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Iran said on Monday it would not change its nuclear course despite an updated incentive offer by world powers to persuade Tehran to suspend its uranium enrichment program. **See Page 3**



>> Unfounded Allegations

Iraqi Government Spokesman Ali Al-Dabbagh said there is no 'conclusive' evidence that Shiite extremists have been supplied with Iranian arms, as alleged by the United States. **See Page 2**

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President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the Indian Ocean littoral states should consolidate regional accords and expand cooperation for creating a new world order based on justice and respect for human dignity.

Obama Criticizes Clinton Over Iran



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Barack Obama likened Hillary Clinton to President George W. Bush for threatening to "totally obliterate" Iran if it attacks Israel...

Islamic Photo Biennial at Saba



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The First Islamic World Photo Biennial opened on Monday at Saba Cultural-Artistic Institute. Seyyed Abbas Mirhashemi told ISNA that the event is being held in cooperation with Iran's Academy of Arts.

Morales Rejects Rich Autonomy Vote



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Bolivia's largest and richest state voted amid scattered violence Sunday to seek greater autonomy from the government of leftist President Evo Morales, who dismissed the referendum as a failure.

People, Gov't Should Stand Together



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said those who create a wedge between the people and officials, and fuel differences are violating the country's expedience.

The leader was addressing tens of thousands of people of Kazeroun, Fars province, on Monday, Fars News Agency reported.

"The government and people should try to maintain their strong and cordial bonds for advancing the country and transforming it into an Islamic role model in all facets of life. The sine qua non for success is that all members of the society and the officialdom take responsibility (for all state affairs) and also stand united," he said.

Ayatollah Khamenei noted that after the victory of Islamic Revolution, people have once again found their Iranian and Islamic identity.

"People, especially the youth, in the past 30 years have speedily moved toward fulfillment of the ideals of the Islamic Revolution, which are based on their Iranian and Islamic identity. This has upset the enemies," he said.

The leader recalled that the anxieties of the arrogant world powers regarding Iran's progress are rooted in increasing Islamic vigilance.

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India Will Reach Deal On Peace Pipeline

Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said nothing can prevent the implementation of the Peace Pipeline.

The Indian foreign minister who is in Tehran to attend the 8th meeting of foreign ministers of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC) made the remark on Monday in an exclusive interview with IRNA.

"Iran and India enjoy very good relations and no foreign element can harm friendly ties between Tehran and New Delhi," he said.

Referring to historical and cultural commonalities between the two countries, he said there is good economic cooperation between the two countries.

"Iran and India are determined to expand all-out economic cooperation in the fields of gas, steel, railroad and information technology," he said.

Mukherjee said India will broaden political, economic and cultural cooperation with Iran.

"As an independent country, India never lets any country interfere in its affairs," he said.

The Indian foreign minister noted that the Peace Pipeline is a huge economic project which requires in-depth studies and India will reach a final agreement with Iran to this end.

Commenting on Persian Gulf, Mukherjee called it a strategic region that provides security to the regional countries and said it is of prime importance to India.



Pranab Mukherjee

Cyclone Nargis Kills Thousands in Myanmar

Almost 4,000 people were killed and nearly 3,000 others are unaccounted for after a devastating cyclone in Myanmar, a state radio station said on Monday.

Tropical Cyclone Nargis hit the Southeast Asian country, also known as Burma, early Saturday with winds of up to 120 mph. The cyclone blew roofs off hospitals and schools, and cut electricity in Myanmar's largest city Yangon, AP reported.

The government had previously put the death toll countrywide at 351 before increasing it on Monday to 3,939.

The radio station broadcasting from the country's capital said 2,879 more people are unaccounted for in a single town, Bogalay, in the country's low-lying Irrawaddy River delta area where the storm wreaked the most havoc.

The situation in the countryside remained unclear because of poor communications and roads left impassable by the storm.

"It's clear that we're dealing with a very serious situation. The full extent of the impact and needs will require an extensive on-the-ground assessment," said Richard Horsey, a spokesman in Bangkok, Thailand, for United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

"What is clear at this point is that there are several hundred thousands of people in dire need of shelter and clean drinking water," Horsey said.

At a meeting with foreign diplomats and representatives of UN and international aid agencies, Myanmar's Foreign Ministry officials said they welcomed international humanitarian assistance

and urgently need roofing materials, plastic sheets and temporary tents, medicine, water purifying tablets, blankets and mosquito nets.

Neighboring Thailand announced that it would fly some aid in Tuesday.

Older citizens said they had never seen Yangon, a city of some 6.5 million, so devastated in their lifetimes.

With the city's already unstable electricity supply virtually nonfunctional, citizens lined up to buy candles, which doubled in price, and water since lack of electricity-driven pumps left most households dry. Some walked to the city's lakes to wash.

Hotels and richer families were using private



Uprooted trees are seen in Yangon, Myanmar, on May 5 after a heavy cyclone tore into the southwest of the country.

generators but only sparingly, given the soaring price of fuel.

Many stayed away from their jobs, either because they could not find transportation or because they had to seek food and shelter for their families.

