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Top Judge Says Strict about Disclosure of Assets of Iranian Officials

Iran's Judiciary Chief Hojatolislam Seyed Ebrahim Raeisi said all Iranian officials in every branch of power must report in detail on their financial interests. In comments in a TV talk show on Sunday night, Raeisi said the Expediency Council has ratified a bill that forces the disclosures of assets of public officials. He said all Iranian officials, including lawmakers, the Judiciary's judges, and all managers in the administration are required to report all their assets and properties. The Judiciary has set up a system for registration of assets of officials, the top judge said, adding that he will be the first person to report to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei and also to the public on his own assets. At a press conference on Saturday, Iran's Judiciary spokesman unveiled a reform of the Judiciary's structure to optimize its performance.

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CALL TO PRAYER TIME IN ISFAHAN

Morning call to prayer:

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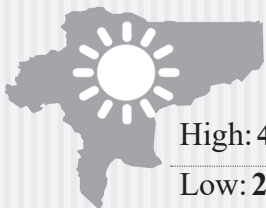
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Evening call to prayer:

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Iran to Resist Enemy Sanctions with Full Power: Zarif

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Monday reiterated the country's stance on Washington's economic sanctions against Tehran and said the Islamic Republic is resolved to resist such pressures "with full power". Speaking to Tasnim on Monday, the spokeswoman for the Iranian Parliament's Hope Faction, Fatemeh Saeedi, pointed to a meeting between Zarif and the members of the parliamentary faction earlier in the day and said during the session, Zarif briefed the lawmakers on the latest developments in the Middle East.



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Europe not ready to pay any cost for preserving the Iran's deal

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister said in a meeting with British counterpart that now Iran is convinced that the Europeans' political unwillingness, and NOT their inability, is to blame for their failure to fulfill their commitments under the 2015 agreement.

"We are convinced that Europe's lack of commitment to its JCPOA undertakings was not because of its incapability, but lack of determination," Seyyed Abbas Araghchi said in a Sunday meeting with British Deputy Foreign Secretary for

the Middle East Andrew Murrison in Tehran, Iran Press reported.

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"Europe is not ready to pay any cost for preserving the JCPOA," he added.

"The European companies dare not to disobey the US Treasury Department's orders, which means Europe's lack of sovereignty, even inside its own borders," Araqchi added.

Back on May 8, on the first anniversary of the US withdrawal from the nuclear deal, Iran announced that it would suspend the implementation of some of its commitments under the deal, adding that

it would stop exporting excess uranium and heavy water, setting a 60-day deadline for the five remaining parties to the deal to take practical measures towards ensuring its interests in the face of the American sanctions.

In his Sunday comments, Araqchi said the decision to reduce Iran's commitments under the JCPOA is a national and irreversible decision, and Tehran will keep scaling down its commitments until its demands are met.

Earlier in the day, Iran had vowed that it would suspend more commitments if the Europeans do not act seriously as per the accord.

"Be sure that if the opposite side does not carry out an appropriate measure within the next two weeks, we will take more steps to stop implementing our commitments," Kamal Kharrazi, who serves as the head of Iran's Strategic Council on Foreign Relations, said in a meeting with Murrison.

He however, emphasized that Iran's suspension of fulfilling its commitments would not be tantamount to the country's exit from the nuclear accord, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

He added that Iran is resolute on the suspension of parts of its commitments under the JCPOA in accordance with the deal's text.

Downing of U.S. drone is not a good pretext for war; International expert

Arryl Lynn Greenberg, professor of international relations at Stanford University told ILNA news agency that overthrow of an American drone has increased the tension between the two countries; but both sides must be careful not to direct their current tensions to direct military conflict.



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"This Iranian measure does not mean that they want a military clash with the United States, because the advanced drone and its presence around its waters were a sign of the American invasion of their waters and imagined a danger."

He added that on the other hand, the drone was unmanned, which means that the invasion against it should not be a pretext for the beginning of the war. Tensions have escalated since the U.S. withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran last year and began a policy of "maximum pressure." Iran has since been hit by multiple rounds of sanctions. Tensions spiked this past week after Iran shot down an unmanned U.S. drone - an incident that nearly led

to a U.S. military strike against Iran on Thursday evening.

Speaking to ILNA, Greenberg said that the war does not happen because this is not the first time that Iran has targeted a US drone in its airspace. Iran has already done this and at that time the Americans also realized that they should not engage in military conflicts with Iran. "Politicians know that this event does not need to show a military response, since in this case many lives are at risk. I know that the overthrow of a drone is not a good pretext for war. You should not decide for a military conflict based on emotions." International expert believed, "Trump does not want a war. He knows that this cannot be the cause of the war, even he himself said if the plane was occupied, it would have been different. Trump got a lot of criticism when he issued an attack." "The Trump government should refrain from engaging in a military conflict with Iran, because this war is a disaster and is not in the interest of anyone, and only the lives of innocents in this terrible war are at stake."

Turkey's opposition strikes blow to Erdogan with Istanbul mayoral win

Turkey's opposition has dealt President Tayyip Erdogan a stinging blow by winning control of Istanbul in a re-run mayoral election, breaking his aura of invincibility and delivering a message from voters unhappy over his policies. Ekrem Imamoglu of the Republican People's Party (CHP) had secured more than 54% of votes, with nearly all ballots opened, Turkish

broadcasters said - a far wider victory margin than his narrow win three months ago.

The previous result was annulled after protests from Erdogan's Islamist-rooted AK Party, which said there had been widespread voting irregularities. The decision to re-run the vote was criticized by Western allies and caused uproar among domestic opponents who said Turkey's democracy was under threat.

On Sunday, tens of thousands of Imamoglu supporters celebrated in the streets of Istanbul after the former

businessman triumphed over Erdogan's handpicked candidate by almost 800,000 votes.

"In this city today, you have fixed democracy. Thank you Istanbul," Imamoglu told supporters who made heart signs with their hands, in an expression of the inclusive election rhetoric that has been the hallmark of his campaigning.

"We came to embrace everyone," Imamoglu said. "We will build democracy in this city, we will build justice. In this beautiful city, I promise, we will build the future."

U.S. cyber attacks on Iranian targets not successful, Iran minister says

U.S. cyber attacks against Iranian targets have not been successful, Iran's telecoms minister said on Monday, within days of reports that the Pentagon launched a long-planned cyber attack to

disable the country's rocket launch systems.

"They try hard, but have not carried out a successful attack," Mohammad Javad Azari-Jahromi, Iran's minister for information and communications technology, said on social network Twitter.

"Media asked if the claimed cyber attacks against Iran



are true," he said. "We have been facing cyber-terrorism for a long time... Last year we neutralised 33 million attacks with the (national) firewall."

