

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi to Syria on Wednesday will focus on boosting bilateral relations and reinforcing the Axis of Resistance, Government spokesman Ali Bahadori Jahromi said on Wednesday, describing the visit as "strategic".

"Tomorrow, the president will travel to Syria upon an official invitation by Bashar al-Assad. The visit will take place after 13 years in continuation of the administration's neighborliness diplomacy. It will focus on strengthening economic and political ties between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Syria, as well as the resistance axis," he said.

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TEHRAN -- Iran on Tuesday strongly denounced the occupying regime of Israel's "crime against humanity" after Palestinian prisoner Khader Adnan died in jail following an 87-day hunger strike.

"The way the Israeli regime detained and its inhumane treatment of this Palestinian hunger striker are a clear example of the inhumane and violent behavior the Israeli regime has, in an organized and extensive manner, shown against the Palestinian nation and fighters over the past seven decades," he said.

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End of Adnan's 20-Year Ordeal Portends Israel's Imminent End!

Dozens of Rockets Fired at Zionist Targets From Gaza Martyrdom of Hunger Striking Prisoner Fires Up Resistance

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- The Zionist military traded fire with Gaza fighters Tuesday in a flare-up following the martyrdom in Israeli custody of a Palestinian prisoner on hunger strike.

The military said it hit Gaza with "tank fire" after rockets were launched from the Palestinian enclave in retaliation for the martyrdom.

The exchange of fire came hours after 45-year-old prisoner Khader Adnan died, nearly three months after being detained in the occupied West Bank over his ties to the Islamic Jihad resistance movement.

Palestinian prime minister Mohammad Shtayyeh described his death as a "deliberate assassination", saying that the occupying regime of Israel had killed him "by rejecting his request for his release, neglecting him medically and keeping him in his cell, despite the seriousness of his health condition".

News of his martyrdom was initially followed by three rockets fired by resistance fighters from Gaza, the Zionist military said.

The occupying regime's tank fire was met with a further 22 projectiles launched from Gaza, the military reported.

A joint statement by resistance movements in Gaza, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, said the rocket fire was an "initial response" to Adnan's martyrdom.

The Magen David Adom emergency service said three people were wounded with shrapnel in the Sderot area, near the Gaza border.

After meeting with the military chief, war minister Yoav Gallant threatened Palestinians that would "will be sorry".

Israel's jailers had announced the death of a detainee who was affiliated to Islamic Jihad, saying he was "found early this morning in his cell unconscious".

Adnan was the first Palestinian to die as a direct result of a hunger strike, according to advocacy group the Palestinian Prisoners' Club.

Other Palestinian detainees have died "as a result of attempts to force feed them", said the group's director Qaddura Faris.

Palestinians launched a general strike in West Bank cities in response to Adnan's death.

The Zionist regime's extremist security minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said prison officials decided to close cells to "prevent riots".

"The directive to the prisoner service is zero tolerance towards hunger strikes and disturbances in security prisons," he said.

Adnan was described by the official as an "operative" of Islamic Jihad, who was facing charges related to his activities within the resistance movement.

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Leader Calls for Revival of Islamic-Iranian Identity



Ayatollah Khamenei addresses a group of teachers and academics on the occasion of the National Teachers' Day in Tehran on Tuesday.

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Tuesday called on Iranian teachers to promote the Iranian and Islamic identity among children.

In an address to a group of teachers and academics on the occasion of the National Teachers' Day, the Leader said reviving the feeling of "Iranian-Islamic identity and national personality" in the intelligent youths of the country

is a "fundamental" duty. Ayatollah Khamenei said strengthening the Iranian identity and teaching the Islamic-Iranian way of life are among the main things required in the country's education system.

All Iranian officials and decision-makers and people from all walks of life must understand the significance of education, he said.

"The value and importance of raising a generation that is knowl-

edgeable, well-informed, intellectual and logical, pious, full of determination and possessors of Islamic ethics and national commitments, to build the future of the country, cannot be compared to anything else," the Leader said.

Ayatollah Khamenei called on the authorities to make a revision in the current path of education and evaluate its productivity for the country.

"The main policy of education

should be based on teaching useful science and meeting the current and future needs of the country," the Leader stated.

The Leader criticized the country's ministry of education for its unstable management of affairs.

"A large organization like this will be harmed by the way it is continuously changing ministers, especially because such a change sometimes results in the change of deputies, middle managers, and even school principals."

Ayatollah Khamenei underlined the need to adapt the structure, content, and education curriculum to the needs of the country adding that the country needs skilled workers as much as it needs scholars and scientists.

The Leader said teachers and academics are educators of the precious jewel of the "teenage and young generation" and the future architects of the country.

"Our dear teachers should raise the children of this nation in the same manner that they wish their own children to be raised as happy, proud, wise, educated individuals who display respectable behavior. This important matter will be realized not only through teaching, but also through the behavior and actions of teachers."

Ayatollah Khamenei said it is not possible to make progress without the assistance of the education

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Thousands of Hollywood Writers Strike Over Pay

LOS ANGELES (AFP) -- More than 11,000 Hollywood television and movie writers went on their first strike in 15 years Tuesday, after talks with studios and streamers over pay and working conditions failed to clinch a deal.

The strike means late-night shows are expected to grind to a halt immediately, while television series and movies scheduled for release later this year and beyond could face major delays.

"We have not reached an agreement with the studios and streamers," the Writers Guild of America (WGA) said in an email to members, obtained by AFP.

Studios' responses to its proposals had been "wholly insufficient, given the existential crisis writers are facing," the writers' union said, adding the strike had begun.

It came after the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), representing studios including Disney and Netflix, said negotiations had "concluded without an agreement."

Late night hosts Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Fallon -- both themselves members of the guild -- backed the writers, with Colbert saying their demands were "not unreasonable."

"I couldn't do the show without them, and I support my whole staff," Fallon told Va-

riety. WGA members took to social media urging solidarity among members.

"PENCILS DOWN! The writing factory is closed," tweeted Caroline Renard, a television and film writer.

Picketing began in Los Angeles at 1:00 pm (2000 GMT) Tuesday, with similar demonstrations in New York, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

"They're not going to break this union," television writer David Slack, who has worked on "Law & Order" and other shows, wrote on Twitter in a post retweeted by the WGA, whose account logo now reads "Writers Guild On Strike."

The work stoppage could have damaging effects on the U.S. entertainment industry.

The last time Hollywood writers laid down their pens and keyboards, in 2007, the strike lasted for 100 days, costing LA's entertainment economy around \$2 billion.

This time, the two sides are clashing as writers demand higher pay, minimum guarantees of stable employment and a greater share of profits from the boom in streaming, while studios say they must cut costs due to economic pressures.

Writers say it is becoming impossible to earn a living, as salaries have flatlined or declined after inflation, even as employers

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Sudan Fighting Forces 330,000 People to Flee Homes

KHARTOUM (Reuters) -- The fighting in Sudan has caused more than 330,000 people to flee their homes within the country, with over 100,000 others escaping over the borders, the United Nations said Tuesday, as gunfire and explosions echoed across the capital despite another ceasefire deal.

The conflict risks morphing into a broader disaster as Sudan's impoverished neighbors deal with a refugee crunch and fighting hampers aid deliveries in a nation where two-thirds of people already rely on some outside assistance.

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi said Cairo would provide support for dialogue in Sudan between the rival military factions, but was also "being careful about not interfering in their domestic matters".

"The entire region could be affected," he warned in an interview with a Japanese newspaper on Tuesday as an envoy from Sudan's army chief, who leads one of the warring sides, met Egyptian officials in Cairo.

United Nations officials had said UN aid chief Martin Griffiths aimed to visit Sudan on Tuesday, but the timing was still to be confirmed.

The commanders of the army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) who previously shared power as part of an inter-

nationally backed transition towards free elections and civilian government show no sign of backing down, yet neither seem able to secure a quick victory. That has raised the specter of a prolonged conflict that could draw in outside powers.

Early on Tuesday, black smoke could be seen hanging over the capital Khartoum, which lies at the confluence of the Blue and White Nile rivers. Air strikes hit Bahri, on the east bank, while clashes flared in Omdurman to the west, witnesses said.

Hundreds of people have died in the fighting that pits the army under General Abdel-Fattah al-Burhan against the RSF under General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, also known as Hemedti. Each has blamed the other for the violation of a series of ceasefires.

The army has used airpower against RSF units dug into residential areas of Khartoum, damaging swathes of the capital area and reigniting conflict in Sudan's far west Darfur region.

Port Sudan, where thousands of people have fled Khartoum seeking evacuation abroad, is the main entry point for aid for many countries in the region, the WFP's Dunford told Reuters.

"Unless we stop the fighting, unless we stop

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