

Iran to host 'International Conference on Palestinian Resistance'

The World Assembly of Islamic Awakening plans to hold an international conference on resistance of the Palestinian nation early next year.

The three-day 'International Conference of Palestinian Resistance' will open on January 29, 2020 with the purpose of promoting the discourse of resistance, according to Press TV.

The participants will discuss a wide range of issues, including the theoretical, epistemological and intellectual foundations of Palestinian resistance, in addition to the Islamic Revolution, Islamic Awakening and the Palestinian cause as well as capabilities, opportunities, challenges and threats facing Palestinian resistance.

They will also exchange views about illuminating the position of leaders, scholars, elites, intellectuals, society, Islamic parties and justice-seekers in support of Palestine as well as the discourse of resistance, prospects, strategies, solutions and the future ahead.

All scholars, researchers, experts and thinkers are invited to submit their articles on the above-mentioned topics until January 10, 2020.



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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in July hailed the Palestinian people's "stunning resistance," saying it heralds a "definite" victory against Israel.

"Victory will not be achieved without resistance and struggle, and we believe according to the indubitable divine promise that the issue of Palestine will definitely be in the interest of the Palestinian people and the Islamic world," the Leader said as he received the deputy head of the Hamas Political Bureau, Salih al-Aruri, as well as a letter from Hamas chief, Ismail Haniyeh, in Tehran.

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The photo shows a Palestinian girl taking part in the "Great March of Return" protests.



Iraq blasts attack on Iranian Consulate in Karbala

Iraqi Foreign Ministry in a statement on Monday condemned a recent attack by a group of people under the guise of protest on Iran's Consulate in Karbala.

In the statement, the Iraqi ministry underlined the fact that diplomatic missions, which have been established based on bilateral agreements in Iraq, have sanctity and their security should not be endangered, IRNA wrote.

It added that the security of foreign embassies and consulates is regarded as red line and no aggression will be allowed against them.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry went on to say that Iraqi security systems have adopted all measures to prevent any disruption of order for diplomatic missions in Iraq.



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Such behaviors will not affect friendly ties and good neighborliness between Iran and Iraq, it noted.

A number of unidentified protesters attacked the outer wall of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Consulate in Karbala on Sunday.

Iraqi security forces reacted to the attack instantly.

Iraqi security forces managed to disperse the protesters without them damaging the buildings of the Iranian Consulate in Karbala.

Earlier, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Seyyed Abbas Mousavi said Iran is carefully monitoring the situation in Iraq.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran supports the Iraqi nation's demands that are clearly affirmed by the religious authority as well as Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi," Mousavi said.

Army chief: Iran has power, resolve to respond to pressures

Iran's Army Commander Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi cautioned the enemies that the Islamic Republic has the necessary power and resolve to respond to pressures.

In an address to a Monday ceremony in Tehran to mark the 40th anniversary of the 1979 takeover of the US Embassy, Major General Mousavi said Iran's policy of active resistance has forced the arrogant powers to change their behavior and calculations, Tasnim News Agency reported.

Their reasonable officials have realized that the "era of pressures with a zero cost has ended," the commander said, adding, "Iran has the necessary facilities, determination and consensus to respond to pressures."

Enumerating the US government's hostile measures against Iran, the top general said the Islamic resistance and the battle against arrogance have inflicted defeats on the US, which he said is rapidly heading toward the country's downfall under President Donald Trump.

The commander also highlighted Iran's leading role and influence in West Asia, saying the concept of resistance has been promoted across the re-

gion and turned into an effective model for countering hegemony.

In comments in November 2018, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei highlighted the diminishing influence of the US government in all areas of power, saying Washington has even discredited "liberal democracy" which is known as the basis of the Western civilization.

There is a consensus among major international experts that US power is dwindling in all areas, the Leader underscored, adding that, conversely, the Iranian nation is moving forward and has a bright future.

Ayatollah Khamenei also branded the US government as the loser of the confrontation with the Islamic Republic over the past 40 years, saying the fact in confrontation between the US and Iran is that "the victorious side in this challenge has been the Islamic Republic of Iran and the loser has been the US."

In addition, the Iranian Army, in a statement on the same occasion, reiterated its readiness to protect the security of the Islamic Republic's people.

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Espionage by the students following the line of [the founder of the Islamic Republic] Imam [Khomeini] proved that wherever the US is present, there would be discord, turmoil, and protest," the army said in the statement released on Sunday evening, referring to the takeover of the US Embassy in Tehran.

"One of the reasons why our dear country's security today has become exemplary to enemies' dismay, is the absence of the American Embassy in Tehran," it added.

US officials have made numerous attempts to reopen their embassy in recent years in order to sow discord among the

Iranian people, the army said.

"Today, more than ever, it has been proven that regional policies of the US have failed," it stated, adding that White House leaders are pursuing their goals through sowing discords and waging civil wars.

"The Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran are vigilant enough to counter any destructive move by the enemy to undermine (the country's) security and peace... and never make light of the security of the people," the statement read.

On Monday, the Iranian people, mostly students, took part in nationwide rallies to mark the anniversary of the takeover of the US Embassy in Teh-

ran and condemn US policies against the Islamic Republic.

In Tehran, demonstrators marked the anniversary of the landmark move at the venue of the former US Embassy, which is known by Iranians as the "Den of Espionage."

They also chanted slogans against the US, the Israeli regime and arrogant powers plotting against Iran.

On November 4, 1979, and in less than a year after the victory of the Islamic Revolution that toppled a US-backed monarchy, Iranian university students who called themselves "students following the line of Imam [Khomeini]" seized the US Embassy in Tehran, which had become a center of espionage and planning to overthrow the newly established Islamic system in Iran.

The students who seized the embassy later published documents proving that the compound was indeed engaged in plans and measures to overthrow the Islamic Republic.

Every year on the 13th day of the Iranian month of Aban (which this year fell on November 4), the Iranian people, particularly students, hold rallies across the country to mark the day.

Iran hands over 29 illegal Pakistani migrants to border authorities



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Iran handed over 29 Pakistani nationals to the local authorities at Iran-Pakistan Taftan border crossing, local media reported on Monday.

According to reports, the detained people were arrested from different Iranian cities for living without valid travel documents, IRNA wrote.

After the completion of formal procedures, Iran handed

over the Pakistani nationals to Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency for further investigations.

Pakistani nationals who enter Iran illegally are caught every year by Iranian security forces.

Iran and Pakistan are already engaged in efforts to strengthen cooperation to stop the illegal cross-border movements.

Iran rejects WSJ report on request for US consular services

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman vehemently rejected a report claiming that Tehran has recently called for the creation of a US consular office in the Swiss Embassy in Tehran.

The remarks were made by Seyyed Abbas Mousavi, in which he dismissed as untrue the report published by the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on Monday, Tasnim News Agency reported.

"A US official said Iran had recently asked for the creation of a consular service [section] through the Swiss, who represent US interests in Tehran," the report said on Sunday.

"Iran, this US official said, hopes the consular service can be used to facilitate negotiations over prisoner swaps," it added.

The remarks came against the backdrop of increased tensions between Iran and the US with Washington imposing new sanctions against the Islamic



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Republic.

The US has ratcheted up pressure on Iran since last year after withdrawing from the 2015 nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), signed between Tehran and the P5+1.

Since then, the administration of US President Donald Trump is trying to reduce Iran's oil exports to "zero," and has sent an

aircraft carrier strike group, a bomber squad, an amphibious assault ship and a Patriot missile battery to the Middle East to try to stack up pressure on Tehran.

Iranian officials, however, have dismissed such moves as psychological warfare, saying the country has its own ways of circumventing the American bans and selling crude oil.