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Adversaries Out of Step

>> Final Phase

Iran's largest military drills entered the fourth day on Wednesday with the defense forces taking on hypothetical enemy attacks on nuclear installations. See Page 3

Real Questions



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As US President Barack Obama readies to send extra troops to Afghanistan, NATO cautioned Wednesday that a number of US allies could wait until next year before following suit with reinforcements.

Regional Cooperation



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Morocco and Egypt have welcomed a new declaration on governance and investment titled "Beyond the Crisis: Business and Citizens at the Center of Policy Responses" in the Moroccan capital Rabat.

Iraq Inquiry



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Iraq was ranked by the Foreign Office as only the fourth most dangerous of rogue states trying to develop weapons of mass destruction in 2001, the Iraq inquiry has been told.

WTO Membership



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The World Trade Organization (WTO) has confirmed Iran sent a summary of its commercial policies to the global trade regulator to start membership talks.



Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution warned on Wednesday that hostile powers are trying to create a climate of conflict in Iran with their policy of discord and divisiveness.

"Attempts to create an atmosphere of distrust and disunity in the country will benefit no one," Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said in a meeting with the Basij (volunteer) forces in Tehran, PressTV reported.

"Those who take their cue from the enemy and try to undermine the principles of the Islamic Republic and the Constitution should know that their efforts are in vain".

He once again cautioned that opposition who question the validity of the June 12 elections, to see to it that they are not labeled as Monafeq (hypocrites).

The term Monafeq in Iran is referred to the members of the banned Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO) which masterminded a wave of terrorist attacks in Iran and Iraq in the past three decades.

"Not all people are hypocrites or against the rule of the jurist-prince (Velayat-e Faqih)," Ayatollah Khamenei recalled.

> National Vigilance

He stressed the importance of "national vigilance" to confront the soft war being waged by the enemy.

"The enemy has placed soft war on its agenda because the arrogant powers failed in confronting the Islamic establishment during the first decade after the revolution."

The Leader noted that "Presently the fight against the enemy's soft war is top priority."

Elaborating the point he said "The enemy is trying to use a mixture of cultural tactics and advanced communication methods to spread lies and rumors and create doubts and differences among the people."

As an example he referred to the post-election unrest and said "The enemy sought to drive a wedge between the people and the government...but failed, thanks to the vigilance and steadfastness of the people."

Barak Threatens Lebanon

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak on Tuesday warned Lebanon that it, not Hezbollah, would be the target of retaliatory attacks over the group's activities along Israel's northern border.

"Lebanon grants Hezbollah permission to operate on its soil," said Barak. "We must clarify for the international community that we do not accept that a group like Hezbollah exists in Lebanon, a sovereign country, and even sits in its parliament," Haarezt reported.

Barak added that it holds Lebanon responsible for any conflict with Hezbollah. "Hezbollah is not our target" in such a case, said Barak. "Our target will be the state of Lebanon."

Barak made his comments at a meeting with regional leaders in the north, where he stressed that he holds the Lebanese government responsible for any conflict along the border with Lebanon.

The defense minister added that Israel's deterrence power will last some time.

Barak also addressed peace talks with the Palestinians, saying that a two-state solution is the best formula for resolving the conflict, but stressed that a regional peace involving Syria is of utmost importance to Israel.

Earlier this month, Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi said Hezbollah now possess tens of thousands of rockets, some capable of reaching up to 300 kilometers within Israel.

These capabilities would put Beit-ul-Moqaddas and Tel Aviv, as well cities much further south, into rocket range.

Israel, the United Nations and Hezbollah itself have all said that the resistance movement is stronger today than it was during the Second Lebanon War between Israel and Hezbollah in 2006.



National Iranian Oil Co.



National Iranian Drilling Co.

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