



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad



Shirin Ebadi

Police Urged To Protect Ebadi

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad urged the police chief to take immediate action to provide security to Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi.

Ebadi said on Monday the number of threats against her and her family has increased in recent months. She sent a letter to Police Chief Brigadier General Esmael Ahmadi-Moqaddam with copies of three anonymous handwritten warnings, ISNA reported.

"Threats against my life and security and those of my family, which began some time ago, have intensified," wrote Ebadi, 60, who won the Nobel prize in 2003 for her work in defending human rights.

"I defend only victims of human rights, free of charge. Therefore, those individuals who wish my death have no personal enmity against me but are opposed to my thoughts and ideas," the mother of two wrote.

Stressing on the importance of guarding the dignity, rights and health of all Iranian citizens, Ahmadinejad commanded the police chief to investigate the case and alleviate Ebadi's concerns.

According to the president's verdict, Moqaddam has been obliged to find the origin of the threatening letters and introduce those behind them to the judiciary.

Ahmadinejad, Malawi FM Confer

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called for cooperation between friendly countries, saying these countries should change the tyrannical situation in the world.

In a meeting with Malawian Foreign Minister Joyce Hilda Banda in Tehran on Tuesday, Ahmadinejad noted that Iran is ready to help develop this African country, especially in agricultural and health fields, IRNA reported.

Banda, for her part, thanked the Iranian government's efforts to promote her country's development and called for further mutual cooperation.

On the upcoming meeting of the African head of states in Tehran, she said the meeting will provide a suitable opportunity to broaden ties and cooperation between Iran and African countries.

She said the upcoming visit of Malawian President Bingu Wa Mutharika to Iran can open a new chapter in bilateral cooperation.

On Monday, Banda met with Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and reviewed developments in bilateral ties and ways of further strengthening them.

Banda said "while Iran continues to face the heavy negative propaganda bombardment of the West, the prestige of the Islamic Republic has been constantly improving in the hearts and minds of other nations".

Referring to Iran's valuable experience in agricultural engineering, technical and vocational fields, electricity generation and chemical products' manufacturing, she expressed hope Malawi would be able to take advantage of such broad potentials for the African country's advancement and development in the framework of the Malawian president's state visit of Iran.

Banda termed all propaganda campaigns against Iran as fabricated and said during his stay in Tehran he personally realized that existing realities in the country differed from anti-Iran propaganda.

Google Falsifying History

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said Google's plot to forge a name for the Persian Gulf is a desperate attempt to falsify historical facts.

Hosseini told reporters on Tuesday that forging a name for the Persian Gulf will defi-

nitely harm the Iranian nation, indicated the opportunist and ambitious attitudes of the website's directors," he said, expressing regret over the failed and seditious conspiracy.

He noted that the Foreign Ministry has succeeded in foiling such falsifying at-

"The Iranian nation has made all-out efforts to send online petitions to safeguard their territory," he said, adding that the nation showed national solidarity in this respect.

Hosseini further thanked all Iranians and expatriates for resisting the irrational and op-



tempts through authentic historical documents and defended the identity of Iranian heritage, including the Persian Gulf, in international organizations, IRNA reported.

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Iranians are signing a petition with one million signatures to protest Google's act at the following address: <http://www.petitiononline.com/sos20282/petition.html>.

Nuclear Talks With Germans

Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), is set to discuss Iran's peaceful nuclear program in Berlin on Thursday before attending a conference on nuclear fuel.

The German Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday ElBaradei would meet Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, DPA reported.

Germany is leading efforts to promote non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The two-day Berlin conference, which will be attended by 80 experts from 32 nations, would discuss global challenges facing nuclear fuel, the ministry said.

It is to be jointly hosted by Germany, Britain and the Netherlands. While Germany has legislation in force to phase out all nuclear plants by early 2020s, Britain plans to build new nuclear plants as a way to cut carbon-dioxide emissions.

Tehran, which denies its program pursues nuclear weapons, has said it aims to install at least 54,000 centrifuges to process uranium for supplying fuel to nuclear power plants.

A senior Iranian nuclear official recently said Iran is installing state-of-the-art centrifuges named IR-2 manufactured by domestic scientists.



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Common Caspian...

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Special representatives and deputy foreign ministers of the five Caspian Sea littoral states are attending the meeting.

Issues of mutual interest and holding the first seminar on economy in Russia in the next few months will be among the subjects to be reviewed in the meeting.

The upcoming foreign ministers meeting of the littoral states and the Baku summit will also be discussed.

The Caspian states include Iran, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Russia and Azerbaijan.

Perspective

Intransigent Still

By Siamak Kakaei

The two-day meeting of security committees of the countries neighboring Iraq ended Monday in Syria with a final statement. Participants stressed the necessity of controlling borders between the war-battered Arab country and its neighbors. The Damascus communiqué will be presented to an upcoming meeting of foreign ministers of the participating states scheduled to meet in Kuwait.

The Damascus gathering was the second of its kind within the framework of continued regional efforts to augment effective cooperation with Baghdad in maintaining peace and security in this troubled part of the world.

Importance of such sessions, among other things, lies in the fact that the Bush's America as the occupying power in Iraq and now visibly on the decline, has got into the ugly habit of blaming Iraq's neighbors for the dangerous situation unfolding there due largely to the illegal invasion.

Notwithstanding the fact that the self-appointed superpower is indeed a major part of the problem and a recognized stabilizing factor, the Bush camp is telling all those willing to listen that Iraqi ills are designed outside its borders.

Last week's testimonies by senior war planner General David Petraeus and Bush's political envoy in Baghdad Ryan Crocker, along with the statements by the lame-duck president on the fragile Iraq situation indicate the outgoing regime in Washington has no intention to revise its disastrous Iraq policy. Under the conditions, it is understandable that the US will hang on its policy to harm Iraq's sensitive relations with its immediate neighbors.

Meeting of minds between Iraq and its neighbors and good neighborliness can and should help expose Bush' true colors and discourage his government from provoking tensions and hurling irresponsible charges against this or that country.

Needless to say, the people of Iraq want their Arab neighbors to help the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki restore peace and stability. Iraq and advocates of regional stability have regularly urged all its Arab neighbors to reopen their embassies in Baghdad and put a permanent end to their passive role in the country impoverished by five years of US aggression and crimes against humanity.

It is opportune that Iraq's Arab neighbors see reason and embrace reality if they really care for their internal and regional stability and progress. It is an open secret that the Americans are taking undue advantage of the absence of diplomatic relations between Iraq and the littoral Arab regions.

From the viewpoint of most if not all Iraqi neighbors, the root cause of the escalating crisis in Iraq lies in the US occupation and the unacceptable lawlessness of its trigger-happy troops who are more concerned about not getting killed in the desert than protecting the poor Iraqis and training them in the art of democracy and freedoms, albeit of the western brand.

To impartial observers and the advocates of peace and prosperity in the Middle East, it is foregone decision that things in the region will only get worse if Bush and his successor fail to stop and reverse the five years of aggression and dangerous misjudgments that has brought the strategic region to where it is today.

Islamic Republic of Iran Ministry of Energy



Iran Water & Power Resources Development Co.

Iran Water & Power Resources Development Co. Invitation to Prequalification For Khersan III Dam & Hydro – Power Plant Project

Iran Water & Power Resources Development Company (IWPC) intends to prequalify the applicants to execute on a project finance basis Khersan III Dam & 300 MW Hydro-power Plant Project.

1- Subject & Specifications of Project

- Design and civil construction of concrete double arch Khersan III dam and the relevant facilities with approximately 835 MCM volume of reservoir & 176.5m height.
- Design and construction of power plant and the relevant facilities of approximate capacity of 300 MW (two 150 MW units)
- Location of project: It is situated on Khersan River about 1.5 km of Atashgah Village and 50 km southeast of Lordegan town in Chaharmahal-Bakhtiari province.

2- Notes for Applicants:

- Tendering will be performed among prequalified groups or companies as international tender & tender documents are drawn up accordingly.
- Only groups or companies identified as prequalified will be invited to tender.

3- Interested groups or their authorized representatives may receive prequalification documents from 19th April 2008 at the following address, not later than the office hour of Sunday 4th May 2008 against payment of the non-refundable fee of Iranian Rial 500,000 to Bank Account No. 995.4 Bank Mellat, Sarv Branch in the name of Aban Pazhouh Consulting Engineers & presentation of receipt.

The applicants are required to deliver their completed documents, not later than 30 days from the deadline of purchasing date at the following address:

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