

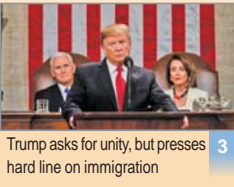
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Rouhani:

## Iran ready to accept US if it changes course



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Zarif further said Washington's decades-long hostility toward Iran has led it to support "dictators, butchers and extremists" in the Middle East.  
Zarif's tweet comes in reaction to Trump's State of the Union address on Tuesday, during which he called Iran "the world's leading state sponsor of terror," and said the Islamic Republic "chants death to America."  
Under the Trump administration, the US has stepped up its pressure campaign against Iran.  
The campaign reached its peak in May 2018, when he unilaterally withdrew America from the 2015 nuclear deal in defiance of international critics.  
During his State of the Union Speech, Trump also defended the decision for America to abandon the "disastrous" Iran deal and "place the toughest sanctions ever" against the country.  
Trump's White House is also preparing to host a so-called Middle East security conference in Warsaw, Poland, next week to discuss ways of piling pressure

## Envoy: Germany to boost economic ties with Iran despite US sanctions



German Ambassador to Tehran Michael Klor-Berchtold (L) and Iran Technical and Vocational Training Organization (ITVTO) head, Soleiman Pakseresht (R), exchange documents of a memorandum of understanding on vocational training in the Iranian capital, Tehran, on Feb. 6, 2019.

### Economic Desk

The German ambassador to Tehran Wednesday said his country will continue to expand economic relations with Iran regardless of US anti-Iran sanctions.  
Michael Klor-Berchtold, who made the remarks on the sidelines of a two-day workshop in the Iranian capital, added, "We have been consulting France and Britain to facilitate trade with Iran."  
The envoy said Berlin is also trying to encourage other EU member states and even non-EU states to boost their economic ties with Tehran.  
Klor-Berchtold pledged that Germany will help Iran in the vocational sector as it did during negotiations on Iran's nuclear program leading to the conclusion of Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).  
The Iranian and German officials signed a memorandum of understanding on vocational training.  
The memorandum was inked by Soleiman Pakseresht, the head of Iran Technical and Vocational Training Organization (ITVTO), and Georg Schütte, the German state secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

### International Desk

President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday that Iran's motto is "Iran with the entire world" and even if the US repents and changes its course, Iran is ready to accept its repentance.  
He made the remarks in a meeting with ambassadors and heads of missions of foreign countries to Tehran on Wednesday, marking the 40th anniversary of the victory of Islamic Revolution of Iran.  
"Despite the US adaptation of unjust policies towards Iran for years, we are ready to accept US repentance if Wash-

ington makes precise calculations, apologizes to Iran for its past interferences, recognizes the glory and dignity of the Iranian nation and the great Islamic Revolution and talks to the Iranian people respectfully," the president said, according to president.ir.  
Our nation seeks friendly and humane relationship with all great nations, particularly our neighbors, he said.  
President Rouhani said the Islamic Republic of Iran advocates a Middle East free from nuclear weapons and WMDs and a world against violence and extremism.  
The United States seeks to put pres-

sure and disappoint the Iranian nation, but our people are more united than ever.  
Referring to the victory of the Iranian nation in the revolution, he said it was the victory of the right over wrong and democracy over dictatorship.  
"The Islamic Revolution was actually popular and a symbol of independence in the bipolar world order."  
The people of Iran achieved victory over a regime armed to teeth through unity and devotion," he said, The Islamic Revolution inspired the oppressed peoples and was like an earthquake for the US and Israel.  
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## Tusk: 'Special place in hell' for Brexiters without a plan

European Council President Donald Tusk spoke of a "special place in hell" for "those who promoted Brexit without even a sketch of a plan of how to carry it out safely."  
He was speaking after talks with Irish premier Leo Varadkar in Brussels, according to BBC.  
Brexit-backing MPs reacted with anger to the comments, accusing Tusk of "arrogance."  
Downing Street said it was a question for Tusk "whether he considers the use of that kind of language helpful."  
The prime minister's official spokesman said, "We had a robust and lively referendum campaign in this country. In what was the largest democratic exercise in our history people voted to leave the EU."  
He added that everyone should now focus on delivering that.  
And at the end of their press conference, Varadkar was picked up by the microphones telling Tusk: "They'll give you terrible trouble in the British press for that."  
Tusk nodded at the comment and both laughed.  
Former UKIP leader, and now an independent MEP, Nigel Farage, tweeted back at Tusk: "After Brexit we will be free of uneducated, arrogant bullies like you and run our own country. Sounds more like heaven to me."  
Commons leader Andrea Leadsom,



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who also campaigned for Britain's exit from the EU, said Tusk should apologize for his "disgraceful" and "spiteful" comments.  
"I'm sure that when he reflects on it he may well wish he hadn't done it," she told BBC Radio 4's World at One.  
The Democratic Unionist Party's Brexit spokesman Sammy Wilson said, "This devilish Euro mania is doing his best to keep the United Kingdom bound by the chains of EU bureaucracy and control."  
"It is Tusk and his arrogant EU negotiators who have fanned the flames of fear in an attempt to try and overturn the result of the referendum."  
But Sinn Fein President Mary Lou McDonald backed Tusk, arguing that it was the position of "hardline" Brexit-supporting MPs like Boris Johnson and Jacob Rees-Mogg that was "intemperate" and "untenable."  
"They are people who have acted with absolute contempt for [Ireland], utter disregard for the experiences of

Irish people, north and south, with utter disregard for the peace process that has been collectively built over decades," she added.  
Tusk began his remarks by telling reporters there were 50 days to go until the UK's exit from the European Union.  
"I know that still a very great number of people in the UK, and on the continent, as well as in Ireland, wish for a reversal of this decision. I have always been with you, with all my heart."  
"But the facts are unmistakable. At the moment, the pro-Brexit stance of the UK prime minister, and the Leader of the Opposition, rules out this question."  
"Today, there is no political force and no effective leadership for Remain. I say this without satisfaction, but you can't argue with the facts."  
Theresa May — who supported the UK staying in the EU during the 2016 EU referendum but has always insisted that Brexit must be delivered because that was what people voted for — is due to arrive in Brussels on Thursday to seek legal changes to the withdrawal deal she signed with the EU. She hopes these changes will help her get it through the UK Parliament.  
Tusk said that the other 27 EU members had decided in December that the withdrawal agreement was "not open for renegotiation."  
He said, "I hope that tomorrow we will hear from Prime Minister May a realistic suggestion on how to end the impasse... following the latest votes in the House of Commons."

## Amnesty accuses UAE of diverting arms to 'militias' in Yemen

Amnesty International accused the United Arab Emirates on Wednesday of diverting arms supplied by Western and other states to "unaccountable militias accused of war crimes" in Yemen.  
The UAE and Saudi Arabia are leading a military coalition that is trying to restore former government, Reuters reported.  
"Emirati forces receive billions of dollars' worth of arms from Western states and others, only to syphon them off to militias in Yemen that answer to no one and are known to be committing war crimes," Amnesty said in a statement.  
"The proliferation of these fighting forces is a recipe for disaster for Yemeni civilians who have already been killed in their thousands, while millions more are on the brink of famine as a direct result of the war," the human rights group said.  
The UAE government media office did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the Amnesty statement.  
The UAE has trained and armed thousands of Yemenis, mostly in southern provinces and western coastal areas, as part of the forces battling the Houthis, who control most urban areas including the capital Sanaa and the main port of Hodeida.  
Western nations, many of which provide weapons and intelligence to the coalition, have pressed for an end to the almost four-year war after the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi increased scrutiny of Saudi activities in the region.  
Amnesty called on states to suspend arms sales to the warring parties until there is "no longer a substantial risk" they may be used to breach humanitarian or human rights law.

