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# Iran in a Week

**Iranian media have closely followed US President Donald Trump's Gulf tour, which coincided with tenuous nuclear negotiations between Washington and Tehran. Commentary, especially from opinion writers, was sharply critical of Saudi Arabia, echoing the tone of recent broadcasts that appeared to violate the spirit of the Beijing Agreement. While some criticism stems from the regional rivalry, much of it relied on populist and propagandistic rhetoric, lacking substance. Despite the visit's alignment with a unified Gulf strategy, Iranian attacks focused on Riyadh, even though the agreement between the two countries calls for cooperation. Importantly, Trump's statements on Iran were repetitions of earlier pronouncements, with no measures regarding Tehran announced. The deals signed are expected to serve both US and Saudi interests and support Saudi Arabia's strategic goals. Ironically, Iran's push for a nuclear deal also aims to attract investment, including from the United States.**

## News

### Politics:

**Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf:** "The advancement of the Islamic world hinges on cooperation between Iran and Saudi Arabia."

**Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baghaei:** "A final decision has not yet been made regarding the next round of negotiations, and Iran is working on studying the issue."

**Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian:** "The message concerning the current government's foreign policy was written by my brother, Mr. Zarif, and we sent it, but the West did not accept it."

**Iranian politician Ebrahim Asgharzadeh who led the takeover of the US embassy in Tehran:** "There is no option but to reopen the Iranian and US embassies."

### Security and Military:

**Iranian Defense Minister Aziz Nasirzadeh:** "The shared border between Iran and Armenia is a historic channel of communication between the two peoples, and Tehran will not allow any encroachment on this border."

**Oil Minister Mohsen Paknejad:** "'Maximum pressure' has been their slogan for years, but it is a failed policy."

**IRGC Commander Brigadier General Hossein Salami:** "In recent weeks, we have achieved a great breakthrough in the field of defense technology. We won't speak of it now, but we will reveal it in action. Know this: the balance of power has shifted and it will continue to shift."

### The Region and the World:

**UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper:** "The Iranian regime's threat to our internal security cannot continue."

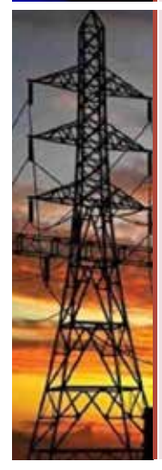
**US Department of the Treasury:** Four individuals in Iran linked to financing Lebanon's Hezbollah have been added to the sanctions list.

**French Ministry of Foreign Affairs:** A complaint will be filed against the Iranian regime at the International Court of Justice over the detention of our citizens.

**London Police Officials:** Three Iranians detained in London have been charged with intelligence cooperation with Iran.

### Economy:

**Spokesman for Iran's Expediency Council, Mohsen Dehnavi:** "The Expediency Council has conditionally approved Iran's accession to the Palermo Convention."



**Iranian Minister of Industry, Trade and Mining Mohammad Atabak:** "The operations of some industrial units have been suspended due to a 15-day power outage."

### Society and Culture:

**Secretary of the Food Industries Association Mohammad Reza Shafiee Nia:** "Per capita meat consumption has dropped from 13.3 kilograms to 6 kilograms, while for the lowest three deciles of society, it has fallen to less than 1 kilogram."

**Study by the Parliament Research Center:** The percentage of fourth-grade students in Iran who achieved the minimum literacy proficiency level is 41%, while the global average for this indicator is 6%.

**Secretary-General of Iran's Anti-Smoking Association Mohammad Reza Masjedi:** "There has been a 133% increase in tobacco use among teenage girls."

**Director of Youth Population and Family Affairs at the Ministry of Health Saber Jabari:** "Twelve million young people of marriageable age have not yet married."

## Editorials

### 1 Arman Emrooz

**The Social Repercussions of the Energy Crisis**

The ongoing energy crisis, caused by past mismanagement, may lead to major social, political and economic problems. Rising public dissatisfaction could trigger factory closures, bankruptcies and security crises.

### 2 Jahan-e Sanat Newspaper

**The Need for a Radical Transformation of Iran's Economy**

Iran's economy depends on US negotiations, yet vital economic sectors worsen daily. Without reforms based on modern economics, irreparable damage awaits.

### 3 Setar-e Sobh Newspaper

**The Role of Parliamentarians in Perpetuating the Country's Backwardness**

While neighbors attract investment, Iranian MPs waste time on internal conflicts, misusing oversight powers and ignoring urgent development needs.

### 4 Donya-ye Eghtesad

**The Consequences of Turning Back the Clock**

The president's call to return to a fanless era reflects regression, contrasting with Gulf nations' forward-looking strategies.