

Gov't Welcomes Free Flow of Information



Gholamhossein Elham

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's government welcomes the free flow of information as it has become a public demand, Government Spokesman Gholamhossein Elham said on Saturday.

He made the remark in an address to the inaugural ceremony

of the meeting of public relations' directors, IRNA reported.

The spokesman said the support for the free flow of information was also stressed by the Leader of Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

As the main characteristics of Ahmadinejad's administration, Elham referred to its strong opposition to censorship, respect for the principle of freedom of media, avoiding the government's monopoly on the domestic media and serious support for criticism of government's performance.

The spokesman added that the government gave top priority to direct contacts with the people and provide them with information.

The daylong meeting of public relations offices would end later in the day with a speech by President Ahmadinejad.

War With Iran Will Doom Israel

Iran will defeat the Israeli regime if it were to wage a war against the Islamic Republic, a spokesperson for the Israeli government warns.

Iran will rout Israel if Tel Aviv gets involved in an open conflict with Tehran, said Colonel Miri Eisen, a special Israeli government spokesperson, in Dublin.

Israel's coffers would be drained in case of a war with Iran, Eisen added at a seminar in Dublin's Trinity College, the Jewish Telegraph Agency reported.

Eisen said the regime should welcome a diplomatic solution with Tehran.

"There is no other way—because if it becomes Israel versus Iran, Israel has already lost," he said.

On Thursday, Iran's Defense Minister Brig. Gen. Mostafa Mohammad Najjar said Israel is in no position to launch an attack on the Islamic Republic.

"Israel is too weak and vulnerable to wage war against Iran and claims by the regime that it might attack the country are only aimed at covering up its failures and domestic problems," the Iranian minister stressed.

An Israeli air force base commander, Col. Ziv Levy, cautioned in April that Israel will "cease to exist" if it lost such a war.

No Withholding Of Iraq Support

Iran said on Saturday it will not spare support for the government of Prime Minister Nuri Al-Maliki despite the Thursday's terror attack on Iranian diplomats in Baghdad.

"Tehran will continue to support the Iraqi government and will spare no efforts to strengthen bilateral ties," the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad said in a statement released on Saturday, IRNA reported.

Three Iranian diplomats and one local staffer of Embassy in Baghdad were wounded in an assassination bid on May 15.

Unknown terrorists opened fire at their motorcade at the diplomatic compound in the northern neighborhood of Baghdad.

The embassy statement said the diplomats are undergoing treatment at a hospital and their health condition is "stable and progressing".

It added that Iraqi security officials have promised to arrest those involved in the terrorist operation and hand them over to the Iraqi judiciary officials.

"Such cowardly terrorist attacks cannot stop Iranian diplomats from carrying out their duties, as this is not the first time that diplomats and staff of



Iran's Embassy in Baghdad were subject to such terrorist acts," the statement said.

It noted that perpetrators of such terrorist attacks "are enemies of the two neighboring countries".

"Similar terrorist acts could damage Iraqi security and stability," he said.

Iran held the US responsible for violating diplomatic immunity in Iraq.

5+1 Refreshed Offer Ready

Six world powers have completed the details of a 'refreshed' offer they will present to Iran in an effort to persuade it to halt its nuclear activities, a US official said on Friday.

The United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China agreed earlier this month to make a new offer to Iran, but a date has yet to be set for it to be delivered to the Islamic Republic, Alalam reported.

"We have completed work on the details of the package and the accompanying letter," US State Department Spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, will contact the Iranian government to "work on a date and venue

for a meeting where representatives of the (six nations) can hand over and discuss this refreshed package," he said.

McCormack reiterated, however, that the United States would not be sending a representative.

"We are not going to have a physical presence here," he said.

According to diplomatic sources, negotiations are underway with Iranian officials to send to Tehran a delegation of political directors from their foreign ministries.

Meanwhile, a Russian Foreign Ministry official said on Friday that his country is reviewing the package of proposals presented by Iran.

Talking to RIA-Novosti on condition of anonymity, the Russian official said the results of the inspection will be declared to Iran.

Iran's package of proposals, including international issues, Non-Proliferation Treaty in particular, was presented to Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Saltanov by Iran's Ambassador to Russia Gholamreza Ansari on Friday.

Iran's package of proposals, which pertains to world issues, has been also presented to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, European Union Foreign Policy chief Javier Solana and the member-states of Group 5+1.

Iran has defied three rafts of UN Security Council sanctions over its refusal to abandon uranium enrichment, saying it is entitled to the nuclear work as stipulated in the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Persian Press Watch

Duty-Bound

HAMSHAHRI: The outgoing lawmakers, in their last remaining days in Majlis, are stepping up efforts to ratify bills and new laws. They have so far impeached three Cabinet ministers of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's government, asked ministers close to 2,000 questions and raised about 62,000 written notifications for the Ahmadinejad administration. Some lawmakers have been accused of politicizing issues and acting as government critics. Although the government has taken some positive moves, there have also been shortcomings. Apart from overseeing the government's performance, the Majlis representatives are duty-bound to help the government find solutions and remove problems.

Israeli Crises

IRAN: The Israeli regime has faced several crises since 1948. After it expelled the Palestinians, the illegally-founded regime was gripped with the crisis of legitimacy. Despite cultural and linguistic diversities, the Zionist regime managed to lure Jews from different parts of the world to the occupied Palestinian lands by using different tactics. However, this has neither solved the identity crisis of Israelis, nor given the Zionist regime any legitimacy. Six decades on, the Israeli regime has also failed to eliminate the resistance of the Palestinian people, as it refuses to meet their minimum demands and respect their rights.

Chinese Power

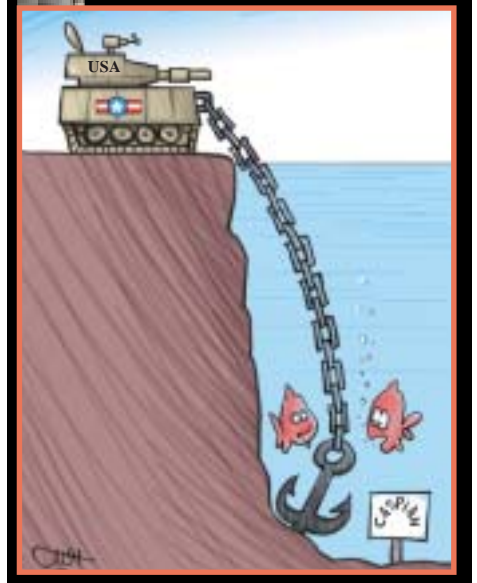
RESALAT: The Chinese people believe they can stand up to US attempts to dominate the world by fostering unity and harmony among themselves. They are also aware that their booming economy and industrial activities in the past two decades have turned China into an economic powerhouse and a political superpower that can compete with the United States. However, Chinese officials know that any confrontation will give rise to international tensions and foreign pressures, which can scuttle their development drive and jeopardize their stability.

Against Globalization

DONYA-YE EQTESAD: World mass media always cover violent scenes that accompany the meetings of World Trade Organization (WTO). The question that arises is: Who are these protestors and why do they oppose globalization? These people fall within the following categories: First, leftist groups comprising communists, socialists and Marxists who cannot tolerate a world based on capitalism. Second, those opposed to the global financial and monetary institutions. Third, opponents of free trade. Fourth, antiwar groups. And fifth, people suffering from discriminatory decisions adopted by the WTO. In the meantime, developing countries have been pressing for greater access to agricultural markets while developed states are seeking a better deal for their manufactured products.



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Second Announcement



National Iranian Oil Company

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Invitation for Prequalification

Common Tender No. AT/86/314

Iranian Offshore Oil Company (IOOC) intends to tender "disassembly, inspection, overhaul, repair & rebuilding of one turbine core engine model solar-Saturn" for six months in Bahrain field - Persian Gulf.

The companies, which have the ability and are willing to participate in the tender, are requested to refer to IOOC's website at: www.iooc.co.ir.

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