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US Clears 'Occupy' Movement's Camps

More Than 70 Arrested

International Desk

New York's police department on Tuesday cleared Zuccotti Park, where thousands had protested against economic inequality, in a movement later replicated around the world. The late-night crackdown at the birthplace of Occupy Wall Street, launched after similar evictions in other cities, signaled a tougher line by US authorities towards the protests against Wall Street and Washington cities. DPA reported.

New York's Zuccotti Park, where protesters have been camped out since September 17, has been the symbolic epicenter of a movement that has spread to several US cities and inspired similar action around the world.

Police evicted the Occupy Wall Street protesters and their belongings in a four-hour action that began before dawn on Tuesday. The altercations were at times violent. Local reporters wrote on their Twitter feeds that they observed police use pepper spray and drag protesters.

News reports said more than 70 protesters were arrested for resisting the order to leave Zuccotti Park.

Clean-up crews were seen on television removing tents, sleeping bags and camping items, and hosing the ground with water. City officials cited health concerns as their reason for finally closing the camp, erected September 17.



Leader Pays Tribute To IRGC Martyrs

Gas Exporters Seek Fair Prices

Heads of the world's biggest gas suppliers ended their first summit Tuesday by reiterating the need for a fair gas price while Iran, whose president was absent, warned that Western taxes will derail the energy market.

The 12-member Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF), in a declaration after the one-day summit called for "the need to reach a fair price for natural gas based on gas to oil ... prices indexation".

The declaration said fair price is necessary to achieve convergence between prices of crude oil and natural gas and end disparities. AFP reported.

The declaration said GECF members "recognize the importance of long-term gas contracts to achieve a balanced risk sharing mechanism between producers and consumers".

GECF, whose members hold just under 70 percent of the world's natural gas reserves, also called for enhancing cooperation among member states and with consumers, especially in the field of technology.

Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani opened the summit by complaining about disparities between oil and gas prices despite the hike in gas consumption in recent years.

Jordan Embassy Stormed Over Syria Remarks

International Desk

More than 100 demonstrators stormed the Jordanian embassy in Damascus and tore down the flag in protest at King Abdullah II's call for Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad to go, Jordanian newspapers said on Tuesday.

It was the fourth such protest against embassies of regional powers by angry Assad loyalists since the Arab League voted on Saturday to suspend Syria and impose sanctions against the government over its eight-month unrest. AFP reported.

"Nearly 120 people protested in front of the Jordanian embassy in Damascus on Monday evening and two of them managed to break into the outside courtyard of the embassy and tear down the Jordanian flag," ambassador Omar Al-Amad told the Al-Dustur and Al-Ghad newspapers. "Syrian security forces did not intervene to prevent the incursion into the embassy compound by these two individuals," the ambassador added.

"By international agreement, the responsibility to protect embassies and other diplomatic missions falls on the host country," Amad said, underlining the protection afforded to the Syrian embassy in Amman despite widespread anger in Jordan over the bloodshed in the Arab neighboring country.

Jordan's King Abdullah II on Monday became the first Arab leader to openly call for Assad to step down, two days after the Arab League took the rare move of sus-



pending Syrian membership of the 22-nation bloc. "I believe, if I were in his shoes, I would step down," the king said in a BBC interview. "I would step down and make sure whoever comes behind me has the ability to change the status quo that we're seeing."

King Abdullah said Assad should usher in a new era of political dialogue before stepping down.

"Again I don't think the system allows for that, so if Bashar has the interest of his country, he would step down, but he would also create an ability to reach out and start a new phase of Syrian political life," he told the BBC. Syria has reacted angrily to the decision at the weekend by the Arab League to suspend the country from the pan-Arab bloc.

Media School to Teach Int'l Journalism

A course in international journalism has been launched for the first time in the country. President of the School of Media Studies Qasem Farajollahi said.

Exclusive **07**

High Resolution Spectroscope Manufactured

Iranian scientists at the Growth Center of Tehran Medical University succeeded in manufacturing the first high resolution spectroscopy device for analyzing.

Exclusive **08**

Afghan Jirga To Debate US Ties

Afghan President Hamid Karzai convenes a "loya jirga" of elders from across Afghanistan on Wednesday to discuss long-term relations with the US and efforts to broker peace amid the threat of violence.

After 10 grueling years of war, the talks will be held under lockdown security that is a reminder of the constant danger even in the capital, while observers say it is unclear how the jirga, or traditional assembly, can help.

Some 2,000 Afghan elders are set to gather in a giant tent for several days of talks on two of the most sensitive issues in Afghan politics, as US-led combat troops start leaving before a full withdrawal in 2014.

Diplomats in Kabul say Karzai is likely to use the talks to secure a sweeping mandate as he pursues a controversial agreement with the United States on the strategic partnership which will govern their relationship after 2014.

But parallel talks with Washington and a lack of transparency over the agenda have prompted accusations Karzai is trying to manipulate the jirga to his own ends, substituting the talks for real progress on ending a 10-year war.

"It would have been wise to postpone but I think these jirgas have become a kind of ritual for President Karzai because he lacks a genuine political agenda," said Kabul-based political analyst Haroon Mir. "He's not tackling the major issues."

The Taliban, who are fighting a decade-long insurgency against Karzai's administration and US-led troops, have threatened to disrupt the jirga.

In 2010, they launched rockets at the site of the last such event, prompting the departures of two ministers charged with handling security.

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Nassirian Aware of Consequences of 'Saturday's Hunter' Role

Noted Iranian director Parviz Sheikhtadi's 'Saturday Hunter' is the story of a child who after meeting his grandfather acquires a new outlook about life.

The flick which was produced in 2009 is presently being screened in movie halls nationwide by Jebrael Film Distribution Company.

One of the interesting points is Nassirian's selflessness in accepting the lead role.

Sheikhtadi told Iran Daily that before the start of shooting the film he told all people who were to participate in the production of the flick that given its anti-Zionist nature they may be prevented from attending international film festivals or making foreign trips.

"I had special talks with Ali Nassirian who plays the leading role. He accepted to play in the movie and recalled that if the film script is based on documentations, he sees no reasons for not cooperating. I assured him that the entire film script is based on extensive research and local resources have not been used that much," Sheikhtadi said.

He emphasized that Nassirian accepted to play in the film knowing that he might be deprived from a visa to enter the US, the place where his son resides.

"The reason why playing in a film may entail such adverse consequences should be sought in the influence of the Zionist lobby and its international advocates."

Exclusive **12**

Baghdad Will Expel MKO Terrorists by 2012

Iraq, Iran Pledge Border Cooperation

Political Desk

Iraqi Army Chief Lieutenant General Babakir Zebari announced Iraq's plans to expel members of the terrorist Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) by the end of 2011.

Members of the MKO are not only the enemies of Iran but they are also the foes of Baghdad. Zebari said in a meeting with Commander of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Brigadier General Mohammad Ali Jafari in Tehran late Monday, IRNA reported.

Zebari noted that Iraqi officials favor 'stronger' ties with the Islamic Republic.

During the meeting, IRGC chief Brig. Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari expressed optimism that Iraqi authorities would take concrete steps to get rid of MKO's Iraq-based terrorist Camp Ashraf from the country and expel its members, who are "the common foes of both Iranian and Iraqi nations", as the earliest.

Jafari said that Iran and Iraq could thwart the threats of their enemies "through unity and cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries".

The top IRGC commander added that the US and the Israeli regime are irritated by the steady growth of Iran-Iraq ties, adding that they have, however, failed in their efforts to create discord between Tehran and Baghdad.

The MKO is recognized as a terrorist organization by much of the international community, but the European Union removed the group from its blacklist in 2009 and has called on the US to follow suit.

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Insight

Israeli Illusion

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Israel's Mossad is notorious for terrorist acts worldwide. The norm and power of this dreadful secret service is to kill unarmed political, scientific and religious figures.

In the decades since the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Mossad has received blows from Iranian intelligence service as well as Islamic Revolution Guard Corp's intelligence branch all over the world and in Iran while it has surrendered to the power of Iranian intelligence services particularly in occupied Palestine.

Mossad always dreamed of retaliating but was never able to do so. Iranian intelligence services were always so strong that the previous head of Mossad once confessed that while the Israelis were thinking of conducting operation within Iran, the Iranians were arresting the masterminds and foiling the operation.

Last week a blast took place in an IRGC ammunition depot in Malard, southwest of Tehran. Similar incidents have occurred on numerous occasions in many countries and may happen again.

A section of the US and Israeli media claimed that Mossad elements were responsible for the explosion and this was an Israeli operation against the IRGC.

They dreamed of such an incident for a long time and it seems they were overcome by illusions.

In their illusions they wanted to be able to announce to the Israeli people that they are capable of conducting operations within Iran and that if anything happens they would be able to penetrate Iranian military and intelligence.

"Sweet dreams" is all we can hope for them since they know that these are just dreams they have when asleep. When they wake up, they realize that Mossad is way behind achieving its dreams.

Living in the world of illusion would be better than nothing so as French say "dormez bien" (have a good sleep with sweet dreams).

The Iranians are awake.