

Iran, Netherlands discuss JCPOA, regional developments

The foreign ministers of Iran and the Netherlands discussed bilateral issues, JCPOA and developments in the region in a phone call. "Spoke with Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi about developments in the Middle East. Also highlighted Iran's nuclear programme and the window of opportunity for a new nuclear deal," Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Caspar Cornelis Johannes Veldkamp wrote on his X account.

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Tehran, IRNA – Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei says anti-Israel gatherings in Europe and the United States indicate growing global solidarity with the Palestinian nation.

Speaking in a meeting with officials from the Ministry of Intelligence on Wednesday, Ayatollah Khamenei said the recent anti-Israeli gatherings in Europe and the United States demonstrated that public opinion worldwide was shifting closer to support for the Palestinian people, which is the manifestation of God's will.



The Leader also praised the glorious rallies held across Iran on February 10, celebrating the 46th anniversary of the victory of the Islamic Revolution.

He stressed the importance of planning to resolve domestic affairs and said the Ministry of Intelligence's duty was to cooperate with the government to run the country.

Addressing issues in the economic, political, cultural, and social sectors depends on faith in God, adherence to the principles of the Islamic Revolution, the diligent pursuit of plans and the existing laws in the country, and compensating for lags, Ayatollah Khamenei said.

The Leader underscored the importance of coming up with tangible plans to deal with national issues.

Continuous follow-up is key to achieving desired results, said Ayatollah Khamenei.

Here's what to know about Germany's election this Sunday



TEHRAN, Feb. 22 (MNA) – An economic slump, an immigration crisis, and the lifting of a security blanket provided for decades by its most powerful ally are on the minds of German voters as they head to the polls for national parliamentary election.

The general election of the Bundestag, Germany's lower house of parliament, was not supposed to come until September of this year. But on Nov. 6, just a day after American voters elected Donald Trump to a second term in office, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz fired his finance minister after months of squabbling over how to revive Germany's struggling economy, leading to the collapse of Scholz's three-party coalition government and the call for a snap election.

The latest polling data shows Scholz's Social Democrats in third place among voters (16%), behind the far-right Alternative for Germany or AfD Party (20%) and the center-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU) alongside its Bavarian sister CSU party (29%).

The CDU will likely emerge as the largest vote-getter and thus be positioned to form a coalition government with one or two other parties. Since all of Germany's mainstream parties have vowed not to govern with the AfD, which is under domestic surveillance for the threat it poses to Germany's democracy, the CDU's candidate for chancellor, Friedrich Merz, may have difficulty forming a coalition government.

"I'm just worried that after the election it will take maybe two months for a coalition government to form," says Jana Puglierin, director of the Berlin office at the European Council on Foreign Relations. "Once the coalition is in place, they need to draft a budget. And if we are very lucky, all of this will be done before the parliamentary summer break."

The expected drawn-out German political timetable worries observers because of the next government's urgency to deal with multiple crises that face Europe's largest economy. These include an economic recession, a national debate over migration, and, perhaps most importantly, how to navigate a new global security order now that the Trump administration appears to be working with Russia to bring an end to the Moscow and Ukraine conflict without inviting Europe or Ukraine to the negotiating table.

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A senior adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ali Akbar Velyati met and held talks with Ziad Al-Nakhalah, Secretary General of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement.

Velayati congratulated the recent victories of the Islamic Resistance and Hamas in Gaza, considering these achievements as a sign of the strong will of the Palestinian people and the Resistance Front against the Zionist regime.

He described these victories as a source of pride and hope for the liberation of the occupied territories and the realization of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

Velayati emphasized that despite the events of the past year in the region, the Resistance Front remains decisive and described the United States as the biggest enemy of the Resistance.

The Leader's Advisor on International Affairs also stated that the world has changed, and the US's behavior has to change in West Asia and elsewhere.

He added that the way the US has treated Ukraine and Europe will also be repeated towards the Israeli regime.

Ziyad al-Nakhalah expressed gratitude and appreciation for the unwavering support of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the Palestinian resistance, and emphasized the strong determination and will of the Resistance Front to continue the struggle against the Zionist occupying regime.

He stated, "The recent victories are only the beginning of the path, and we will continue our struggle until the complete liberation of Al-Quds and all Palestinian territories from the grip of the Zionist regime."

The Secretary-General of the Islamic Jihad Movement also highlighted the importance of solidarity among Resistance groups and the central role of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this path, adding that this unity could lead to ultimate victory and the dismantling of the occupying regime.

Nakhalah criticized the positions of Arab countries and their weakness in the face of Western imperialism, and described the United States as the main factor in strengthening Zionism in the region.

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Iran's Shahed Drone

Iran's Diplomatic Mission in the United Nations says there is no legal prohibition on selling Shahed drone.

New York, IRNA – Iran's Diplomatic Mission in the United Nations has reacts to showcasing Shahed drone in the 2025 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), stressing that there is no legal prohibition on its sale.

"The Shahed drone is among the world's most advanced unmanned aerial vehicles, possessing exceptional reconnaissance, surveillance, and operational capabilities while maintaining an extremely cost-effective price," Iran's mission to the UN wrote on its official X account on Friday.

"There is no legal prohibition on its sale," it added.

"Any country that commits to refraining from using it in acts of aggression against another state is eligible to apply for its purchase," it noted.

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An Iranian drone was displayed at the 2025 CPAC, aimed at creating a media campaign against Iran and in line with addressing so-called Iran's threats. The United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI), based in the United States and headed by Mark Wallace, former US envoy to the United Nations, focuses on various anti-Iran activities. US sources claim that Russia used the downed Iranian-made drone in the war against Ukraine and then transferred it to the United States.

They claimed that the drone was a suicide type and had been used in the attack on a US military base in Jordan, which resulted in the deaths of three US armed forces personnel.

The 2025 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) kicked off on February 19 and will be underway until February 22, 2025, in Washington, D.C.

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Alireza Salimi, a member of Parliament's presiding board, told IRNA on Saturday that Qalibaf, along with several other Iranian officials and lawmakers, will take part in the funeral procession.

The funeral and burial of Nasrallah, the former secretary-general of Hezbollah, and Safieddine, who was his deputy, will be held on Sunday in southern Lebanon. Nasrallah was assassinated on September 27 last year in an Israeli airstrike in Dahieh, south of Beirut. Nasrallah, who led Hezbollah for 32 years, was 64 years old at the time of his martyrdom. Saieddine was also targeted by an Israeli airstrike in Dahieh on October 3. His death in the strike was confirmed later that month.

Jaysh al-Dhulm claims responsibility for terrorist explosion

Issuing a statement, the Jaysh al-Dhulm Terrorist Group claimed responsibility for a terrorist explosion in the headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Housing Foundation in Chabahar.

Earlier on Saturday, media sources reported tha an explosion at the headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Housing Foundation in Chabahar.

The sources reported that the explosion, which seems to be a sabotage act, was carried out without targeting civilians.

Initial reports indicate that before the explosion, the employees had left the site, and after that, a sound bomb or a similar kind of explosive detonated in the area.

An investigation into the incident is underway.

