

Iranian Envoy Slams U.S. Resolution Against Pakistan
 ISLAMABAD (IRNA) – Iran's Ambassador to Islamabad Reza Amiri Moghaddam on Saturday condemned the recent U.S. resolution on Pakistan's internal affairs.
 "Among wonders of modern ignorance: a country prevents ceasefire by veto, supports genocide in Gaza by providing lethal weapons to Zionist regime, but Congress passes a resolution questioning election in an independent UN member; Extortion under the guise of supporting democracy," Amiri Moghaddam wrote on his X account.

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Two Security Guards Martyred in Terrorist Attack
 TEHRAN -- Unknown gunmen have attacked a vehicle carrying ballot boxes in southeastern Iran, martyring two security forces and wounding a number of other people.
 The attack targeted the vehicle as it was carrying the boxes out of a polling station in the Jakigur rural district of Rask county in Sistan and Baluchestan province, Tasnim news agency reported. An investigation has been ordered into the incident, further details about which are yet to emerge.

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'Washington Sent Israel Thousands of 2,000-Pound Bombs Since Oct. 7'



Shujaiya is New Center of Gaza Resistance

GAZA STRIP (Dispatches) – Explosions, airstrikes and gunfire rattled northern Gaza on Saturday, the third day of an Israeli military invasion that has uprooted tens of thousands of Palestinians and compounded what the UN called “unbearable” living conditions in the territory.
 An AFP correspondent reported ongoing explosions from the Shujaiya area near Gaza City, with a resident saying bodies were visible on the streets.
 The armed wings of both Hamas and the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad said on Saturday they were engaged in ongoing fighting with Zionist forces in the area.
 A resurgence of fighting in the area comes months after the occupying regime of Israel had declared the command structure of Hamas fighters dismantled in northern Gaza.
 Last Sunday Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the “intense phase” of the war was winding down after almost nine months, but experts see a potentially prolonged next phase.
 The Gaza war has also led to soaring tensions on northern border with Lebanon, leading Iran on Saturday to warn of an “obliterating” war if Israel attacked Lebanon.
 The Zionist regime’s invasion has martyred at least 37,834 people, also mostly civilians, according to data from the health ministry in Gaza. It reported at least 69 deaths over the previous 48 hours.
 Muhammad Harara, 30, said he and his family, young and old, felt as though they would become part of that toll.
 He said they fled from their home in Shujaiya with nothing, “due to the bombardment by Israeli planes, tanks and drones” that they barely survived.
 “We couldn’t carry anything from the house. We left the food, flour, canned goods, mattresses, and blankets,” Harara said.
 The United Nations humanitarian agency OCHA esti-

mated that “about 60,000 to 80,000 people were displaced” from the area this week.
 AFPTV images on Saturday showed men moving belongings on a donkey cart. Some people were pushed in wheelchairs. Children walked with backpacks past piles of dusty debris.
 “I saw a tank in front of the Shuhada mosque firing” at targets, said Abdelkareem al-Mamluk. “There were martyrs in the street.”
 Elsewhere in the coastal territory, the civil defense agency on Saturday said four bodies were pulled from an apartment after an Israeli strike in the central region.
 Further south, in the Rafah area, witnesses reported dead and wounded after a new incursion by Israeli troops.
 Tarek Qandeel, director of the medical centre in Al-Maghazi, central Gaza, said the facility was seriously damaged in the bombing of a neighboring house, making it the latest Gaza medical facility affected by the war.
 The United Nations, in a report on Friday that cited Gaza’s health ministry, said “about 70 percent of health infrastructure has been destroyed”.
 Separately, a UN spokeswoman, Louise Wateridge, said by video-link that she had just returned to central Gaza after four weeks outside the territory.
 “It’s really unbearable,” she said, describing a “significantly deteriorated” situation.
 “There’s no water there, there’s no sanitation, there’s no food,” and people are returning to live in “empty shells” of buildings.
 In the absence of bathrooms they are “relieving themselves anywhere they can”, Wateridge said.
 The UN says most of Gaza’s population is displaced, but fallout from the war has also uprooted people on both sides of the Lebanon border, where Lebanon’s Hezbollah movement and Zionist forces have

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Presidential Race Goes to Runoff



Masoud Pezeshkian. Left, and Saeed Jalili cast their ballot in polling stations in Tehran on Friday.

TEHRAN -- Iran will hold a runoff presidential election on July 5 after Friday’s vote saw none of the four candidates securing an outright win, the election headquarters announced on Saturday.
 Mohsen Eslami, the spokesperson for the country’s election headquarters, announced the result at a news conference following the announcement of the final vote count.
 He said of 24.5 million votes cast, former health minister and

senior lawmaker Masoud Pezeshkian got 10.4 million while former lead nuclear negotiator and chief of the top security body Saeed Jalili received 9.4 million.
 The other two hopefuls – parliament speaker Muhammad Baqer Qalibaf and former interior affairs minister Mostafa Pourmuhammadi – trailed behind at 3.3 million and over 206,000 respectively.
 Pezeshkian and Jalili will head into a runoff set for July 5. The second round is required if no

candidate wins 50 percent of the vote, plus one.
 Qalibaf quickly endorsed Jalili in conceding the result and criticized Pezeshkian for allying himself with former president Hassan Rouhani and his former foreign minister, Muhammad Javad Zarif. The two reached Iran’s 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, which later collapsed after then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew from the accord.
 “The road is not over yet, and

despite the fact that I respect Mr. Dr. Pezeshkian personally, ... I ask all the revolutionary forces and my supporters to help stop the wave that is causing an important part of our economic and political problems today,” Qalibaf said in a statement.
 Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi said the government is ready to hold the runoff election as he hailed the Iranian people and election authorities for holding the polls without any incident.
 “Once again, in the past few months, we were able to achieve another success together. The elections were held with complete safety and soundness, serious competition and valuable turnout of people at the polling stations,” he told reporters after the final vote count.
 “I hope ... we will see vigorous elections throughout the country on Friday,” he added.
 The two candidates are allowed to begin their election campaign from Sunday until Wednesday, Vahidi said. Campaigning has to stop 24 hours before the vote.
 The snap election is held to choose a successor to President Ebrahim Raisi who lost his life in the May 19 helicopter crash along with the country’s foreign minister and others.
 Voting was extended three times on

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‘Unity of Arenas’

SANAA (Dispatches) – Yemen’s armed forces said they targeted four more Israel-linked ships, including a U.S. ship, in the Red and Mediterranean seas, in solidarity with Gaza that is enduring an Israeli devastating onslaught.
 Military spokesman Yahya Saree said they attacked the Waler oil tanker with several drones in the Mediterranean Sea while it was headed to the Haifa port in Israel.
 He noted that the attack was carried out in cooperation with the Iraqi Islamic Resistance group in Iraq.
 Saree said fighters also targeted the Johannes Maersk container carrier in the Mediterranean with a cruise missile. He added that both vessels violated the group’s ban on vessels from accessing Israeli ports.
 Two other ships, the Loannis and U.S.-owned Delonix, were

Yemeni, Iraqi, Lebanese Fighters Hit Zionist Targets

also targeted by the group in the Red Sea, Saree added.
 Yemen’s forces have been targeting ships that are Israeli-owned, flagged, operated or headed to Israeli ports in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden with missiles and drones in solidarity with Gaza, which has been under a devastating Zionist onslaught since Oct. 7.
 With the U.S. and UK launching retaliatory airstrikes against Yemen, Ansarullah and its allies in the Yemeni army declared that they consider all American and British ships military targets.
 The Israeli military said it detected three explosive-laden drones and rockets fired from Lebanon toward its targets.
 It said 25 rockets were fired toward the Western Galilee area and at the Kiryat Shmona settlement. The projectiles caused damage to a building in the Western Galilee area and

started several fires in northern occupied territories.
 They triggered the activation of sirens in different areas in northern territories.
 Israeli warplanes bombed the Jabal Safi area in Nabatieh in southern Lebanon. The Lebanese official news agency, NNA, reported additional Israeli airstrikes on areas in southern Lebanon, including against the towns of Shihin, Kfar Kila and Al-Wazzani.
 The Arab League’s assistant secretary-general announced on Saturday that the league has ceased referring to Hezbollah as a “terrorist organization”.
 In a televised statement on the Egyptian Al-Qahera News Channel the day after he concluded his visit to Beirut, Hosam Zaki said: “In previous Arab League decisions, Hezbollah was designated as a terrorist organization, and this designation was reflected in

the resolutions, leading to the severing of communication based on these decisions.”
 “The member states of the League agreed that the label of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization should no longer be employed,” Zaki said.
 The official attributed this decision to the fact that “the designation of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization no longer applies,” emphasizing that “the Arab League does not maintain terrorist lists and does not actively seek to designate entities in such a manner.”
 On March 11, 2016, the Arab League classified Hezbollah as a “terrorist organization,” with reservations from Lebanon and Iraq.
 The classification occurred shortly after the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council countries designated the Lebanese Hezbollah

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