

Iran in a Week

A series of mysterious explosions in Tehran, Bandar Abbas and Isfahan has shifted attention away from the third round of Iran-US negotiations in Oman. Despite the Iranian government's silence and lack of clear explanations — whether sabotage or internal error — the incidents expose embarrassing security lapses in key areas. Analysts suggest these blasts may be tied to a longstanding

Israeli strategy of preemptive deterrence aimed at depleting Iran's military and technological capacity, a strategy that has become more assertive since the breakdown of traditional deterrence after the 2023 Gaza conflict. The explosions also underscore Iran's internal fragility — its inability to fully secure strategic facilities or control conflicting media narratives. Although Iran projects

strength through its military and intelligence apparatus, repeated and unacknowledged attacks reveal a growing vulnerability. This internal instability could weaken Iran's position in future nuclear or regional talks, as the state appears increasingly exposed to pressure without possessing a clear or credible response strategy, either militarily or diplomatically.

News

Politics:



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi from Beijing: "There is full understanding between Iran and China regarding the Iranian nuclear issue and the ongoing negotiations."



Member of the Expediency Discernment Council Saeed Jalili: "The experience of the nuclear deal must not be repeated."



Iranian government spokesperson Fatemeh Mohajerani: "The negotiations are limited solely to the nuclear issue, and we reject any attempt to broaden the scope of the talks."



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi after the conclusion of the third round of negotiations between Iran and the United States: "There is a possibility that experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency will participate in the next meeting."

Security and Military:



Iranian Defense Minister, Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh: "The enemy is sitting at the negotiating table because of our deterrent power."



Iranian Deputy Minister of Communications, Behzad Akbari: A "wide-scale and complex" cyberattack targeting Iran's infrastructure was thwarted.



CEO of Sina Company for Marine and Port Services Development Saeed Jafari: "The extremely dangerous shipment that exploded at Rajaei port had been imported and stored as if it were an ordinary commodity."



Iranian Customs Authority: "The goods that caught fire at Shahid Rajaei port were not in the custody of customs."

The Region and the World:



The Dutch Foreign Ministry summons the Iranian ambassador following accusations by the Dutch intelligence agency that Iran was involved in two assassination attempts in Europe.



The Lebanese Foreign Ministry summons the Iranian ambassador in Beirut for the second time over his statements regarding the disarmament of Hezbollah.



IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi: "Iran has agreed to allow a technical team from the agency to visit in the coming days to hold talks on reinstalling surveillance cameras at nuclear facilities."

Economy:



Deputy Head of the Trade Promotion Organization, Mohammad Sadeq Qannadzadeh: "Iranian goods are exported to the western part of this continent more than to its eastern part, and this naturally happens through third countries such as the UAE and Türkiye."



Deputy foreign minister for economic affairs: "We need to trust the private sector so that people will bring the money they've hidden in their mattresses into the market."

Society and Culture:



Iranian state television after airing a program offensive to Sunni Muslims: The program that was broadcast on the Family TV channel from Channel One was an unforgivable and suspicious mistake.



The Iranian judiciary demands nearly \$1 million in bail for the temporary release of a prisoner of Arab origin.

Editorials

