

Expansion of ties with Africa, among Iran's main agendas: President Raisi

Tehran, IRNA – Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has voiced Tehran's readiness for promotion of relations with African countries. He made the remarks during a meeting in Tehran on Friday with Burkina Faso Prime Minister Joachim Kyelem de Tambela which took place on the sidelines of the 2nd edition of the International Iran-Africa Economic Conference. The president stressed that in its interactions with African countries, Iran seeks the joint interests of Iran and those nations. He further highlighted that Iran favors further accelerating the activation of a joint commission with Burkina Faso. The prime minister of Burkina Faso, for his part, condemned a Zionist attack against an Iranian consular building in Damascus on April 1. Noting that Iran owns a big civilization, de Tambela said that his country is willing to give a boost to relations with the Iranian people who have created such a big civilization.

Pres Raisi: Iran immune to sanctions

creativity, and with the benefit of new technologies, can bring innovations to the world in various fields. Elsewhere in his remarks, President Raisi described sanctions as a symbol of oppression. Sanctions are a kind of war, but not a military one, a war that deprives a nation of what it can achieve, he said. In the battle of wills, the Iranians decided to overcome the sanctions by trusting in God and relying on domestic capabilities, he said, adding that the spokesman of the White House announced that the maximum pressure on the Islamic Republic had shamefully failed.



that Iran, with its material and spiritual resources and efficient and determined human resources, with initiatives and

Tehran, IRNA – Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has said that the Iran Expo 2024 shows that Iran is invulnerable to sanctions and that sanctions have never been successful against this country. This exhibition introduces Iran's export capabilities and creates a competitive atmosphere, Raisi said on Saturday, adding that the event is considered a collective move for social and global welfare through the development of trade, exports, and the expansion of economic interactions. This exhibition shows that Iran remains unsanctionable and that sanctions against Iran have never been successful due to the iron will of the people, he said adding that they will never

30 rockets fired from southern Lebanon to northern occupied Golan

Tehran, IRNA - The Zionist regime announced on Friday night that about 30 rockets were fired from southern Lebanon towards the northern areas of the occupied Golan. Lebanon's Hezbollah released footage of a combined ambush for an Israeli military convoy near the Roysat al-Alam base in northern occupied Palestine. The Zionist Army Radio announced that 10 rockets were fired from Lebanon towards the northern settlements of Israel. The Zionist regime's sources announced that the occupied Golan and the Upper Galilee in the north of occupied Palestine have been the target of a massive missile attack for the third time in the past few minutes.

Iran national futsal team moves to Asian final

Tehran, IRNA - Iran's National Futsal team qualified for the finals in the semi-finals of the Asian Nations Cup after winning against Uzbekistan as Thailand is another finalist team of this competition. The match between the national futsal teams of Iran and Uzbekistan in the semi-finals of the Asian Futsal Nations Cup was held at 17:30 on Friday in Thailand, and the match ended with Iran winning 5-4 in penalty kicks.

Iran, China defense ministers censure Zionist crimes in Gaza

Tehran, IRNA – Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Mohammad-Reza Ashtiani and his Chinese counterpart Dong Jun have condemned the crimes perpetrated by the Zionist regime in the Gaza Strip. The two ministers met on the sidelines of a meeting of the ministers of defense of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Astana, Kazakhstan, on Friday. The Iranian minister said that the recent tensions in the region and the deplorable conditions in Gaza are the result of the US destabilizing actions in the region and its support for the child-killing Zionist regime. He appreciated Beijing's stances in regard to regional developments, especially its condemnation of the Zionist regime's attack on an Iranian consular building in Damascus on April 1. The Chinese minister, for his part, said that the Zionist regime's attack on Iran's diplomatic post in Syria was a breach of international law, making Beijing to support Iran's legitimate right to respond. He also underlined the need for an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and the dispatch of humanitarian supplies to the besieged Palestinian area.

Minister calls for establishing secretariat of Iran-Africa Economic Cooperation Conference



Tehran, IRNA – Iran's Minister of Industry, Mine, and Trade Abbas Aliabadi has stressed the significance of "win-win trade" with African nation, urging the need for establishing the secretariat of Iran-Africa Economic Cooperation Conference in his respective ministry. Aliabadi made the remarks addressing the second edition of the International Iran-Africa Economic Conference in Tehran on Friday. He believed that this secretariat can pave the way for enhanced trade and economic cooperation between Iran and Africa. Iran plans to increase regular shipping and direct flights to West and East Africa with the focus on one or two countries in each region, the minister said. He also highlighted the significance of trade in local currencies as well as barter trade as a way to remove obstacles on the way of banking transactions between Iran and this continent. The minister added that Iran is ready to establish more joint chambers of commerce with African countries, increase the number of trade centers in the continent from 10 to 15 and dispatch more commercial attachés to increase their number to 12 in the medium run.

Israeli regime root cause of all tensions in region: Iran FM



an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, saying that the Portuguese government will support the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, urging all regional states to help pursue de-escalation in the region. The two sides also discussed a seized Portuguese-flagged ship linked to the Israeli regime. Amirabdollahian emphasized that Tehran seriously gives importance to the release of crews of the vessel, noting that Iran announced the relevant ambassadors about their consular services and freedom.

Tehran, IRNA – Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has said that the Zionist regime is the root cause of all tensions and the deterioration of the situation in the West Asia region. FM Amirabdollahian made the remark in a phone conversation with Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of Portugal Paulo Rangel on Saturday morning, when the two sides discussed issues of mutual interests as well as regional issues, in particular the recent developments in Palestine. The Iranian foreign minister expressed congratulations on the formation of the new government in Portugal and Paulo Rangel's appointment as foreign minister and referred to amicable and long-standing ties between the two countries. Amirabdollahian also pointed to the need for the end of Israeli war and genocide in Gaza as well as respect for the rights of the oppressed Palestinian people. Rangel, for his part, underlined the need for

Pakistan not to attach importance to US sanctions: FM



with the joint gas project with Iran. The Pakistani defense minister also emphasized that his country does not give slightest importance to foreign opposition to the Tehran-Islamabad cooperation. Iran and Pakistan signed eight memoranda of understanding during the recent visit by Iranian delegation headed by President Raisi.

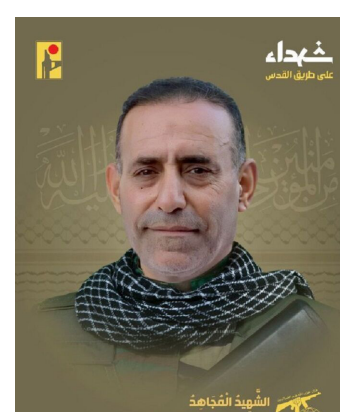
president's trip to Pakistan proves speculations on misunderstanding between the two governments are unfounded. Despite the fact that the gas pipeline has not been mentioned in the joint statement of the two countries at the end of President Raisi's visit, the main issue is that Islamabad does not give importance to the US sanctions and it will do whatever that is in line with its own national interests. Earlier, Pakistan's Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif described President Raisi's trip to Islamabad as very important and successful, underlining that his country is optimistic to find a way to go ahead

Islamabad, IRNA – Pakistani Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar has pointed to the importance of President Ebrahim Raisi's visit to Pakistan, noting that Islamabad does not care about the United States sanctions and will do whatever is in line with its national interests. Ishaq Dar addressed reporters at Pakistan's parliament, saying that President Raisi's trip to Pakistan is of great importance and that the government in Islamabad will provide leaders of opposition factions with the details and achievements of the visit. Pointing to Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project, the minister said that Islamabad does not need to conceal the issue, arguing that the Iranian

Hezbollah member martyred in southern Lebanon

vehicle was targeted by the Zionist regime's army on the Midoun road in southern Lebanon, as a result of which two commanders of the Fajr forces of the military branch of the Lebanese Jamaat-e-Islami, named Musab and Bilal Khalaf, were martyred. Al-Mayadeen reported on Friday evening that the Zionist regime targeted a civilian vehicle in western Bekaa in eastern Lebanon with a drone. The released images show that this car is completely burnt.

Lebanon. According to Al-Ahed News, Hezbollah announced early on Saturday that "Farajollah Ali Hammoud", a member of Hezbollah who is also nicknamed "Sajid", was martyred. He was one of the residents of the "Kfarkela" district in southern Lebanon, who was martyred in the Zionist regime's bombing in southern Lebanon. Meanwhile, on Friday, two commanders of the Lebanese Al-Jama'ah Al-Islamiyah were martyred in the Zionist regime's attack. In this attack, a civilian



Tehran, IRNA – Lebanon's Hezbollah has confirmed the martyrdom of one of its members in the Zionist regime's attack in southern

Iran's Red Crescent assists 57,000 flood victims in Sistan and Baluchestan

Tehran, IRNA – The Iranian Red Crescent Society has intensified its relief efforts in the flood-stricken regions in the southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan, according to the head of the Red Crescent Society of Sistan and Baluchestan province. Mohammad Mehdi Sajjadi told IRNA on Saturday that the relief efforts of the Red Crescent have reached 57,101 people. The number of people living in emergency accommodation has reached 38,034 in the recent floods in southeastern Iran, he said. Sajjadi added that since April 16, 13 cities of Sistan and Baluchestan have been affected by the rain and floods, and the biggest portion of relief efforts have been devoted to Konarak city. Over the past few days, Bushehr, Khorasan Razavi, South Khorasan, Sistan and Baluchestan, Fars, Kerman, Hormozgan, and Yazd provinces have been affected by floods.

Yemen confirms downing of US-made aircraft: Report

Tehran, IRNA – Yemen has confirmed that its Armed Forces successfully downed US-made MQ-9 aircraft in the Arab country. Al Masirah TV, the main television news outlet run by Yemen's Ansarullah resistance movement, reported early on Saturday that the country's "Air Defense successfully downed US-made MQ-9 aircraft in Saadah province." In a related development, Ansarullah said on Saturday that their missiles hit the Andromeda Star oil tanker in the Red Sea, Reuters reported. Yahya Saree, the spokesman of the Yemeni Armed Forces, said in a statement that this series of operations was carried out in support of the oppressed Palestinian nation. The Zionist regime waged a brutal war on besieged Gaza on October 7 last year after Palestinian resistance movement Hamas carried out an unprecedented operation against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people. The Israeli regime has imposed a complete siege on the densely-populated territory, cutting off fuel, electricity, food, and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there. The regime has not only failed to bring the Palestinian resistance to its knees in the battleground, but it is also suffering a strategic defeat amid international outrage over its war of genocide in Gaza.

Iranian woman wins first ever gold medal at Asian Athletics games

Tehran, IRNA – Nazanin Fatemeh Eidian has won a historic gold medal in the 400m hurdles to be the first-ever Iranian female gold medalist in the Asian U20 Athletics Championships in Dubai. By winning the Asian junior women's competition in 58.86 seconds, she also improved the junior national record set by herself. Nazanin, the 2023 Yecheon silver medalist in South Korea, also managed to break the senior national record which