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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### Raisi Revives Relations With Africa

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Better late than never could be the term for the revival of Iran's age-old ties with Africa after an unexplained decade-long drought of presidential visits to that continent, which is actually part of our neighbourhood.*

*Thanks to the visit of President Hojjat al-Islam Seyyed Ibrahim Raisi to Kenya, Uganda, and Zimbabwe, prospects have again brightened for growth of Iran's relations with Africa, where in its south, east, and west, it had become active on a grand scale in the economic, industrial, agricultural, fisheries, cultural, political, and religious sectors following the triumph of the Islamic Revolution and the enthusiasm of the African people for the dynamic ideas of Imam Khomeini (RA).*

*It should be recalled that Iran's Jihad Sazandagi (Reconstruction Jihad) was once very active and had helped several African countries achieve development in various fields before dormancy set in since 2013.*

*Anyway, Presidency has made a good start during his one-day visit to Nairobi at the invitation of his Kenyan counterpart, William Ruto, resulting in the signing of five agreements in various fields.*

*Iran has set up "House of Innovation and Technology" in the Kenyan capital, and it is one of the leading centres in the development of the export of knowledge-based products.*

*During the brief visit, to the delight of the Kenyan people, the Pelikan multipurpose agricultural drone and Dorna mapping drone, both manufactured by Iranian knowledge-based companies, were introduced.*

*Over 35 Iranian companies active at this centre have introduced their products to Kenya in the fields of medicine, medical equipment, agriculture, construction and architecture.*

*Last night, President Raisi arrived in Kamapla on the second leg of his trip and was given a warm welcome by his Ugandan counterpart Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.*

*He is expected to conclude several agreements for growth of bilateral relations in this east African country before departing for Harare, Zimbabwe, on the last leg of his trip.*

*There are thousands of acres of lands in the region purchased by the Islamic Republic for development of agriculture and industry that have unfortunately not been properly utilized.*

*It should be noted that a thousand years ago, the Kilwa Sultanate was founded in East Africa by the Iranian prince Ali ibn Hussain of Shiraz, whose legacy in the form of architectural ruins lies throughout the entire length of the Swahili coast. The Swahili language spoken by the local people contains many Persian words.*

# Iran Biggest Producer of Radiopharmaceuticals



TEHRAN -- A senior official with Iran's nuclear agency announced that the country has turned into the biggest producer of diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals across the region.

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI)'s Deputy Head of Nuclear Planning and Strategic Supervision Muhammad Ghannadi made the remarks in a radio interview.

Diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals, he noted, are useful in diagnosing a great range of diseases such as brain hemorrhage, various types of cancer, osteoporosis, and cardiac conditions.

"Each year, at least one million

Iranian patients use diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals such as Technetium-99m...and helps diagnose 85 percent of the diseases," he stated.

The AEOI official identified FDG (fluorodeoxyglucose) as yet another type of diagnostic radioactive drug that is domestically produced and facilitates diagnosis of such cerebral malfunctions as brain hemorrhage and tumors. Upon application, he said, the medicine in question helps PET (positron emission tomography) scan imaging devices obtain clearer images of the afflicted areas of the brain.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Ghannadi hailed that the country had managed to produce the Iodine-131 radiopharmaceutical that is used for the treatment of thyroid cancer.

He also said Iran has succeeded to produce other types of radioactive drugs such as the type that helps reduce orthopedic pain in patients, who are in the last stages of cancer.

The Islamic Republic also enjoys a "favorable position" as far as exporting pharmaceuticals is concerned, he said.

"We are currently engaged in the process of researching the production of radiopharmaceuticals that are being simultaneously produced on the global level," Ghannadi said.

## FM Amir-Abdollahian: Europe Needs Immediate Measures to Stop Qur'an Desecration

TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian says any prevarication in condemning and preventing the desecration of the Holy Qur'an bespeaks of "double standards" by the international community.

Speaking at the 53rd session of the UN Human Rights Council, Amir-Abdollahian said the latest desecration of the Qur'an in Sweden was the sixth incident of its kind in European countries in 2023 and described it as "an act that brazenly incites violence, hatred, discrimination and hostility against Muslims."

"Burning the Qur'an is not only a violation of human rights, but also an infringement on the rights of more than two billion Muslims across the world. Such abhorrent

actions must be immediately condemned by all advocates of human rights," he said.

Amir-Abdollahian underlined the need for identifying and eliminating the "legal loopholes" both at the national and international levels so as to prevent the recurrence of the insult to the Holy Qur'an as soon as possible.

"We adamantly urge the authorities of Sweden and other European countries to take immediate and effective measures against the perpetrators of such appalling acts in order to prevent their recurrence in the future," he said.

Amir-Abdollahian also called on the world countries to combat acts of religious hatred that incite discrimination, hostility and violence. "Any kind of doubt or delay in

condemning or preventing such actions will only reinforce perceptions of double standards and justify the abuse of freedom of expression," the minister said.

On June 28, Salwan Momika, a 37-year-old Iraqi immigrant stomped on the Qur'an before setting several pages alight in front of Stockholm's largest mosque. The insult to the Muslim holy book was made under the authorization and protection of the Swedish police.

The incident, coinciding with the start of the Muslim Eid al-Adha and the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia, drew the anger of Muslims from across the world.

Following the incident, several thousand Iraqis gathered near the

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## Iran's Ambassador to UN: West Bears Responsibility for Saddam's Chemical Attacks

NEW YORK (Dispatches) -- Iranian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Amir Saeed Irvani has strongly criticized Western countries for supporting and helping the former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, saying they should be accountable for what they have done.

Iran condemns the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere, and under any circumstances, Irvani told a UN Security Council session on Syria.

"The use of such lethal

weapons is a flagrant violation of international law, constitutes a crime against humanity, and poses a serious threat to international peace and security."

Iran has tragically been one of the primary victims of chemical weapons, he said, citing June 28, 1987 when the city of Sardasht endured a devastating chemical weapons attack, leading to the immense suffering and loss of innocent civilians, including women and children.

"Western countries, including France, the United Kingdom, and the United States, bear a re-

sponsibility for supporting and collaborating with the Saddam regime during Iraq's war against Iran. Their complicity enabled the systematic use of chemical weapons against the Iranian people, an act that should not be forgotten.

"The silence or active participation of Western countries in these atrocities undermined the pursuit of justice and revealed blatant double standards. This also hindered the UN Security Council's ability to fulfill its responsibilities and hold perpetrators

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The Holy Qur'an

And He gives you of all that you ask Him; and if you count Allah's favors, you will not be able to number them; most surely man is very unjust, very ungrateful.

The Holy Qur'an (14:34)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:10
Evening (Maghreb)	19:42
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:58
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:15

## IRGC Chief: Any Military Action Against Iran a 'Major Suicide'

TEHRAN -- The chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has hailed Iran's formidable defensive power, noting that the U.S. is resorting to waging proxy attacks on since they are well aware that direct military action against us would spell into a "major suicide" for them.

Addressing a meeting with a group of commanders from the IRGC Ground Force, Major General Hussein Salami further emphasized that the Iranian armed forces have succeeded in establishing a deterrent power against enemies.

He pointed out that Iran's defense structure has weathered diverse sorts of threats over the recent decades, accomplishing a rather "hard and heavy experience" against hard-core and minor enemy forces in the modern era.

He said Iran's deterrent power is not limited to just missiles and drones, adding that the enemy has become increasingly disappointed due to the formation of an "endless power" in the country against any hostile forces.

Salami also said Iran's "small enemies" are part of the bigger enemies' strategies and act as mere proxies in their hands.

Those who carried out a tactical destructive move, say in a police station or a checkpoint, receive direct instructions from the United States, he said in apparent reference to a terrorist attack against a police station in the southeastern city of Zahedan, the capital of the province of Sistan and Baluchestan, on Saturday.

The attack led to the elimination of four armed terrorists and martyrdom of two police officers.

Police chief of Sistan and Baluchestan Doustali Jalilian said on Saturday that the armed terrorists had tried to gain entry into the central area of police station Number 16 of Zahedan while disguising themselves as clients.

Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi also said that the country's intelligence and security apparatus will never abandon pursuing terrorist groups even beyond the borders.