



US police arrest presidential candidate for supporting Palestine

Tehran, IRNA- Police in the United States have detained Green Party's presidential candidate Jill Stein at a pro-Palestinian gathering at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. A spokesperson for Stein said she was among more than 100 other people who were arrested during the police clampdown on pro-Palestine protest camps on the University of Washington campus, IRNA reported on Sunday evening citing US media. Stein, the candidate for the 2024 US presidential election, was arrested along with her campaign manager and a deputy, the report said, adding that «Stein's election team supports the demands of the students and their peaceful demonstrations.» The police action came as demonstrators were demanding an end to their university's investment in Boeing, which supplies Israel with weapons to use them in the regime's genocidal war on Palestinians in Gaza.

Clash between pro-Palestinian protestors with supporters of Israel at UCLA

started in the US following the Biden administration's all-out support for Israel and its relentless massacre in the Strip. US President Joe Biden signed a \$95 billion war aid measure into law a few days ago. According to the law, the United States sends weapons and military equipment to Israel and Ukraine. According to the US media, the student protesters have called on their universities to sever financial ties with the Israeli regime or any other individuals or states that support the war in Gaza. Since the start of the war in Gaza, over 34,000 mostly children and women have been killed in Gaza. Many world leaders and international bodies have called for an immediate ceasefire in the enclave.



to the news agency, a representative of the campus police has announced no arrest was made. During the past two weeks, pro-Palestinian protests have been staged and expanded across the US. Support of the Palestinians and Gazans

of being a place of peaceful protest, and we are heartbroken about the violence that broke out," Reuters quoted the UCLA's vice chancellor for UCLA strategic communications Mary Osako as saying in a statement. According

Tehran, IRNA – Amid the ongoing anti-crime protests across the United States, pro-Palestinian groups and supporters of the Zionist regime clashed at the University of California, Los Angeles. The conflicts in the American universities have not been settled, instead, the American police have arrested more students, Reuters reported on Monday. Recently, the pro-Palestinian students have expanded their protests and encampment, but there have been no conflicts between pro-Palestinian groups and supporters of the Zionist regime till today, according to Reuters. Clash between pro-Palestinian protestors with supporters of Israel at UCLA «UCLA has a long history

Al-Qassam Brigades claim responsibility for attack on Israeli forces

Tehran, IRNA – Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Palestine's Hamas Resistance Movement, has claimed responsibility for the attack on Israeli forces in southern Gaza. According to the Palestinian Sama news agency, Al-Qassam announced on Monday that they targeted the Zionist forces in the south of Gaza City with a missile attack late on Sunday. Al-Qassam Brigades did not mention the number of the Zionist forces killed in the operation; however, the Zionist regime media confirmed on Sunday that three members of the 99th division of the Israeli army were killed and 11 others were wounded in southern Gaza.

Hamas denies responding to Israeli regime's truce proposals

Tehran, IRNA – A founding member of Hamas's Political Bureau has emphasized that the Palestinian resistance movement has not yet replied to the Zionist regime's demand for the prisoner swap deal. According to Sama news on Monday, Izzat al-Rishq said that the Hamas or its affiliated sources have not made any statements regarding its response to the Zionist regime's demand for prisoner swap deal that it received from the mediating countries (Egypt and Qatar). He argued that Hamas is still examining the Zionist regime's statement. The Hamas official went on to say that reports published by some Israeli media outlets on the release of its response to Israelis are aimed at disturbing public opinion and fomenting turbulence. Khalil al-Hayya, a member of Hamas's Politburo and deputy head of Hamas's regional politburo, announced on Saturday that the Palestinian resistance received the official response of the Zionist enemy to Hamas' April 13th suggestion. Al-Hayya added that the movement will proceed to assess this proposal, and after the completion of the reviews, Hamas will send its response.

Iran's tourism industry grew by 21% in 2023: WTTC

Tehran, IRNA - The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) announced the 21 percent growth in Iran's tourism industry in 2023, with Turkish tourists being in the second place to enter the Islamic Republic after Iraqis. According to this report, Iran's tourism experienced the growth last year despite the fact that the spread of Corona in previous years saw a 45 percent drop in its share in the GDP. The latest statistics of the World Travel and Tourism Council also showed that the share of the tourism industry in the total economy of Iran increased to 4.7 percent in 2023, slightly up from the previous year. In the same way, the value of this industry in Iran increased to 740,000-billion-toman during the last year. Tourism-related jobs in 2023 grew by 10.3 percent compared to the previous year. The number of people working in this industry was 1.6 million people. The share of the tourism industry in Iran's total employment in 2023 reached 6.6%. The WTTC has predicted that Iran's tourism industry will grow by 12.1% in 2024 and the value of this industry will reach 830,000-billion-toman. Statistics show that in addition to the boom in foreign tourism in Iran, the domestic tourism industry also grew well in 2023. Foreign tourists spent 70,000-billion-toman in Iran in 2023, which was an increase of 83.6% compared to the previous year. Iran's domestic tourists spent as much as 493 thousand billion tomans, about 18.7% growth compared to 2022, according to the WTTC data.

'Iran supports any constructive initiative for Afghanistan'

Tehran, IRNA – Iran's special envoy for Afghanistan Hassan Kazemi Qomi says the Islamic Republic supports any initiative such as the appointment of a UN Special Representative that can solve the problems of the war-torn country. In an interview with an Afghan news agency, Kazemi Qomi, emphasized, however, that the qualifications of any potential special UN representative for Afghanistan should be clear, IRNA reported on Sunday. "Any initiative that is constructive should be welcomed, such as the appointment of a representative with specific qualifications that will help improve the conditions of Afghanistan", he said. Kazemi Qomi also called Tehran's current cooperation with Kabul unique and explained the reasons behind the non-recognition of the caretaker Taliban government. «The recognition of governments depends on the will of the people of that country. We have stated many times that we will support and approve what the people of Afghanistan wish for.» During the interview, he described the developments in Afghanistan as issues affecting the national security interests of neighboring countries and said the world should accept the fact that consensus and joint cooperation is needed to address those problems, including concerns.

Iran Expo 2024 paves way for exchanging business information

Tehran, IRNA – Iran Expo 2024 has created opportunities for parties to get to know each other and exchange business information. More than 5,000 business meetings were held between foreign businessmen and companies in Iran Expo 2024 B2B Center. These meetings facilitated networking and information exchange. Special meetings are scheduled for businesses from China, Lebanon, Turkey, Pakistan, and Kazakhstan in the coming days. Businessmen from other countries, including Russia, Armenia, Oman, and Syria, will also attend the event. Additionally, there will be specialized meetings covering various fields such as health and hygiene, construction, food, agriculture, polymers, and petrochemicals. Before the exhibition, over 20 exclusive webinars were conducted in various fields for foreign businesses and Iranian companies. Ten specialized commercial reports in English have been published to inform about Iran's existing potential in food, agriculture, and health.

Iran plans talks with IsDB to finance more projects



ongoing meetings in Riyadh. The IsDB's annual meetings are held as the group celebrates its 50th anniversary, with top officials from member countries as well as representatives from international institutions in attendance. The Islamic Development Bank has 57 member countries from across four continents and is one of the most active multilateral development banks in the world.

Tehran, IRNA – Iran plans negotiations with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) to help the country finance three key health and knowledge-based projects, Finance Minister Ehsan Khandouzi has said. The minister made the announcement on Monday on the sidelines of the IsDB annual meetings taking place on April 27-30 in the Saudi capital Riyadh. Khandouzi, who is in attendance at the meetings, said that financing the three projects is on the top agenda of his talks with the IsDB group. He did not specify the projects but said that they are in addition to eleven more projects underway across Iran, which have already been financed by the Islamic Development Bank. The minister also said that representatives from Iran's government and private sector are actively participating in the

British military forces to be targeted if deployed in Gaza, PFLP warns



studying a plan to dispatch its military forces to contribute to the delivery of humanitarian aid into Gaza. According to paper, the British troops would be tasked to escort trucks from a US-made pier into Gaza.

of Gaza] are a lie that deceives no one, and the presence of foreign military forces in Gaza is for sinister colonial objectives and to maintain the security of the Zionist regime. «The party that wants to help our people must put pressure to stop the attacks, break the siege, and allow the entry of aid through the official crossings in the Gaza Strip, under Palestinian management and supervision,» the PFLP added. On Sunday, The Guardian newspaper quoted a source close to the UK Ministry of Defence as saying that the government in London is

Tehran, IRNA - The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has warned that Palestinian resistance fighters will target British forces if they are deployed in Gaza. According to Sama news, the PFLP said in a statement: «We warn Britain or any other country against deploying forces on the land or coasts of the Gaza Strip, because we will deal with them as occupying forces, and they will be legitimate targets for resistance.» The statement added that the justifications for dispatching these forces to provide [aid to the people

Hezbollah unveils new surprises for Israel everyday

the Zionist enemy every day. Hezbollah is trying to prevent an inclusive war, but it has never submitted to the Israeli authorities' threats, Elnashra reported on Monday. The group has given a crushing response to every movement of Tel Aviv, it added. It further said that when Dahieh was targeted, Hezbollah attacked the Miron base and used a new Kornet that has a range of 10 kilometers. Hezbollah possesses guided missiles that move horizontally and the Iron Dome cannot counter them, the Lebanese media said. This is a surprise for the Israelis who want Hezbollah to withdraw to 10 kilometers from the border, it said, adding that the resistance group has surprises for Tel Aviv that are not visible to everyone and those are the tactics that it uses.



Tehran, IRNA - A Lebanese media outlet says that Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement has come up with new surprises for

CENTCOM engages five drones over Red Sea amid regional tensions

Tehran, IRNA – The US Central Command (CENTCOM) has announced an airborne operation over the Red Sea where tensions have been mounting in the past months amid the Israeli regime's genocidal war in Gaza and Yemeni operations in support of Palestinians. «Between 1:48 and 2:27 a.m. (Sana'a time), April 28, the US Central Command successfully engaged five airborne unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) over the Red Sea,» CENTCOM said in a post on X early on Monday. «The UAVs presented an imminent threat to US, coalition, and merchant vessels in the region,» it further said, claiming that its military operations in the Red Sea are to protect what it called freedom of navigation. Over the past months, the Yemeni armed forces have targeted Israeli ships or vessels bound for ports in the occupied territories to put pressure on the regime to stop its genocide in Gaza and lift its blockade of the Palestinian enclave.