



### Iran, Kuwait negotiate to ensure maritime border security

Tehran, IRNA – Iranian Border Police Commander Brigadier General Ahmad Ali Goudarzi and Director General of Kuwait's Directorate General of the Coast Guard Commander Sheikh Mubarak Ali Al-Sabah have discussed increasing efforts to ensure maritime border security. Brigadier General Goudarzi met and held talks with Ali Al-Sabah at the Sabah Al-Ahmad Coast Guard Base in Kuwait, IRNA reported citing Kuwait News Agency on Monday. During the meeting, the two discussed ways to enhance the search and rescue capabilities of commercial and fishing vessels, as well as how to combat drug smuggling and piracy at sea. They also emphasized the importance of maintaining security and stability in maritime navigation, including securing maritime borders and commercial maritime routes.

## Iran preparing financial infrastructure to accept Russian credit cards: Report

University in Moscow, Mikhail Khachatryan. Testing of the Mir system, the Russian alternative to Visa and Mastercard, may start in Iran as early as the end of summer or the beginning of autumn, he told the outlet. The move to launch Mir in Iran is a logical forward step in developing bilateral cooperation after Tehran joined the BRICS economic group this year, said Tatiana Monaghan, secretary general of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Last year, the two countries announced at the Kazan Forum that they had completed all preliminary settlements for the use of Mir cards. Iran and Russia have also agreed to integrate the system with its Iranian analog, Shetab, to facilitate mutual transactions.



year and has potential for further growth, particularly in manufacturing, mechanical engineering, and transport according to an associate professor at the Financial

ties, Rahimi stressed. Moscow and Tehran have strengthened relations in the face of Western sanctions. Trade turnover between the two countries amounted to \$4 billion last

Tehran, IRNA — Iran is preparing the necessary financial infrastructure to accept a Russian alternative for major international credit card systems to build stronger economic ties between the two countries, media outlets have reported. Iran could start accepting Russian Mir debit and credit cards within the next few months, the trade attaché from Tehran's embassy in Moscow told the Izvestia newspaper on Monday quoted by RT. According to Mohsen Rahimi, work on preparing the necessary technical infrastructure is already underway; however, implementing the system will take time. The move comes as Russia and Iran continue to build stronger economic

### Iran begins second round of proceedings against MKO terrorists

Tehran, IRNA – Iran has begun the second round of legal proceedings against members of the infamous terrorist group Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO). The second round of the trial of 104 members of the MKO was presided over by Judge Dehghani at a court in Tehran on Tuesday. During the court session, Dehghani called on the people of Albania and some other countries that host members of the terrorist group to demand the extradition of the terrorists from their country. The high-profile trial of the ringleaders and members of the MKO kicked off in Tehran on December 12, 2023. According to the criminal court, some 104 members of the terrorist group as well as a legal entity (the MKO) are sued in the trial for committing inhumane crimes. The MKO has carried out numerous terrorist attacks in Iran against ordinary people and officials since the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, killing thousands of people over the past four decades.

### EU should not follow Washington's advice: Amirabdollahian

Tehran, IRNA — In a message on X social network, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian emphasized, «The EU should not follow Washington's advice to satisfy the criminal Israeli regime.» Referring to the point that the European Union (EU) foreign ministers have agreed to impose new sanctions on Iran, Amirabdollahian stated in his message on Tuesday, «It is regrettable to see the EU deciding quickly to apply more unlawful restrictions against Iran just because Iran exercised its right to self-defense in the face of Israel's reckless aggression.» The EU should not follow Washington's advice to satisfy the criminal Israeli regime, he added. Iranian Foreign Minister stressed that it is also regrettable that while the Israeli regime continues its genocide against the Palestinians through different war crimes, missile attacks, and famine, the EU's reaction to such crimes is almost nothing more than hollow words. «The EU must act responsibly and sanction the Israeli regime.» The EU foreign ministers have agreed to impose new sanctions on Iran that would cover the alleged supply of missiles to other countries and entities following an Iranian military operation against the Israeli regime earlier this month in retaliation for the killing of senior Iranian generals in Syria.

### Iran president visits Allama Iqbal tomb in Pakistan

Lahore, IRNA – Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has visited the tomb of Allama Muhammad Iqbal in Lahore, Punjab, central eastern Pakistani province. The visit took place on the second day of President Raisi's travel to Pakistan, which took place at the invitation of his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari. A group of Pakistani armed forces welcomed Iranian president's arrival in Lahore by staging parade. President Raisi is to meet with Governor of Punjab Baligh-ur-Rehman.

### US report on human rights repeats past anti-Iran rhetoric

New York, IRNA – The US State Department on Monday in its annual report entitled "Human Rights of Countries" has repeated its past rhetoric against Iran, accusing it of violating rights of its citizens in 2023. According to IRNA, the US report, as usual, outlined an increase in government restrictions and violence against citizens while stressing that such restrictions worsened in a number of areas last year, accusations Iran has always called baseless and politically motivated. The report has come up with a number of accusations against Iran such as arbitrary arrest or detention by the government or its agents, disappearances, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment of detainees, placing prisoners in dangerous conditions, transnational repression against individuals in other countries, punishment of family members for alleged crimes by another person, restrictions on freedom of expression, censorship on Internet. The US State Department also claimed that women continued to face pressure, especially in the field of compulsory hijab, which led to their civil disobedience. Robert S. Gilchrist, the Senior US Official in the Bureau of Democracy and Human Rights of the State Department also answered questions on the human rights situation in Iran, repeating Washington's claims that the situation was still deteriorating in 2023 as "the Iranian government continued to target minorities, journalists and social activists". He continued anti-Iran rhetoric and said that the situation of women continued to deteriorate as well, and those who did not support the mandatory hijab faced harsh punishments while at the same time women's rights activists were sentenced. Iran has always denounced the US human rights reports, calling them bias, interfering in the internal affairs of countries, double standards, not observing the principle of neutrality, and ignoring the cultures and lifestyles of the targeted countries. The report comes just days after the US House of Representatives passed a resolution called the «Mahsa Amini Security and Human Rights Responsibility Law», which accused senior Iranian officials of violating human rights and supporting terrorism, without giving any evidence. Amini, 22, died in September 2022 in hospital three days after she collapsed inside a police station in Tehran following her arrest for violating the country's hijab laws. Her death sparked waves of protests in several cities, which turned violent after hostile foreign media and intelligence services launched a misinformation campaign steering the protesters towards vandalism and rioting. The State Department comes up with its annual report on human rights of other countries while the United States itself has a dark history of rights violations of African Americans, colored people and indigenous as well as other minority groups. There are also numerous examples how the United States played roles in coups to overthrow democratically-elected governments and violating the sovereignty and independence of other countries. The Islamic Republic of Iran, has time and again stressed the high importance of human rights enshrined in the Constitution and national laws and regulations, as well as the country's respect for its international obligations in this field.

### Hezbollah's heavy attack on the headquarters of the Zionist army

Tehran, IRNA - Lebanon's Hezbollah targeted the headquarters of the 3rd Infantry Brigade, the 91st Division of the Zionist Army in the «Ain Zeitim» base in northern occupied Palestinian territories by firing dozens of rockets. Lebanon's Hezbollah reiterated that this attack is in response to the Zionist regime's repeated attacks on villages and homes in southern Lebanon, and the latest attack.

### Iran, Pakistan agree to increase direct flights: Minister

Tehran, IRNA – Iranian Minister of Road and Urban Development Mehrdad Bazrpash has said that Tehran and Islamabad have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on transportation areas, including expansion of border terminals and increasing direct flights. Bazrpash, who leads a joint economic cooperation commission between Iran and Pakistan, accompanied President Ebrahim Raisi in a visit to Islamabad. Speaking on Monday on the sidelines of a ceremony where eight different cooperation documents were signed by the two neighboring countries.

### Resignations in Israeli military trigger domino effect



on October 7 last year. He wrote in his resignation letter: "I carry that black day with me ever since, day after day, night after night. I will carry the horrible pain of the war with me forever." Major General Fox also informed Army Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi that he intends to step down in August after a 3-year tenure as the general in charge of the occupied West Bank.

Tehran, IRNA – Israeli media outlets have reported that following the resignation of the regime's military espionage chief and the chief of the Central Command of the Israeli army, some other military commanders have also decided to resign. According to Sama news, Israeli media outlets have warned that the resignation of commanders has begun within the army ranks, and after the resignation of the military espionage chief Aharon Haliva as well as head of the Central Command of the Israeli army Yehuda Fox, the commander of Unit 8200 would be the next. Unit 8200 is an Intelligence Corps unit of the Israeli regime responsible for clandestine operations, collecting signal intelligence (SIGINT) and code decryption, counterintelligence, cyber warfare, military intelligence, and surveillance. In resigning, Haliva said he took responsibility for the failures before the Palestinian resistance attack on the regime

### Hezbollah targets Zionists' position in northern occupied Palestine

morning. Media outlets reported heavy air and artillery attacks by the Zionist regime on southern Lebanon. Also, Al Mayadeen reported the intense attacks from the Zionist regime on southern Lebanon. Some Zionist media also admitted that loud explosions were heard in Safed. Meanwhile, Channel 14 of the Zionist regime also announced the interception and crash of several flying objects in Safed after the alarm was sounded.

Hezbollah announced that this attack was carried out with a Burkan missile. The Zionist media outlets quoted the Israeli army spokesman as saying that about 35 rockets fired from Lebanon hit Ein Zeitim. The Israeli TV Channel 13 also admitted that on the eve of Passover, 20 rockets were fired at Safed. Hezbollah has confirmed the martyrdom of one of its members in the Zionist regime's attack in southern Lebanon on Tuesday



Tehran, IRNA – The Lebanese Hezbollah announced that it targeted the Zionist Jalul Alam base in northern occupied Palestine.

### Iranian president's message to people of Pakistan in Urdu



counterpart Asif Ali Zardari as well as Prime Minister Mohammad Shahbaz Sharif in Islamabad. Raisi also addressed a group of scientific, cultural, religious and economic elites of Pakistan and highlighted deep-rooted commonalities between the two nations.

development and deepening of relations between the two countries, the Iranian president's message further included. Iranian president's message to people of Pakistan in Urdu Urdu, with mostly Persian alphabets, is Pakistan's national language that was started developing in the 12th century with the Muslim conquest of India (Pakistan was part of India before 1947) but Persian was displaced by Urdu during last Mughal rule and with the coming of the colonial rule in India. Raisi is on a three-day official visit to Pakistan and leading high-level political and economic delegations in order to boost ties in different fields. He has already met with several top Pakistani officials, including his

Tehran, IRNA – Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi, in a message to the people of Pakistan in Urdu language, has underlined the religious, cultural and civilizational commonalities between the two nations as important means to develop and deepen relations between the two countries. "I, on behalf of the leader of the Islamic Revolution and the great nation of Iran express gratitude to the people of Pakistan, who have always defended Islam, Islamic values, the oppressed of Palestine and right and justice", Raisi's posted his message on X media network, according to IRNA. Commonalities between Iran and Pakistan provide capacities for the

### Amirabdollahian: Iran, Pakistan set goal to boost trade to \$10 billion

government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, «we visited the brother and Muslim country of Pakistan». He added that a detailed and important discussion regarding international issues, regional developments and the improvement of bilateral relations was held with President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Speakers of the National Assembly and Senate, as well as Pakistan's Foreign Minister.

Tehran, IRNA - In a message on X social network, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian announced the target of increasing the volume of official trade between Iran and Pakistan to 10 billion dollars after signing eight joint cooperation documents between the two countries. Amirabdollahian stated in his message: On the first day of the visit of the President of our country, Dr. Raisi, and in the framework of pursuing the neighborhood policy of the