

Iran in a Week


Iran continues to grapple with a cycle of resilience and erosion as it enters a critical phase marked by neither open conflict with the West nor genuine reconciliation. Political leaders, including Ali Larijani and Masoud Pezeshkian, reflect a regime attempting to project strategic stability while relying on fragile slogans and short-term policies. Nuclear negotiations, once seen as a path to salvation, are now bargaining tools amid shifting global alliances, necessary more for symbolic reasons than substantive outcomes. Inflation and economic grievances have shifted the crisis inward, exposing weakened infrastructure and declining social trust. Seeking economic lifelines, Tehran turns increasingly toward Russia and Pakistan, yet struggles to translate agreements into tangible gains.

News

Politics:



Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf: “Tehran has shown its desire to join the defense treaty concluded between Islamabad and Riyadh.”



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian: “During wartime, my fear was that harm might come to the supreme leader, and then we would end up quarreling among ourselves.”



Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi: “Any potential future negotiations with America will focus exclusively on the nuclear file.”




Deputy Head of the Parliament's National Security Committee Abbas Moqtadaei: “America seeks to plant individuals loyal to the West within Iran's official structures.”


Security and Military:



IRGC Spokesman Brigadier General Ali Mohammad Naeini: “We are ready to inflict a more severe and crushing defeat on America and Israel.”



Member of the Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee Vahid Ahmadi: “If the Americans attack us, their bases and interests in the region will be legitimate targets for us.”



Political prisoners in Evin Prison issue a protest statement denouncing the arrest of prominent economic experts.



Head of the Coordinating Council of Hezbollah Forces Hussein Allahkaram: “We have reached deterrence and ballistic capability, and we can target larger objectives.”

The Region and the World:



US President Donald Trump extends the so-called National Emergency regarding Iran.



Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Grossi: Iran still possesses sufficient quantities of highly enriched uranium and the technical expertise to produce a “nuclear weapon.”



US Treasury Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence John Hurley: “Even with everything Iran has been through, even with the economy not in great shape, they're still pumping a lot of money to their terrorist proxies.”

Economy:



Economy Minister Ali Madanizadeh: “In an atmosphere of neither war nor peace, investors cannot be expected to invest as they did before.”




Member of the Chamber of Commerce Representatives Mohsen Bahrami Arz Aghdas: “Per capita meat consumption during the war with Iraq was 23 kilograms, and today it has fallen to less than 3 kilograms.”




Deputy Head of the Parliament's Planning and Budget Committee Hadi Ghavami: “Oil sales volumes have dropped from 1.8 million barrels to 1.6 million barrels at best.”


Society and Culture:



Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution: IRIB has been tasked with launching an international television channel in Hebrew.



Researcher at Beheshti University of Medical Sciences Abbas Shahsooni: “Air pollution in Iran caused the deaths of 53,470 people last year.”



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian: “If it does not rain again, we will have to evacuate Tehran.”

Editorials

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Setar-e Sobh Newspaper

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Western Celebrations Flourishing, Iranian Festivities Absent

The boom of Halloween celebrations in Iran has alarmed religious hardliners. Police forces reacted harshly, and the government spokesperson — opposing Halloween — spoke of national and religious celebrations as alternatives.

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Siasat-e Rooz

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Alarm Over Rising Child Suicides

According to reports, Mohammad Bathaie, head of the Social Affairs Organization, said, “Unfortunately, we are now witnessing an increase in suicide attempts and deaths, especially among children under 12, which was very rare before.”

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Jahan-e Sanat Newspaper

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From Neglect to Deadlock

For many years, Iran has been unable or unwilling to resolve the tangled nuclear issue. Tehran seems to await a miraculous event where the West and the IAEA abandon the file. The unresolved nuclear deadlock has created dozens of smaller trade obstacles, each disastrous.

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Sugar Daddy” and “Sugar Mommy:” The Bitter Reality in Iranian Society Today

Whether we like it or not, the “sugar daddy” and “sugar mommy” phenomenon has become common and hidden in major cities, especially Tehran, quietly growing and solidifying.