Progressive Hypocrisy: Brookings Worked With Riyadh During Khashoggi Murder.
Iran: Exact date to return to Vienna to be set this week

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Khatibzadeh dismissed rumors about the presence of foreign ministers in the Vienna talks, saying that the negotiations will be pursued at the level of deputies.

There is no issue at the level of foreign ministers involved and it is currently at the level of political deputies, because different issues need to be discussed. When these talks start, which will be in the next two or three weeks, they are going to be followed with more energy, he said.

He continued by saying that as the government has repeatedly stated, "talk for talk" is not valid in negotiations.

The preparations that have been made are to get out of the Vienna impasse, if the U.S. wants to continue the impasse, it will be a difficult path for them to return to the nuclear deal," he remarked.

The spokesman noted that the JCPOA was once "negotiated, signed, sealed and put in a safe," but what we are talking about today is not about the nuclear deal as a whole. No one is negotiating the JCPOA as a whole. What we are talking about is the effective return of the United States and the lifting of sanctions in an irreversible manner, he elaborated.

Khatibzadeh reiterated that Iran will not stop any remedial measures until "we are sure that the other side is serious in its talk of return in one go.

When asked about the sanctions, the spokesman said that Iran never showed any contradictory behavior.

For the start of negotiations, but by using the element of time it tried to remind the fact that if a matter of hours, they will prepare a statement and send it to the newspaper. However after waiting for a few hours, nothing came from the embassy. They just sent a tweet explaining that they have sent several aid packages to Iran during the coronavirus pandemic, as well as financial aid to be used for Afghan refugees residing in Iran.

The response was surely unconvincing. The Iranians felt "insulted" by the move. Iran does not need 2020 masks, as it is self-sufficient in producing masks. It has exported masks to neighboring countries, such as Afghanistan and Oman. The move was sanctioning and demeaning.

If South Korea wishes to mend ties with Iran, it has to learn that South Korea is an entity who is gifted with diplomatic intelligence.
By Abbas Dehghanzadeh

The Brookings Institution, a think tank based in Washington DC, has secretly worked with Saudi Arabia since 2015 to present a copy of their credentials to Tehran Michael Wohi and Vatican’s ambassadors on Sunday.

The foreign minister, in turn, said a return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) is a fact and the international community has underscored the importance of a negotiated solution that provides for the return of Iran and the US to full compliance with the JCPOA. The US should engage in diplomatic engagement to resolve remaining points of concern.

As for the promises for sanctions lifting, it was made after the US Treasury Department imposed new sanctions on Iran targeting a number of Iranian individuals allegedly involved in Iran’s unregulated drone program.

Iran’s Foreign Minister, in an interview with the Italian daily Corriere della Sera, said the JCPOA is a “fact” and “a permanent fact” and the US and its allies have no place in the defense doctrine of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

If the US returns to the nuclear deal, President Rouhani will inform the leaders of the four countries of the US and the UK, the US and the United States of the 620 Summit in Rome. Iran will also meet Japan on Russia in the following days.

The prestigious tournament will be held from Nov. 6 to 16, and, as expected, the matches coming up will bring a spectacular beach soccer showdown.

Two continental championships, Portugal and Senegal, will kick-off the competition with the first game on Tuesday in Group A at the Kite Beach in Dubai. The European and the African kings will relieve old foes Iran and Brazil in the final FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, dethroning them as World Champions.

Following this thrilling host will make their debut in front of their own crowd taking on Spain, and willing to prove they are worthy of the Open European Qualifiers Cup. The European Qualifiers Cup, it is understood that the news is not trustworthy, according to the Iranian foreign ministry.

The statement said: “We welcome the return of the nuclear agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)”.

Iran’s women’s football league to begin on Nov. 13

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Biden's job approval nosedives

On the night of November 2, the polling firm YouGov released a new survey showing that President Biden’s job approval rating had fallen to 42 percent, the lowest point of his presidency. The survey found that 55 percent of respondents disapproved of Biden's performance, while only 42 percent approved.

The poll, which surveyed a representative sample of 1,500 adults nationwide, found that Biden’s approval rating had dropped significantly since the last survey conducted in August, when it stood at 52 percent.

The survey also found that the President’s approval rating was lowest among Independents, who gave him a rating of 37 percent, and highest among Democrats, who approved of his job performance at 73 percent.

The results come as Biden faces continued challenges on the domestic front, including high inflation, supply chain disruptions, and the ongoing pandemic. The President has also faced criticism for his handling of the withdrawal from Afghanistan, the conflict in Ukraine, and the ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine.

Despite these challenges, Biden has continued to push for his agenda, including infrastructure and climate change legislation, which have both encountered significant opposition from Republican lawmakers.

The YouGov survey suggests that the President’s approval rating may continue to fall in the coming months as he faces further challenges and appears to struggle to achieve significant legislative victories.
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**TEHRAN** – Turkey’s flag carrier Turkish Air- lines has been the major airline carrier between the city of Tehran to the Iranian city of Tabriz, northeasternmost Azerijan province. The round-trip service made its debut on Sunday, the provincial tourism chief has announced.

There will be direct flights between Ta- briz and Ankara every Sunday, and it is hoped that more flights will be offered to facilitate tourism interaction between the two cities. CHTN quoted Ahmad Hamezadeh as saying on Monday.

Since tourism activists suffered a great deal during the Covid-19 outbreak, the prov- ince’s cultural heritage department will try to set up facilities and facilitate the activities of activists in this field to ensure the reside- nce of this industry, the official added.

The pandemic has taken a huge toll on Iran’s civil aviation sector with reports show- ing that airlines lost hundreds of millions of dollars because of flight cancellations during the New Year travel wave in late March. Back in May, Azerou an Oghlan, an official with the Islamic Republic of Iran’s Customs Administration, announced that the average of international travels to and from Iran fell by 80 percent during the past Iranian cal- endar year 1399 (ended on March 20, 2020) from a year earlier.

During this period, 3,434,533 pas- sengers entered the country, which included 3,030,464 Iranian passengers and 312,699 international travelers.

“From the beginning of 1399 to the end of it, we saw a significant reduction in passen- gers coming to Iran, especially in land, sea, rail and air borders, which were caused by various coronavirus restrictions”.

International tourist arrivals to Iran plun- ged 72% during the first eight months of the year when compared to 2797, accord- ing to data compiled by the World Tourism Organization. Restrictions on travel intro- duced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to hit global tourism hard, with the latest data from the UNWTO showing a 70% in international arrivals for the first eight months of 2020.

Optimists, expect the tourism sector to achieve a boom after corona- virus is contained, believing its impact would be temporary and short-lived for a country that ranked the third fastest-growing tour- ism destination in 2019.

The Islamic Republic expects to reap a bonanza from its numerous tourist spots such as bazars, museums, mosques, brid- ges, bathhouses, madrasas, mausoleums, churches, towers, and mansions, of which 24 are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Under the 2005 Tourism Vision Plan, Iran aims to increase the number of tourist arriv- als from 4.8 million in 2014 to 20 million in 2025.

TEHRAN – A center dedicated to the art of pottery has recently been inaugurated in Qarchak, a town in the southeast of Tehran, Qarchak’s town tourism chief has said.

A budget of two billion rials ($47,000 at the official exchange rate of 42,000 rials per dol- lar) has been allocated to the project, which has created three job opportunities, Maryam Khodabandeh, the provincial tourism chief has announced.

Some 120 movable and metal historical properties of the Azerijan Province, discov- ered during excavations in recent years, have been restored by the private sector under the supervision of the province’s cultural heri- tag experts, Alireza Quchi said on Monday.

The project involves cleaning, corrosion control, sedimentation, strength- ening, reconstruction, and final fixing of the historical objects, the official added.

Soaked in history and culture for millennia, Tabriz embraces several historical and reli- gious sites, including the Jomshu’-Monat of Tabriz and Arg of Tabriz, and UNESCO-recogn- ised Tabriz Historical Bazaar Complex to name a few. The city became the capital of the Mongol Il-Khan Mahmud Gazi (1295–1304) and the Timur (Timurids). A Tur- kic conquer, took it in 1392. Some decades later the Kara Koyunlu Turks made it their capital, it was when the famous Blue Mosque was built in Tabriz.

The city retained its administrative status under the Safavid dynasty until when Shah Tahmasp I relocated his capital west- ward to Qazvin. During the next two cen- turies, Tabriz changed hands, several times between Persia and Ottoman Empire. During World War I, the city was temporarily oc- cupied by Turkish and then Soviet troops.

**Qajar-era public bathhouses undergoes restoration**

TEHRAN – A public bathhouse dating back to Qajar era (1785-1925) in Lakan village, central Markazi province, has undergone some rehabilitation works, a local tourism official has announced.

The project involves repairing the dam- aged parts and strengthening the rooftop using cob materials, Al Moshad said on Monday.

A budget of 150 million rials ($3,500 at the official exchange rate of 42,000 rials per dollar) has been allocated to the project, the official added.

The historical structure was inscribed on the national heritage list in 2009. Bathhouses hammers in Iran were not only places for bathing and cleaning up. They had a social concept for people who gathered at them. It was a place where people talked with each other about their daily life and shared news and rumors. There are still bathhouses in Iranian cities but they do not have their social function anymore since most people have bathrooms in their homes due to the modernization.

Some cities had separate bathhouses for men and women. They were usually built next to each other. However, there were some bathhouses, which were used by men and women at different times of the day.

There were also male and female public bathhouses, at daylight, a longhorn (boog-e jowz) was blown to announce that the bath was open. At the end of the day, break till the afternoon. Women could use the bathhouses from then to sunset. In some cases, five days were allocated to men and two days to women.

Persian literature is full of proverbs, nar-rating, and folk stories about bathhouses, which indicate the importance of the place in the past time.

Markazi province is considered the indus- trial capital of the country it is rich in natural, historical, cultural, and religious attractions.

Hand-woven carpets and kilims, made in its cities including, Farahan, Sarugh, Lilihan, Senjedan, and Vafs are known internationally.
The largest population of the Persian leopard is estimated to be -550 in the mountains and forests. Unfortunately, the species number has decreased dramatically. In some areas, the species has become completely extinct. Some of the main threats to the Persian leopard are habitat destruction, illegal hunting, road accidents, human conflicts, etc. Ever since 2007 plan for the land society has begun a project under the title of ‘The Persian leopard’ with the purpose of research and the protection of the species. This project intends to specify the possibilities of the leopard’s coexistence by doing scientific research and using the most up-to-date and accurate methods to offer a practical solution and partnership with the local community to plan long-term protection plans.

In this phenomenon has become one of the most important issues in Iran that can cause drought and water stress, so it is necessary to make serious plans at the national level to address the phenomenon. Based on research and assessments conducted by Action Climate Change, an international governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) using scenarios proposed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), if the concentration of carbon dioxide doubles by 2050, Iran’s average temperature will increase by 1.5 to 4.5 degrees Celsius. The temperature change, sea-level rise, coastal degradation, destruction of agricultural and natural food products, deforestation, depletion of freshwater resources, regional climate change in the high and northern hemispheres, changes in sea-level and wind direction, rising natural disasters such as tornadoes and floods, intensifying droughts and developing desert areas, increasing air pollution due to rising hot waves and potential impact on the spread of diseases such as malaria are some of the known consequences of climate change. According to scientists, global warming due to climate change is one of the biggest challenges of the 21st century.

Two homegrown vaccines receive emergency use license

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According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Ministry of Health, 15 vaccines are being domestically developed in the country which are in different study phases.

Made by researchers at the Headquarters for Executing the Order of the Imam, COVIRAN BARAKAT was the first domestic vaccine that was unveiled on December 29, 2020, and received the license for public use on June 14.

Pastu Cavac, developed jointly by the Pasteur Institute of Iran and Cuba’s Finlay Vaccine Institute, is another homegrown vaccine, which has received the emergency use license, after COVIRAN

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Fajr Intl. Music Festival seeks authorities’ approval for physical performances

TEHRAN – The award-winning Iranian drama “Botox” has scored another victory by garnering the best feature prize at the 35th edition of the Fajr Intl. International Film Festival in China.

A co-production between Iran and China, the film is a direct result of a close partnership between the two nations in cultural and artistic fields. As such, it is another example of how the two countries work together to promote and enhance cultural exchange.

The film, directed by Mohammadreza Mayanki, tells the story of a woman named Fatima, who is a successful businesswoman in Tehran. She is faced with a difficult decision when she discovers that she has breast cancer.

Fatima’s husband, who is also a successful businessman, supports her decision to undergo surgery, but she is hesitant. She is worried about the impact the surgery will have on her career and her family. However, her husband encourages her to make the decision that is best for her.

Fatima decides to undergo the surgery, and the film follows her journey as she learns to follow her heart. The film is a touching story about the importance of following one’s heart, even in the face of difficult decisions.

The film was selected to be screened in the short film competition of the 35th Fajr Intl. Film Festival, held in Tehran in November. The screening was part of the film festival’s special program for the physical shape of the Fajr, in a virtual fashion, and the programs were streamed on Fajr TV. The festival is known for its commitment to promoting Iranian cinema and for its role in showcasing the best of Iranian film-making.

The Fajr Intl. Film Festival, which is held annually in Tehran, is one of the most important film festivals in the Middle East and has become a platform for Iranian filmmakers to showcase their work.

The festival is held on the occasion of the Islamic New Year (Novruz), which is celebrated on March 20th each year. The festival is a celebration of Iranian culture and film-making, and attracts filmmakers, actors, and film industry professionals from all over the world.

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