

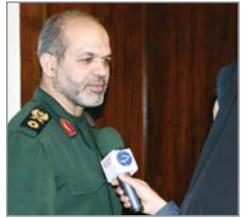


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51 Heads of State Expected in NAM Summit

Vice President for international affairs Ali Saeedlou said senior officials of 51 countries including presidents, vice-presidents, kings and prime ministers will take part in the upcoming summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Tehran.

He told reporters on Wednesday that some 150 delegations will also attend the international event, adding that the number of delegations' members ranges from 5 to 250.

"We predict that around 7,000 guests from NAM member states and other countries will come to Tehran during the summit," Saeedlou added.

The Tehran summit, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said, is the greatest political summit in Iran's history.

The NAM, born at the height of the Cold War, brings together nations that consider themselves independent of the world's major power blocs. The organization counts 120 countries.

For Iran, the two-day summit meeting is an important opportunity to portray itself as part of the international scene despite concerted efforts by the United States and the European Union to isolate it diplomatically and economically over its peaceful nuclear program.

The spending of the participants at the summit will bring in \$50 million for Iran, an official in the country's tourism organization, Manouchehr Jahanian, told the Iran Newspaper.

Holding the event in Tehran is 'a source of dignity', another Iranian vice president, Ibrahim Azizi, said according to the Mehr News Agency.

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Poll: NYPD Biased Against Blacks

A majority of New Yorkers believe the city's police department is biased against blacks and Hispanics and in favor of whites, according to a poll on Tuesday.

The New York Times poll found that 59 percent see the NYPD favoring whites, while only 27 percent think police treat all fairly.

The most critical view came from black respondents, 77 percent of whom thought that whites were favored by police. Among Hispanics, 68 percent saw the police as biased in favor of whites.

However, among whites, there was an almost even split of 43-41 percent, only the slight majority accusing the police of bias.

Recruitment to the NYPD has created a force that increasingly resembles the city's ethnic make-up. However, upper ranks remain white-dominated and policies such as the stop-and-frisk tactic, which is concentrated in black and Hispanic neighborhoods, continue to cause tension.

In the poll, 48 percent of respondents thought stop and frisk, which is meant to get illegal guns off the streets, was acceptable, while 45 percent said it was excessive.

However, among blacks, those numbers were 35 to 56 percent, while among whites they were reversed to 55-39.

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Persepolis Eying Win to End Crisis

The two Iran's popular club, Persepolis and Esteghlal, will meet each other at Tehran's Azadi Stadium.

Persepolis has started this edition of Iran's Premier League (IFL) at its lowest level. The team was very active in the transfer market and hired many good players. The club's manager appointed the Portuguese Manuel Jose as the team's head coach. But neither the star-studded team nor the coach have shown satisfying performance. The capital-based club has lost its three previous matches to stand 16th in the 18-team table with only 4 points out of 5 games. The funny part of the story is that the newly promoted Gahar Zagros is a step above the Reds.

Many claim that the record of Red's top trainer shows that he knows how to win in derbies.

On the other side, Esteghlal is in the middle of the table with 8 points, three less than the league pace setter Malavan.

Amir Qaleneqi, who is at the helm of Esteghlal, is familiar with the atmosphere of Tehran Derbies. The experienced coach knows that the full three points of the game can help his side to join the top teams in the standings.

Persepolis captain Mehdi Mahdavi told Mehr News Agency that Esteghlal's chances is not more than us.

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8 New High-Tech Medications Soon

Minister of Health, Treatment and Medical Education Marziyeh Vahid-Dastjerdi said Iran will unveil eight new high-tech pharmaceuticals in the coming weeks. Speaking in Tehran on Wednesday at a ceremony held to mark the national Physician Day, she highlighted Iran's medical accomplishments and said a major part of the country's advancements have been made in the field of medicinal sciences.

Iran has taken wide strides in science and technology, particularly in medical and medicinal fields in recent years, and these huge advancements are mainly indebted to the efforts of the country's young researchers.

Vahid-Dastjerdi announced earlier this month that Iran is now able to synthesize 15 kinds of radiomedicines inside the country, stressing that the achievement was made due to the efforts made by the country's nuclear scientists.

"Thanks to efforts by Iranian scientists and the nuclear scientists martyred (by the enemies), we have 15 radiomedicines in our country which are vital for providing diagnosis and treatment services to the patients, specially cancerous patients," she said in a ceremony in Tehran at the time.

In January, six new home-made anti-cancer drugs were unveiled at a ceremony attended by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The new drugs included two brand-new compositions and four basic materials for drugs for treating incurable diseases.

Production of these six materials will save \$68 million for the country.

At the same gathering, Vice President for Science and Technology Nasrin Soltankhah said that the medicines which have all been produced in the country have passed clinical tests and a number of them have received Health Ministry permission for mass-production.

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Cesarean Claims Baseless

The cesarean delivery rate in Iran is 40 percent and the exaggerated statistics released in this regard are baseless, said health minister.

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Iranian Nano Method Receives US Patent

The United States Patent and Trademark Office recently issued a patent (US 8,110,173) for a new and simple method invented ...

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Spain's Police Rally Against Cutbacks

Dozens of Spanish police, many blowing whistles and horns, rallied outside the interior ministry in Madrid on Wednesday against government austerity measures that include cuts to their salaries.

"Cut politicians' pay, not the pay of the police," the off-duty officers dressed in civilian clothes chanted outside the building, which was guarded by three blue police vans and about a dozen uniformed police.

"No more abuses", "No cutbacks" and "The police can't take anymore" were among some of the signs on display at the rally.

Last month Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's conservative government eliminated public workers' annual Christmas bonus, equivalent to a seven-percent reduction in annual pay, as part of austerity measures worth 102 billion euros (\$126.5 billion) that will be put in place by 2014 to reduce Spain's public deficit.

The loss of the Christmas bonus follows another pay cut in public workers' salaries of an average of five percent in 2010, which was followed by a salary freeze.

"We feel completely massacred by everything that has happened up until now and the measures that are going to come into effect shortly," said the representative in Madrid of the CEP police union, Jose Miguel Lorenzana.

The CEP was one of three police unions that organized the rally and represent together more than 20,000 officers across the country, the other two being the UFP and SPP.

Russia Joins WTO

Int'l Economy Desk

Russia has officially joined the WTO on Wednesday to become the 156th member after quite a long accession process.

The talks on entry into the organization were held within the scope of the Working Group, which included representatives of countries that had unresolved issues in trade with the Russian Federation (RF). IFTAR-TASS reported.

Talks to this effect with Georgia, the European Union and the United States were the most complex. The RF accession bid was finally decided upon at the WTO ministerial conference in Geneva on December 16, 2011.

Russia's accession to the WTO was approved unanimously. As far as the US is concerned, WTO norms may not be applied in trade with that country until the Jackson-Vanik Amendment is abrogated. According to the understandings reached, trade in this case will be regulated by the current bilateral trade agreement.

Russia's accession to the WTO was supported by the Russian economic community, although the idea also had quite a number of zealous opponents.

RF Economic Development Ministry analysts point out that Russia's entry into the WTO signifies, first of all, the stability of conditions for operation on external markets, the lowering of barriers in trade, as well as the possibility of Russia's participation in forming rules for international economic cooperation.

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IAEA, Iran Meeting In Vienna This Week

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has announced that it will meet Iranian officials to discuss what they refer to as the remaining 'outstanding issues'.

In a statement Tuesday, the IAEA announced that the meeting will be held in Vienna on August 24 for 'further discussions on a structured approach to resolve outstanding issues' concerning Iran's nuclear energy program, AFP reported.

IAEA's delegation will be led by chief inspector, Herman Nackaerts and Assistant Director General for Political Affairs Rafael Grossi, the statement added.

Iran's Ambassador to the IAEA Ali Asghar Soltanieh said earlier that Iran has sent an official letter to the agency, in which it expressed its readiness to resume negotiations with the aim of agreeing on a modality to resolve issues and respond to questions based on mutually agreed standards and regulations.

Soltanieh Confirms Talks

Soltanieh confirmed reports about the Friday meeting between Tehran and the UN nuclear watchdog agency in Vienna on Friday.

"The new round of talks between Iran and the IAEA will be held at Iran's (IAEA) representative office in Vienna," Soltanieh told Fars News Agency on Wednesday.

He reaffirmed that the new round of talks will be held on Friday.

Iran and the IAEA held the latest round of talks in Vienna, Austria, in June.

Soltanieh and Nackaerts, the agency's deputy director general and head of the Department of Safeguards attended the talks.

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War Will Spell Israel's End

An Iranian lawmaker said an Israeli attack on Iran's nuclear facilities will mark the last day of the existence of the Tel Aviv regime.

"The Zionist regime will not have the capability to resist against Iran's Armed Forces at all, and in case of a potential attack on [Iran's] nuclear sites, it will burn in the flames of [counter]attacks by Iran," said Ebrahim Aqa-Mohammadi, a member of Iran's Majlis National Security and Foreign Policy Commission.

"Undoubtedly, the Zionist regime's attack on Iran's nuclear facilities will be the end of this regime because Iran will not give it a chance to continue its fake existence," Mehr News Agency quoted him as saying.

He said that Israel was well within the reach of Iran's missiles and the country will give a crushing response to the Tel Aviv regime in case of a strike.

The US, Israel and some of their allies accuse Tehran of pursuing military objectives in its nuclear energy program.

Tel Aviv has repeatedly threatened Tehran with a military strike to pressure it to halt its nuclear energy work.

Iran rejects the allegations over its nuclear energy program and maintains that as a signatory to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency it is fully entitled to develop and acquire nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

Iranian officials have also promised a crushing response to any military strike against the country.

Israeli Suicide

Another member of the above-mentioned commission said Israel would be committing suicide if it launched a military strike against Iran in an attempt to halt the Islamic Republic's nuclear energy program.

Avaz Heidarpour said if the Zionist regime dares to attack Iran, the Islamic Republic clearly states that it cannot guarantee that even one single Zionist living in the occupied Palestinian territories will survive.

He said, "We have no doubt that the Zionists' claims about attacking Iran are nothing but psychological warfare."

Heidarpour stated that Iranian missiles would target all of Israel if officials in Tel Aviv decided to attack Iran and there would be no chance for a formal apology or mediation by other countries in such a turn of events.

"The Zionists' assessments for a 30-day war with Iran are accurate. However, the outcome will be just the opposite of what they say. Iran can bring Israel to its knees in no time, and compel the entity to plead with international organizations to broker a ceasefire," the Iranian MP opined.

He said Iran would not waste its time and military might on a military strike against Israel, but if Israel made the blunder of attacking the country, Iran would not accept any third party mediation and would forcefully respond.

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