldiers were killed in a single attack in the Gaza Strip, the deadliest day for Zionist troops since October 7.

Military spokesman Daniel Hagari said the soldiers were killed in central Gaza on Monday when a rocket-propelled grenade fired by Hamas hit a tank near two buildings the soldiers were in.

The attack came as the Israeli military said its forces had encircled Khan Younis and engaged in close-quarter combat and direct airstrikes.

Hagari added that the Israeli soldiers were probably killed as a result of mines that they had placed there to demolish the buildings. The deaths brought the total number of troops killed over the past 24 hours to 24.

Hamas claimed responsibility for their deaths, saying its fighters had targeted a home while a Zionist engineering team was inside, which in turn triggered ammunition to blow up.

This is the highest daily death toll for Israeli troops since the start of the Gaza ground invasion in late October, and comes as pressure mounts on the Zionist

regime about the length, aim and cost of the war.

The Zionist military said the troops were attempting to destroy a structure used by Hamas as a part of an effort to establish a buffer zone when an RPG hit a tank meant to be securing the area.

Extremist security minister Itamar Ben Gvir declared that the deaths make it “clearer than ever” that Israel must not de-escalate operations in Gaza.

The latest death toll brings the number of Israeli soldiers killed in Gaza to 219 since the ground invasion began in late October, according to Zionist statistics but Palestinians and many independent sources say Tel Aviv is underreporting its losses.

On Tuesday, Israeli forces ramped up attacks on the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) headquarters in Gaza, wounding several staff members and endangering thousands of displaced Palestinians sheltering in the area.

They intensified their bombardment in different areas of Khan Younis city, including the surroundings of Al-Amal Hospital, Al-Aqsa University, as well as Quizan Al-Najjar, Al-Batn Alsameen, and Al-Mawasi neighborhoods.

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