

TEHRAN -- Secretary-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi is expected to visit Iran next week to participate in an international nuclear conference and meet with Iranian officials, spokesman of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Behrouz Kamalvandi said Tuesday.

The IAEA chief will take part in the International Conference of Nuclear Sciences and Technologies to be held in the central city of Esfahan from May 6-8, and will meet with Muhammad Eslami, head of the AEOI.

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TEHRAN -- A rare United Arab Emirates-Iran joint economic commission will convene in Abu Dhabi from Tuesday to Wednesday, the Iranian Labor News Agency reported, as Tehran seeks to bolster economic ties with Persian Gulf states. This is the first meeting in 10 years for the bilateral joint economic cooperation commission, with Iranian Minister of Roads and Urban Development Mehdi Bazrpash and Emirati Minister of Economy Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri in attendance. The UAE downgraded its diplomatic ties with Iran after Riyadh severed its ties with Tehran in 2016 following the storming of the (Continued on Page 7)

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## 'Free Palestine' Banners Unfurled at U.S. Universities

NEW YORK (AP) — Dozens of protesters took over a building at Columbia University in New York early Tuesday, barricading the entrances and unfurling a Palestinian flag out of a window in the latest escalation of demonstrations against the Israeli war on Gaza that have spread to college campuses nationwide.

Protesters on Columbia's Manhattan campus locked arms in front of Hamilton Hall early Tuesday and carried furniture and metal barricades to the building, one of several that was occupied during a 1968 civil rights and anti-Vietnam War protest, video footage showed. Posts on an Instagram page for protest organizers shortly after midnight urged people to protect the encampment and join them at Hamilton Hall. A "Free Palestine" banner hung from a window.

"An autonomous group reclaimed Hind's Hall, previously known as 'Hamilton Hall,' in honor of Hind Rajab, a martyr murdered at the hands of the genocidal Israeli regime at the age of six years old," CU Apartheid Divest posted on the social media platform X early Tuesday.

Hamilton Hall is an academic building that opened in 1907 and is named after Alexander Hamilton, who attended King's College, Columbia's original name.

The student radio station, WKCR-FM, broadcast a play-by-play of the hall's takeover, which occurred nearly 12 hours after Monday's 2 p.m. deadline for the protesters to leave an encampment of around 120 tents or face suspension.

University representatives did not immediately respond to emails requesting comment Tuesday, but the public safety department said in a statement that access to the campus has been limited to students living in the residential buildings and essential employees, such as dining, public safety and maintenance staff. There was just one access point into and out of campus.

In the X post, protesters said they planned to remain at the hall until the university agreed to three demands: divestment, financial transparency and amnesty.

Universities nationwide are grappling with how to clear out encampments as commencement ceremonies approach, with some continuing negotiations and others turning to force and ultimatums that have resulted in clashes with police. At many campuses, including Columbia, things appeared to be coming to a head. At California State Polytech-

nic University, Humboldt, where protesters have occupied two buildings, dozens of police officers in helmets and carrying batons marched onto campus early Tuesday and cleared both halls. The university said 25 people were arrested and there were no injuries. The start of the sweep was broadcast on the Facebook page of KAEF-TV, a satellite of KRCR-TV, until police detained the reporter.

The university earlier announced a "hard closure," meaning that people were not permitted to enter or be on campus without authorization. At 3:24 a.m., the university's website posted a shelter-in-place order for the campus.

Yale authorities on Tuesday morning cleared a protesters' encampment after students heeded final warnings to leave, university officials said. No arrests were reported. Demonstrators said on social media that they were moving their gathering to a sidewalk area. The encampment was set up Sunday, six days after police arrested nearly 50 people, including 44 students, and took down dozens of tents.

Dozens of people were arrested Monday during protests at universities in Texas, Utah, Virginia and New Jersey, while Columbia said hours before the takeover of Hamilton Hall that it had started suspending students. At the University of Texas at Austin, 79 people involved in the Monday protest were jailed, according to the Travis County sheriff's department, most charged with criminal trespass.

Also Tuesday, police cleared an encampment at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and detained about 30 people. At the University of Connecticut, police made arrests after protesters refused orders to remove tents Tuesday morning.

The nationwide campus protests began as a response by some students to Israel's invasion of Gaza.

The plight of the arrested demonstrators has become a central part of protests, with students and a growing number of faculty demanding amnesty for protesters. At issue is whether the suspensions and legal records will follow students through their adult lives.

The Texas protest and others, including in Canada and Europe, grew out of Columbia's early demonstrations. On Monday, student activists defied the 2 p.m. deadline to leave the encampment. Instead, hundreds of protesters remained.

## Two Israeli-Linked Ships Targeted in Indian Ocean

# Yemen Targets Two U.S. Destroyers in Red Sea



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SANAA (Dispatches) -- Yemen's fighters said they targeted two U.S. destroyers in the Red Sea, along with the vessel Cyclades and the MSC Orion in the Indian Ocean, their military spokesman Yahya Sarea announced in a televised speech early on Tuesday.

For months, Yemeni forces have conducted attacks on shipping lanes, in what they say is in support of Palestinians in the war in

Gaza. Portugal-flagged MSC Orion was sailing between the ports in Sines, Portugal and Salalah, Oman and its registered owner is Zodiac Maritime, according to LSEG data.

Zodiac is partly owned by Israeli businessman Eyal Ofer.

Yemeni forces have launched repeated drone and missile strikes in the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandab

Strait and Gulf of Aden since November.

In March, Yemen's Ansarullah leader said the group was expanding its attack area to prevent Israel-linked ships from passing through the Indian Ocean toward the Cape of Good Hope.

The Yemeni forces also targeted the Cyclades commercial vessel as well as two U.S. destroyers in the Red Sea, its spokesman said

in a televised address early on Tuesday.

British maritime security firm Ambrey reported earlier that a Malta-flagged container ship on Monday said it was targeted by three missiles while en route from Djibouti to the Saudi city of Jeddah. The Yemenis aid the Cyclades was on that route when they attacked the vessel.

Ambrey assessed that the ship was targeted due to its listed operator's ongoing trade with Israel, it said in an advisory note.

The United States and Britain have carried out strikes against Yemeni targets in retaliation for their attacks on vessels.

Yemen's top policy-making body on Tuesday issued a stern warning to the United States that any move aimed at destabilizing the Arab country would lead to massive chaos in the region, especially in key waterways surrounding Yemen.

Yemen's Supreme Political Council said in a statement that consequences of any military action by the U.S. and allies targeting Yemen would spread well beyond the borders of the Arab country.

The council warned that launching (Continued on Page 7)

## Paris University Funds Cut After Pro-Palestine Demos

PARIS (Dispatches) -- The Paris region authority sparked controversy Tuesday by temporarily suspending funding for Sciences Po, one of the country's most prestigious universities, after it was rocked by tense pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel demonstrations.

"I have decided to suspend all regional funding for Sciences Po until calm and security have been restored at the school," Valerie Pecesse, the right-wing head of the greater Paris Ile-de-France region, said on social media.

She took aim at "a minority of radicalized people calling for antisemitic hatred" and accused hard-left politicians of seeking to exploit the tensions.

Regional support for the Paris-based university includes 1 million euros (\$1.07 million) earmarked for 2024, a member of Pecesse's team told AFP.

On Tuesday, the university's acting administrator, Jean Basseres, said he regretted the decision.

"The Ile-de-France region is an essential partner of Sciences Po, and I wish to maintain dialogue on the position expressed by Mrs. Pecesse," he told French daily Le Monde in an interview.

In an echo of tense demonstrations rocking many top United States universities, students at Sciences Po have staged a number of protests, with some students furious over the Israeli war and ensuing humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip.

France is home to the world's largest Jewish population after the occupying entity of Israel and the U.S., as well as Europe's biggest Muslim community.

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## ICJ Rejects German Request to Quash Genocide Case

THE HAGUE (Dispatches) -- The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has rejected a German request to throw out the Nicaraguan case accusing it of facilitating Israel's genocide in Gaza, allowing the case to proceed.

Presiding Judge Nawaf Salam, who delivered the world court's decision on Tuesday, said that the ICJ remains "deeply concerned about the catastrophic living conditions of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip".

However, the court ruled by 15 to one against issuing any emergency measures against Germany over its arms exports to Israel, arguing that the current circumstances did not require them.

The ICJ reminded all parties that they are obligated to "respect and ensure respect" to Article 1 of the Geneva Convention.

Nicaragua brought Germany before the ICJ for violating the Genocide Convention and international law through its continued military and political support of Israel.

During a two-day hearing, Ni-

caragua accused Germany of "facilitating the commission of genocide", demanding the court impose emergency measures to halt German arms exports to Israel and reinstate funding for the UN Palestinian refugee agency Unrwa.

The Nicaraguan case argued that since the start of the war on October 7, Germany has been fully aware that the Zionist regime was violating international law in Gaza, and that, following the ICJ's ruling on January 26 that found a "plausible risk" of genocide in Gaza, these violations were tantamount to genocide.

From the start of the war, Germany has justified its unwavering support for Israel, with Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz saying in parliament that, "Israel's security is part of Germany's raison d'état."

Germany is the second largest arms exporter to Israel, approving \$354 million worth of weapons exports in 2023, a tenfold increase compared to the previous year.