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Foes Cannot Fathom Revolution's Endurance

>> New Aircraft

Iran's first home-built twin-engine single-seater aircraft was unveiled Monday in the presence of Defense Minister General Ahmad Vahidi. See Page 2

Israel Doomed



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The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Israel is moving in a downward spiral that will lead to its collapse.

Self-Sanction



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel recently claimed that Germany has always called for transparency and cooperation with Iran, but unfortunately Iran has not responded.

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Ukrainian opposition leader Viktor Yanukovich pressed rival Yulia Tymoshenko to concede defeat on Monday after a narrow victory in a presidential election that could tilt the ex-Soviet state back toward Moscow.

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Personal reminiscences of the Iranian national poet Aref Qazvini on the Constitutional Movement were published by Nashr-e Sokhan Publications.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses a meeting with Air Force commanders, pilots and personnel in Tehran on Monday.



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Monday said that the secret of the strength, endurance and effectiveness of the Islamic Revolution lies in divine incentives, honesty and faith in its values.

"God willing on Bahman 22 (Feb. 11) the nation will again demonstrate its unity and shock the hostile powers, including the US, Britain and the Zionists," he said in a meeting with Air Force commanders, pilots and personnel, IRNA reported.

He noted that the enemies, global arrogance and Zionists are incapable of comprehending the reasons behind the stability and moral might of the 1979 revolution.

"Thousands of media groups and minds are engaged in propaganda war against the Islamic establishment with modern tools and tactics. But so far they have not been able to harm the system because its foundations are rooted in faith and divine values," he said.

> Resilient

Iran and the ruling system will continue to withstand the pressures, he stressed, and added that the bullying powers cannot harm the revolution with their satanic political and economic power.

"The revolution has endured because of its reliance on the Almighty and faith of the people."

Whenever the masses nationwide feel that the revolution is under threat they pour into the streets spontaneously, he said.

"This is exactly what happened on Dec. 30 when people held such huge rallies that the enemies could not deny its grandeur and were forced to admit its greatness."

On Dec. 30, 2009 Iranians staged rallies to support the government and the Islamic state.

"Our adversaries always speak about threats and naively think they can find weaknesses in the Islamic system by resorting to issues such as human rights and democracy."

"But the comity of nations dismisses such tactics."

The fact that the people of the world abhor global arrogance shows that international public opinion does not attach credence to the hollow slogans of human rights and democracy.

"Those who boast about defending human rights violate the rights of their own people and consider torture of prisoners to be legal... It is absurd that they accuse Iran of being devoid of democracy when 85 percent of the eligible voters participated in the last presidential elections."

Ayatollah Khamenei was pointing to the abduction and torture of those considered suspects in American-run prisons around the world.

Palestinian Resistance Closing Ranks

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said unlike the past, the resistance front in the Middle East is united.

Speaking in a meeting with the visiting head of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Ramadan Abdullah in Tehran on Monday, he called on the regional nations and resistance groups to remain vigilant towards enemy plots, saying "Today, unlike the past, the resistance front is very much united." IRNA reported.

He described the Middle East as a region that is key to the future of the world, stating "The Zionist regime and its allies are getting weaker while the position of the resistance movements is becoming stronger."

Referring to the unwavering support of pro-western Arab regimes for Israel, the president stressed "I am certain that those who seek rec-

onciliation with Israel and those who want to auction the future of the oppressed Palestinian people for their own interest will be eliminated."

Abdullah felicitated Ahmadinejad and the Iranian people on the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution and said "The Islamic Republic is firmly continuing on the path of the revolution and Iran's new generation is following the Leader of Islamic Revolution [Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei]."

He described Iran's role in resisting the West's dominance over the world as important and said oppressed nations have their hopes invested in the Islamic Republic.

"Iran has become the main target of western hostility toward the Muslim world and the oppressed masses look to Iran as a role model."

IAEA Notified About Fuel Production

Tehran on Monday officially informed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that it will begin enriching higher-grade nuclear fuel from Tuesday.

"Today we handed over the letter," Iran's envoy to the IAEA, Ali-Asghar Soltanich said, and noted that Tehran will use its nuclear stockpile to enrich uranium up to 20 percent.

The new fuel, to be produced at the Natanz enrichment plant, will supply a Tehran research reactor that produces radioisotopes for radiomedicine.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Sunday Iran will enrich uranium to 20 percent to meet the country's medicinal needs.

Speaking at an exhibition of Laser Science and Technology Achievements in Tehran, he instructed his deputy, who doubles as head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), Ali Akbar Salehi, to start the process, Presstv reported.

> Not Against NPT

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said the uranium enrichment does not contradict the NPT.

"Iran has the right to enrich uranium to a level of 20 percent. The peaceful aspect is not in contradiction with the NPT," Presstv quoted him as saying on Sunday.

Iran needs to produce part of the 20-percent enriched uranium inside the country to meet the needs for the research reactor.

> Final Test

The AEOI chief said the long awaited Bushehr nuclear power plant will be ready for launch after one final test.

"We have successfully completed a test known as the 'metallic sphere' and are now moving toward the warm water test to get the power plant open and running," Presstv quoted Salehi as saying on Monday.

"After these tests we will be able to load nuclear fuel to the core of the reactor," he added.

According to the Bushehr project manager, Mahmoud Jafari, preparations for the warm water test will take about 50 days.

In January 1978, Germany's Kraftwerk Union, which according to a contract was obliged to complete Iran's Bushehr nuclear reactor, stopped work on the project with one reactor 50 percent complete and the other reactor 85 percent finished.

Palin Pushes Obama To Attack Iran

US neoconservative darling Sarah Palin said she thinks President Barack Obama should declare war on Iran.

The one-time Republican vice presidential candidate said in an interview with Fox News on Sunday that Obama should play the war card if he wants to get re-elected in 2012.

"Say he decided to declare war on Iran or decided really to come out and do whatever he could to support Israel, which I would like him to do," she said on Sunday.

The military attack "changes the dynamics in what we can assume is going to happen between now and three years," Palin added, pointing to western claims that Iran would be able to develop a nuclear bomb within a few years.

The former Alaskan governor also noted that she does not think the US president would be re-elected if he ran today.

The US, which claims Iran is secretly pursuing a military nuclear program, has repeatedly threatened the Islamic Republic with war to force Tehran into halting its atomic activities.

War drums are being beaten as new reports show that the Israeli navy has dispatched two ships armed with missiles into the Persian Gulf.

Reports say two Israeli warships passed through the Suez Canal on Thursday and are expected to reach Iran's southern waters in the Persian Gulf within the next four days.

Egyptian maritime sources leaked the details to Yediot Ahronot on Saturday, adding that Cairo has adopted tight security measures to ensure the safe passage of the Israeli ships through the canal.

A report released by the US Office of Naval Intelligence in December has confirmed that if Israel decides to bomb Tehran's nuclear sites, Iran's naval modernization and maritime capabilities have reached a point where it can seal off the Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly 40 percent of the world's oil supplies pass.

"Given the importance of the Strait, disrupting traffic flow or even threatening to do so may be an effective tool for Iran," said the intelligence report.

"[World economies would suffer] a serious impact from a sustained closure of the Strait of Hormuz due to greatly reduced supplies of crude oil, petroleum supplies and (liquefied natural gas)," ONI said.



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