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## Iran calls UAE move to normalize ties with Israel shameful

**TEHRAN** – Iran's Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Friday condemning an agreement between the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Zionist regime of Israel to normalize ties. Iran called the action a "strategic stupidity" by the UAE and Israel. It is said in the statement that the move will definitely result in boosting the axis of resistance. "The Islamic Republic of Iran considers this 'shameful' action of Abu Dhabi in

normalizing ties with the fake, anti-human and illegitimate Zionist regime a dangerous action and warns about any interference of the Zionist regime in equations of the Persian Gulf region and announces that the government of the Emirates and other accompanying governments must admit responsibility for consequences of this action," said the statement. The statement described the action as a "dagger in the back of the Palestinians and all the Muslims". **→2**

## Major water projects inaugurated in western provinces

**TEHRAN** – Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, on Thursday, inaugurated major irrigation and drainage projects worth 17.73 trillion rials (about \$422 million) in the western provinces of Ilam and Kermanshah through video conference, IRNA reported. Carried out on 23,000 hectares of land, the said projects were inaugurated in the 15th week of the Energy

Ministry's A-B-Iran programs based on which every week several projects will go operational in various provinces across the country. Reducing the drought impacts, supplying water to households and the industry sector, as well as improving and developing agriculture in Kermanshah and Ilam provinces were reported to be some of the goals of these projects. **→4**

## Anthology of short stories by Iranian writers published in Iraq

**TEHRAN** – An anthology of short stories from 14 contemporary Iranian writers has been published in Arabic in a book by the Shahrar Publishing House in Iraq. Entitled "Wind Elegy", the book has been translated into Arabic by Hossein Torfi Alivi. "My Chinese Doll" by Hushang Golshiri, "Broken Column" by Ahmad Mahmud, "Wind Elegy" by Abutorab Khosravi, "Two

Passengers" by Mohammadreza Safdari, "Shark" by Adnan Ghariqi and "Story of Rahman" by Hossein Mortezaian Abkenar are among the stories. The author and instructor, Keyhan Khanjani, has written an introduction to the book, which briefly reviews a portion of the history of Persian literature. "Several years after the Constitutional Movement in Iran in 1921." **→12**

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**International cooperation is indispensable to ease economic pain caused by COVID-19 pandemic**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has caused nearly 20 million confirmed cases around the world. Affected by the epidemic, the world economy is at a more dangerous time than the 2008 financial crisis. The widespread recognition of economic liberalism has shaped an interdependent international society. At least in economic relations, since globalization, the exchanges and cooperation between countries have basically been mutual and been based on fair competition.

In the near past, given the confidence that comparative advantage can improve the production efficiency of the overall industrial chain at the global level, it is a general consensus among all countries that international trade and cross-border mobility of people are beneficial to national economic development. People believe that increased mobility can stimulate economic vitality and innovation. The coronavirus pandemic may have changed all of the above. While in fact, in the future, to alleviate the global COVID-19 recession and revive the economy, international cooperation will still be indispensable.

**1. In a post-epidemic era, globalism is still needed to kick-start the world economy**

It should be recognized that globalization is a necessary path for all countries to develop their economies. It is already difficult for one single country to leave the global supply chain and fully achieve self-sufficiency in all production, both developing and developed countries are no exception.

Strategically, open and equal international cooperation is the attitude of communication between countries that effectively fight the new coronavirus and restore the economy. However, when external political risks, economic risks, and even security risks steadily increases, **→7**

## The absolutely magnificent 'Gold Bowl of Hasanlu': Sixty-three years later

By Afshin Majlesi

**TEHRAN** – Sixty-three years ago, an Iranian man, named Emamqoli Mohammadi Hasanluei, unearthed a millennia-old gold bowl in the debris of a burned building, part of the major architectural complex at Tepe Hasanlu near the city of Naghadeh in the northwestern province of West Azarbaijan, a short distance south of Lake Urmia. It is here, when in 1958 archaeologists came across a layer of an Iron Age city that had been frozen in time - a "burn layer" containing tens of bodies preserved in ash and rubble. Tepe Hasanlu consists of a 25m high central mound with massive fortifications which is thought to be once a citadel surrounded by paved streets and an outer town with houses, stables, and temples. Engraved with images of gods and rituals, a stone cylinder with gold caps, a figurine of laminated ivory, and a sword-hilt with a bronze guard, the Gold Bowl of Hasanlu is named after

the man who discovered it almost 3000 years later not far from a skeletal hand of an individual who had been fleeing with the piece at the end of the 9th century BC. The excavation was led by the celebrated anthropologist and archaeologist Robert H. Dyson, Jr., who shined at Iran's archaeology scene in the mid-20th century. In no time it became evident that the bowl epitomized a unique and significant example of the ancient goldsmith's expertise, demonstrating a high degree of technical mastery and a wide range of ornamental motifs that were deemed to provide a key to the religious and mythological traditions of its time. Over the years, the bowl has been discussed in countless scholarly books and articles including an analysis by Marie-Therese Barrelet (1911-1996) as one of the greatest finds of the decade. Images of the crumpled yet still dazzling bowl appeared on newspapers around the world. **→8**

## U.S. protests: Portland police and protesters clash in fresh demonstrations near courthouse

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Protesters and police clashed in downtown Portland in a demonstration that lasted into the pre-dawn hours of Thursday, with some in the crowd setting a fire and exploding commercial-grade fireworks outside a federal courthouse that has been a target in months of conflict in Oregon's largest city. Officers used teargas to break up the crowd of several hundred people who gathered near the Mark O Hatfield U.S. courthouse, the neighboring Multnomah county justice center and a nearby police precinct station. Protests have been held nightly in the city since the police killing of George Floyd in May, who died after a white officer pressed a knee to his neck. Protesters hurled rocks, bottles and paint at officers during the demonstration that started on Wednesday night and went into Thursday morning, Portland police said in a statement.

One officer suffered a hand wound described as serious several other officers suffered non-specified injuries and two people were arrested, the statement said. The protests in Portland reached their apex last month outside the federal courthouse, with demonstrators clashing nightly with federal agents dispatched to the city to protect the courthouse. The demonstrations dwindled after a drawdown of the agents, who were replaced by Oregon state troopers. But protests turned violent over the last week, mostly near a police union headquarters building miles from the federal courthouse. Meanwhile, the protesters are on a march across several states. They started in Wisconsin and are headed to Washington D.C. to help celebrate the 57th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Along the way, they're continuing to spread the message that Black Lives Matter. **→10**



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## Military unveils upgraded tank

An upgraded version of an Iranian military tank was unveiled on Thursday. The tank was unveiled at a ceremony by Defense Minister Amir Hatami in Doroud, the western province of Lorestan. At the ceremony, Hatami said overhauling and upgrading military and defense equipment require up-to-date knowledge. He added that the Defense Ministry relies on domestic capabilities to strengthen military power. Hatami also expressed hope that experts at the ministry will upgrade all the operational tanks. **→3**

## Sanctions on Iran to affect all countries in COVID-19 battle

**TEHRAN** – U.S. sanctions against Iran, which have led to a lack of prevention and treatment equipment, will affect all other countries as well, head of the Medical Council has stated. U.S. sanctions are oppression that has made COVID-19 fight harder in Iran, IRNA quoted Mohammad Reza Zafarghandi as saying on Thursday. "I wrote in a letter to the World Health Organization Director General [Tedros Adhanom] and the United Nations Secretary-General [Antonio Guterres] that this oppression against Iran extends to other countries as well, because the coronavirus knows no borders and when there are not enough facilities for prevention and treatment in Iran, the virus spreads and this is oppression on humanity." Although food and medicine were claimed to be exempted from the U.S. sanctions, financial and banking sanctions have limited the life-saving medicine trade which harshly targeted the patients suffering from rare diseases. Moreover, fears of falling afoul of Washington have restricted exports to Iran. Exemptions for humanitarian trade (such as food, medicine, and medical equipment) have not been effective in protecting Iranian patients from access to imported medicine, such as the bandages used for patients suffering Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), a rare genetic disease that causes painful blistering of the skin. With the return of sanctions, over a year (May 2018-May 2019), 15 patients covered by EB Health House lost their lives. **→7**

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