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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

US-Israel to Unleash Worst Ever Human Catastrophe on Gaza

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One of the worst ever human catastrophes in history is about to unfold in genocide-stricken Gaza to the shock of the civilized and to the delight of the Zionist and US perpetrators.

Thousands of men, women, and children may die of hunger, homelessness, and health conditions that are rapidly deteriorating in view of the lack of medicines due to lack of all access to the outside world.

It seems no one dare care for the persecuted Palestinians because of the undue US pressures on world countries as well as on the UN.

The United Nations has raised alarm over the increasingly dire situation of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip amid ongoing Israeli attacks on the besieged territory.

It says the humanitarian situation in Gaza is now likely the worst it has been in the 18 months since the outbreak of hostilities.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (O.C.H.A.) said on Monday that the Israeli blockade of aid delivery to Gaza "could have life-threatening consequences for people in urgent need of care."

It added that more than two thirds of the Gaza Strip was under active displacement orders and designated as "no-go" zones, while "remaining space left for Palestinians is fragmented, unsafe and barely livable."

Since Israel imposed a full closure on the entry of cargo into Gaza, no one – including the UN and its humanitarian partners – can bring in supplies.

On October 2023 the illegal Zionist entity, with the backing of the US, launched a genocidal war on Gaza. It has since killed scores of thousands of civilians and flattened entire towns and cities.

Washington is the main culprit because of its open support for Israel's terrorism in not just Palestine but also all over the region, such as Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen, in addition to threatening the Islamic Republic of Iran for its humanitarian support for the victims of the ongoing holocaust in Gaza.

It is rather unfortunate of the Arab states to mutely watch the worsening human plight in Gaza and the daily slaughter of the innocents, while cozying up to the killers in Washington, on the assumption of incurring the wrath of the psychopath Donald Trump.

Iran's Oil Production Rises Despite U.S. Threats



TEHRAN -- Iran's oil production rose slightly in March, according to figures released by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

OPEC figures cited by ISNA news agency Tuesday showed that Iran produced 3.335 million barrels per day (bpd) of oil in March, up 12,000 bpd from figures reported in February.

That came as total OPEC output in March had declined by 78,000 bpd to 26.776 million bpd.

However, production by members of a Russia-led bloc of oil-

producing nations, which together with OPEC form the OPEC+ grouping, increased slightly by 41,000 bpd in March, as the 10-member group produced 14.244 million bpd of oil over the period.

Iran, along with Libya and Venezuela, are exempt from a series of cuts agreed by OPEC members in recent years to stabilize global oil prices.

The country has steadily increased its oil production in recent years despite a continued regime of U.S. sanctions that restricts its

ability to export crude oil.

Iran returned to its position as the third largest producer in OPEC in August last year after reports showed it had ramped up its exports to private refiners in China.

However, OPEC's March figures showed that the price of Iran's Heavy oil grade had dropped by 3.4% in March compared to August to trade at \$74.76 per barrel, just above OPEC's March basket price and down from a 2024 average of \$81.77 a barrel.

Iran, Turkey FMs Discuss Muscat Talks, Other Regional Issues

TEHRAN - The foreign ministers of Iran and Turkey have discussed bilateral relations and the region's latest developments during a phone conversation.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi spoke with his Turkish counterpart Hakan Fidan on Tuesday.

The two sides also looked at the circumstances surrounding the indirect talks between Iran and the United States in Muscat.

The Iranian foreign minister praised Turkey's constructive

stance on the Muscat talks.

Fidan told Araghchi that Ankara welcomed the Muscat talks and was ready to offer comprehensive support.

The two sides also discussed consular affairs and issues concerning Iranian citizens in Turkey.

On April 12, Iranian and American delegations held the first round of indirect negotiations in the Omani capital.

Following the completion of the

first round, Iran's foreign minister said the next round is expected to take place on April 19, at the same level.

Earlier on Monday, Araghchi briefed his Saudi counterpart on the process of indirect negotiations between Iran and the U.S.

In a telephone conversation, Iranian Foreign Minister and his Saudi counterpart Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud talked about regional and international developments as well as bilateral ties.

Iranian, Tajik Ministers Stress Enhancing Defense Cooperation

TEHRAN – Iran's Minister of Defense Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh and Defense Minister of Tajikistan General Emomali Sobirzoda on Tuesday stressed the need to develop defense relations and cooperation in combating terrorism and enhance regional security.

During a meeting held in Tehran, Brigadier General Nasirzadeh pointed to the commonalities between the two

countries in various fields, including linguistic, cultural, religious, historical, and civilizational areas, adding that Iran attaches great importance to its relations with the Republic of Tajikistan.

He further stated that Islamic Republic of Iran's view of the Republic of Tajikistan has been strategic and based on mutual respect, adding that Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatol-

lah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has placed special emphasis on enhancing relations with Tajikistan in all areas.

Tajik defense minister, for his part, pointed to the ample social, cultural, historical and religious commonalities between the two countries, stating that Iran and Tajikistan have high potentials to enhance their cooperation in all fields.

Chinese Envoy: JCPOA Should be Basis for New Talks

TEHRAN – China calls on parties to the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and the world powers as well as the US that has illegally left the historic agreement to seize the "critical opportunity" to revive diplomacy and reach a new agreement rooted in the previous one, urging Washington to end its pressure campaign against the Islamic Republic.

Addressing media outlets, Chinese Ambassador to Tehran Cong Peiwu said on Tuesday that Beijing had consistently advocated for a political and diplomatic resolution to outstanding issues between Iran and the United

States, and stood firmly opposed to coercive measures and unilateralism.

"The Chinese side has always supported the idea that Iran's nuclear issue must be resolved through political and diplomatic means," he stated. "We request that an agreement should be reached based on the framework of the JCPOA."

The envoy was referring to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the official name of the nuclear deal, which the U.S. ditched in 2018 before returning the illegal sanctions that it had lifted against Iran as per the accord and even piling up more coercive

economic measures on the Islamic Republic. Washington has termed its hostile approach as the "maximum pressure" campaign.

He reiterated Beijing's position that any future deal had to be built upon the foundations of the original JCPOA.

Describing the current state surrounding the nuclear issue as a "crossroads," Cong said a vital opportunity existed for all sides to engage in constructive dialogue, stressing that contact and cooperation had to be strengthened, not undermined.

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The Holy Qur'an

And Allah invites to the abode of peace and guides whom He pleases into the right path. For those who do good is good (reward) and more (than this); and blackness or ignominy shall not cover their faces; these are the dwellers of the garden; in it they shall abide.

The Holy Qur'an (10.27)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:04
Evening (Maghreb)	18:57
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:30
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:02

Ministry Condemns Escalation of Israeli Attacks on Palestinians

TEHRAN - The spokesperson for the Iranian Foreign Ministry strongly condemned an intensification of the Israeli strikes against the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and the brutal massacre of Palestinian children and women.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Esmail Baghaei referred to the latest reports from the international organizations, including the FAO, the UNICEF and the UNRWA, saying, "The Zionist regime's move to kill Palestinians, destroy the vital infrastructures, ravage the medical and health centers, prevent the delivery of humanitarian aids and necessary goods, lay a full siege on Gaza, and cut off the water, electricity and fuel are clear examples of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity."

He stressed that the Zionist regime's officials must be prosecuted and stand trial for those heinous crimes.

"As the commissioner of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has asserted, the defenseless people of Gaza, particularly the children and women, are suffering from severe bombings on a daily basis, extensive hunger, illnesses, and forced displacement, and are prone to systematic destruction. These measures are overtly taking place with the intention of ethnic cleansing and erasure of the Palestinian nation," Baghaei stated.

The Iranian spokesman further called on the international community, specifically the UN Security Council, to act immediately and decisively to avert the continuation of genocide in Gaza and the West Bank and to pave the way for the punishment of the perpetrators of those Israeli crimes.

Gaza's Health Ministry says at least 51,000 Palestinians are confirmed dead and 116,343 wounded in Israel's war on the enclave since October 2023.

The Government Media Office updated its death toll to more than 61,700, saying thousands of people missing under the rubble are presumed dead.