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‘Expel the Saudi Occupier!’ Thousands Rise Up in Aden

SANA’A — Thousands of Yemenis took to the streets of the southern port city of Aden on Thursday, defying a protest ban imposed by the Saudi-backed authorities to demand an end to Saudi intervention and the kingdom’s occupation of their country.

The demonstrators condemned Riyadh’s interference in Yemen’s internal affairs, chanting, “Oh Saudi, you liar—you are a supporter of terrorism,” and “Defiant Aden expels the Saudi occupier and others.”

The mass demonstration came despite an order issued on Wednesday by the so-called interior ministry of the Saudi-backed

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Hezbollah Chief: Popular Mobilization Will Ultimately Defeat Israel

BEIRUT -- Hezbollah Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem on Friday hailed Lebanon’s volunteer forces on the anniversary of Iran’s Basij establishment, praising their sacrifices in defending the country’s independence, dignity and sovereignty.

In a message, he said the popular mobilization, inspired by Imam Khomeini and strengthened by Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, would ultimately defeat Israel and end its occupation of Lebanese territory. He urged volunteers to remain vigilant and prepared.

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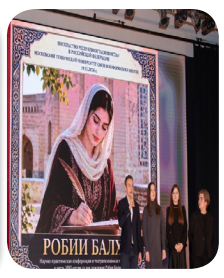

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IRAN’S REVOLUTIONARY AWAKENING

‘Every Iranian, One Basiji’

Leader Calls for Nationwide Mobilization

Ayatollah Khamenei says the nationwide emergence of the Basij spirit during the Third Sacred Defense presents an unprecedented opportunity to build a broader, stronger movement capable of mobilizing the entire nation.



TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei has called for a comprehensive transformation and new phase of development of the Basij organization.

In a message marking Basij Week on Thursday, the Leader said the nationwide emergence of the Basij spirit during the Third Sacred Defense must be matched by a new organizational structure capable of mobilizing the entire Iranian nation.

The Leader emphasized that the popular movement that emerged during the recent war has created an unprecedented opportunity for the organization, calling on it to develop more advanced forms of mobilization and take decisive steps toward realizing the slogan “Every Iranian, One Basiji.”

“Without a doubt, alongside the awakening of the great Iranian nation during the period of the Third Sacred Defense, which can in a way be regarded as the multiplication of the Basij spirit throughout the country, the Basij organization must also experience a transformation and a new birth,” he said.

“This organization must use the awakened nation to formulate and manage more advanced and newer versions of the previous Basij. Therefore, from now on, we must move with long, firm and calculated steps toward realizing the slogan ‘Every Iranian, One Basiji.’”

The Leader said the Basij spirit has extended far beyond formal membership of the organization, encompassing members of the Army, Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Law Enforcement Command, government institutions, parliament and large sections of the population.

“Many members of the Army, the Guards Corps, the Law Enforcement Command, government officials, parliamentarians and others, alongside

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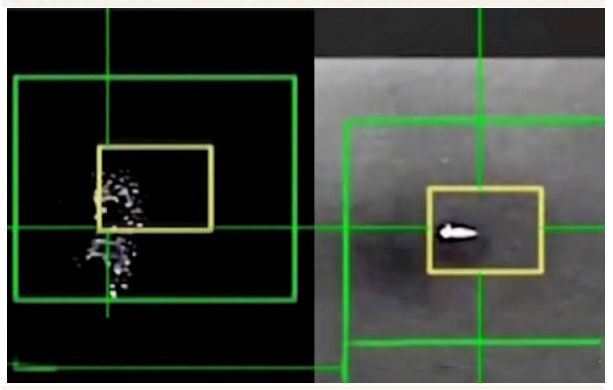
NEW GENERATION OF AIR DEFENSES

IRGC Forces U.S. F-16 to Flee Iranian Airspace

A newly developed Iranian air defense system confronts an American fighter jet near the Strait of Hormuz.



TEHRAN -- The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Friday its aerospace force forced a U.S. F-16 fighter jet to retreat from Iranian airspace near the strategic Strait of Hormuz after confronting the aircraft with warning fire from a newly developed air defense system.

In a statement, the IRGC’s public relations office said the American fighter had approached Iranian airspace southeast of Hengam Island while escorting and providing aerial cover for vessels attempting to violate

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NAVY COMMANDER REVEALS

USS Abraham Lincoln Hit by Iranian Missile

Iran’s Navy says the aircraft carrier was struck on the first day of the war.



TEHRAN — Iran’s Navy said Friday it struck the U.S. aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln with a missile on the first day of the American-Israeli war, adding Washington has failed to break Tehran’s control over the Strait of Hormuz despite deploying its full military capabilities to the region.

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