

## IRAN DAILY ON THE NET

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Multiple military sources have told the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space that Pentagon personnel responsible for selecting targets for cruise missile first strike attacks have been sent to Israel. This indicates that US and Israeli military strategists are now likely meeting to plan a joint attack on Syria.

The Persian Gulf war and the 2003 US invasion of Iraq both began with cruise missile attacks by the US from Naval ships. It would be wise to recognize that George W. Bush has decided to expand the current war and chaos into the entire Middle East region. The implications for the US will be enormous.

Israel's recent bombing of Lebanon near the Syrian border indicate that they are trying to draw a response from Syria. So far Syria has not responded. Look for more such efforts by Israel and the US to provoke Syria.

I would highly recommend local peace groups call on their members of Congress and ask them to speak out against a further widening of this already insane war. More and larger public protests should be organized immediately.

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# Ministry Proposes Delay in 2 Elections

TEHRAN, Aug. 8--Interior Minister Mostafa Pour-Mohammadi said on Monday that his ministry has called on official bodies to delay the elections of the Experts Assembly as well as city and village councils.

Speaking on the sidelines of the first seminar of cultural and clerical

advisors to governors general offices, Pour-Mohammadi told reporters that in a letter to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Interior Ministry announced that the concurrent holding of two elections and census is difficult, IRNA reported.

"The Interior Ministry has not

announced a precise date for holding the elections and the Guardians Council has not asked the ministry to announce a date either," he said.

Asked who will replace the outgoing Deputy Interior Minister Ali Jannati, Pour-Mohammadi said no one has been named for the post as yet.

## Call for Maintaining Defensive Spirit

TEHRAN, Aug. 8--Majlis Speaker Gholamali Haddad-Adel said on Monday the sacrificing spirit of the Lebanese combatants has thwarted Israel's savage attacks.



Gholamali Haddad-Adel

Addressing a gathering of university students, Haddad-Adel stressed that members of University Jihad should maintain their spirit of defensive readiness, IRNA reported.

"The high morale of the Iranian people led to the triumph of the Islamic Revolution and the blood of thousands of people helped them infuse the spirit of jihad into the country," he said, noting that this spirit has helped

defeat Israel's acts of savagery being perpetrated with the support of the US and the West.

"We are able to overcome all difficulties through the jihad-oriented spirit and reliance on Almighty God," he said.

## Constitutional Movement A Landmark Event

TEHRAN, Aug. 8--Chairman of State Expediency Council Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said on Monday the Constitutional Movement was the savior of the Iranian nation and a landmark social event.



Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani

In his message to the conference marking the 100th anniversary of Mozaffareddin Shah's signing of the constitution drawn up by the first constituent assembly elected by public votes in 1906, Rafsanjani noted that the conference provides a good opportunity to study different aspects of the Constitutional Movement that ended despotism and opened a new chapter for democracy and respect for people's votes, IRNA reported.

Rafsanjani honored the memory of the great personalities who played an effective role in the national campaign against despotism and said the history of Constitutional Movement should be explained to the youth.

"History is the scene of trial and error of human being so the accuracy and inaccuracy of thought of activists involved in the national movement against despotism can be tested from their practices that have been recorded," he said. He further said the Constitutional Movement put an end to thousands of years of despotism and was a landmark social event.

Rafsanjani noted that the Constitutional Movement brought about an opportunity for freedom of expression and contrast of thoughts.

He said that Azarbaijan province had been a pioneer of the national campaign for democracy and religious leaders also played a role in the Constitutional Movement.

"Azarbaijan province remains the cradle of civilization, culture and resistance. The intellectuals of Azarbaijan province fulfilled their responsibility toward their homeland and their religion," he said.

Rafsanjani called for the theoretical study of the events in the course of the Constitutional Movement.

## Mottaki Writes to Lavrov

MOSCOW, Aug. 8--Iran's Ambassador to Russia Gholamreza Ansari on Monday submitted a message of Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki to his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov on the Zionist regime's aggression against Lebanon.

In a meeting with Russian First Deputy Foreign Minister Andre Denisov, Ansari outlined Iran's stance on the ongoing developments in the

region and called for a ceasefire in Lebanon, IRNA reported. He expressed his regret over the huge human and financial loss inflicted on the Lebanese people after 26 days of savage attacks by the Zionist regime.

"Any possible resolution will not be acceptable if it does not establish a reasonable balance and refuses to take into account the rights of the Lebanese people and their resistance. The United States, along with

some other countries, intend to issue a one-sided resolution in favor of the Zionist regime, calling for a ceasefire, exchange of prisoners, deployment of international forces and even putting restrictions on military aid," he said.

Ansari noted that these issues will not lead to sustainable peace.

Denisov, for his part, said that as of now establishment of a ceasefire is the most important issue and that Russia has made great efforts to include the issue in the draft resolution.

"Russia would continue efforts to create greater balance in the resolution so that the Lebanese government and nation would accept it," he said.

Denisov also urged all influential countries to immediately end the massacre in Lebanon.

## IRGC Warns Foreign Instigators



Yahya Rahim-Safavi

TEHRAN, Aug. 8--A top military official warned against any hos-

tility directed toward Iran, noting that instigators will not be able to confront the Iranian masses.

Referring to the failure of Israel and United States against Hezbollah while addressing a gathering of senior members of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps, IRGC Chief Yahya Rahim-Safavi added that the armed forces should be prepared to confront all probable threats by maintaining political,

cultural, military, intelligence and security vigilance.

He criticized the inactive role of international organizations and some Arab nations against the carnage of Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Palestine by the United States, Israel and Britain as well as their allies.

"The ultimate victory belongs to those seeking restoration of the rights and freedom of the Muslim world which will undoubtedly confront the

conspiracies of 'the axis of evil', the United States, Israel and Britain," he said, reiterating that the oppressor is doomed to fail.

Rahim-Safavi said the latest resolution of the United Nations Security Council regarding Iran's peaceful nuclear program is "illegal and baseless".

"Iran is entitled to access peaceful nuclear power for scientific and research purposes within the framework of international rules," he said.

## Fajr-3 Aircraft Production Planned

TEHRAN, Aug. 8--A top military official said on Monday the planned mass production of Fajr-3 light aircraft is a matter of pride for the Iranian aerospace industries, given the country's dire need for a strong and secure air fleet.

Making the remark in a ceremony to mark the grant of the manufacturing confirmation certificate to the Organization of Aerospace Industries by Civil Aviation Organization of Iran, Brigadier Ahmad Vahidi, deputy defense minister, stressed the necessity for the qualitative and quantitative development of aerospace industry, IRNA reported.

"Our aerospace industry, as an industrial pattern for the whole nation, has the capability of fulfilling the objectives of the Islamic Republic in this sector," he said.

Following the award-



Fajr-3 is a modern aircraft that can meet Iran's increasing aviation requirements. (Photo by Ailibaba.com)

ing of this certificate, the mass production of the four-passenger Fajr-3 will be launched.

Expanding on the aerospace industry's development indices, Vahidi said development should be coupled with foresight, patience and future needs.

Referring to the aero-

space industry as 'strategic', he tied its growth to the all-out support of authorities and related organizations.

Also, speaking in the ceremony, CAOI Chief Nourallah Rezaei-Niaraki said Fajr-3 is a modern aircraft that can help meet the country's aviation requirements.

tries concerning their campaign against drug trafficking, he said Afghanistan is presently producing some 4,600 tons of narcotics per year which is higher than the amount produced before the US invasion of Afghanistan.

"About 1,000 tons of narcotics are either smuggled to Iran or to its western neighboring countries via Iran. We seized 300 tons of narcotics last year," he said.

## 51 Tons of Drugs Seized

KERMAN, Aug. 8--A senior security official said on Monday since May, 51 tons of narcotics have been seized.

Brigadier General Qassem Rezaei, acting commander of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Eastern Headquarters, added that 46 tons comprised opium and five tons were heroin, IRNA reported.

Rezaei noted that 653 illegal weapons and 84 stolen cars were also con-

fiscated during this period.

"The headquarters made the aforementioned achievements by conducting about 60,000 patrolling, ambushing and clearing operations in the regions controlled by the headquarters," he added.

Rezaei pointed out that 53 drug traffickers were killed, 266 wounded and 181 abducted people were released.

Commenting on the stance of western coun-

## Persian Press Watch

### Miscalculation

MARDOMSAALARI: Total area of the occupied Palestine is 27,000 square km, 20,000 square km of which is entirely controlled by the occupying regime of Israel. Sadly enough, most lands where Palestinians reside are quite unsuitable as places of dwelling. This is while the northern part of the occupied Palestine where the Jewish community has settled was quite appropriate for living until recently, but these days it is within the range of Hezbollah rockets and the Jewish settlers no longer can live in peace and calm. Although Hezbollah does not have a conventional army, all angles considered it has been successful in its guerrilla war against the Zionist Army. Israelis naively believed that they could get rid of Hezbollah in a matter of few days; however, it has become quite evident that they miscalculated and actually underestimated Hezbollah.

### Propaganda

JAAM-E JAM: Recent attacks by the Zionist regime on south Lebanon have provided the Israeli mass media with the opportunity to wage a psychological warfare against Hezbollah, Lebanon, Iran and Syria. Western and Zionist mass media circles have launched the propaganda war against Lebanon's Hezbollah based on three focal points. Firstly, they have attempted to introduce Hezbollah as an entity that is separate from the rest of Lebanon. Secondly, they have resorted to every trick in the book to convey that Hezbollah is a group affiliated to Syria and Iran. Thirdly, they have tried hard to give the impression that Hezbollah is nothing but a terrorist group, which as a whole hinders establishment of peace and security in the Middle East.

### Perspective

### Dream Come True

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The plan was to write off 30 percent of the debt right away, another 30 percent as soon as IMF's plan in Iraq got ratified and the remaining 20 percent in three years after IMF Directors verified the fulfillment of its declared terms and conditions.

Two points are noteworthy. First, Iraq's debt to the IMF hardly constituted one percent of its total commitment to the Paris Club. But due to the 'turn of events' the Fund strangely emerged as the main institution in charge of approving the terms and conditions needed for revoking Iraq's foreign financial commitments.

Secondly, the Club has declared that canceling Iraq's debts is due largely to the extraordinary conditions the Arab country is facing and its limited ability to repay the debts in the coming years.

This move is in line with the stark reality that the show must go on to let the Americans plunder the planet although on the surface one may get the impression that the lending club has democratic foundations.

It is plausible that the Club's decision could entail some benefits for Iraq; however, what is of importance is that the debt issue in the long run helps serve as a mechanism for the IMF, WB, WTO and in short the big western powers to exercise more control over global developments one of the most sensitive dilemmas of which is the Iraq crisis.

Meanwhile, the WB's approach vis-à-vis Iraq and its reconstruction further proves that hegemonic powers, the US in particular, are the least interested in the well being of the Iraqis. What is important for the greedy powers is profit in the end.

The World Bank reportedly engineered the removal of half million Iraqi government employees, including 400,000 armed forces personnel. This means that about 80 percent of Iraq's workforce has been laid off or in the process of being fired. Moreover, another one of the WB's plans is to rewrite Iraq's foreign investment laws in a manner that the Iraqi economy becomes one of the most liberal in the developing world.

Interestingly enough, among the implications of the push for Liberalization is that the new Iraqi investment laws seem to transcend their counterparts in many advanced countries. The Economist, one of the world's well-read journals has written that the new conditions in Iraq are long-time dreams of foreign investors come true.

The international approach toward Iraq, which is and must be compatible with the neo-liberal and neocon schools of thought, has been molded in a manner that the tools of rich countries such as WB, IMF and WTO benefit the most. It is also built on allowing the US and Israel achieve their ominous goal of plundering the world and its precious resources under a variety of fictitious names, be they democracy, human rights, war against terror or regime change.