

**Iranian Domestic Media Monitoring Report**  
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**State-Facilitated Media Source**

*(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in English 1635 GMT, 30 August 2010)*

- Expediency Council Chairman Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani alleged that “the United States is trying to promote Islamic extremism in order to undermine the Islamic Republic of Iran.”
- “The enemies of Islam and Iran are incensed that Islam is rising in the West, and this anger has manifested itself in derogatory remarks about the Koran”, Rafsanjani stated at a gathering of Iranian and foreign Koran reciters in Tehran on Monday [30 August].

**August 29, 2010**

**State-Facilitated Media Sources**

*(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 1819 GMT, 29 August 2010)*

- Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad alleged that corrupt monarchies and hegemonies with huge military spending are "the source of all global crises".
- "Corrupt powers are not qualified to govern the international community neither theoretically nor practically," Ahmadinezhad said on Sunday [29 August].
- "Monarchic regimes and hegemonic powers are the source of all global crises," the Iranian president's official website reported.
- "In the USA, plans to allocate 50bn dollars to healthcare for the poor caused a lot of media hype and uproar, while the US military budget for 2010 [which] is over 860bn dollars, which is eight times more than Iran's total spending budget," did not receive media attention, he added.

*(Source: Iran's Human Rights Activists News Agency, HRANA, in Persian 1003 GMT, 29 August 2010)*

- The Iranian Supreme Court approved a verdict of stoning for two people accused of adultery, Iran's Human Rights Activists News Agency, HRANA, reported on 29 August.
- According to HRANA reporters, on 28 August, the Iranian Supreme Court approved a verdict of stoning for Vali Janfeshani and Sariyeh Ebadi who were accused of adultery.

**August 27, 2010**

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*(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 27 August 2010)*

- The head of Mirhoseyn Musavi's election campaign has been sentenced to five years in prison and has been fined more than 100 dollars.
- A judge at branch 28 of the revolutionary court sentenced Qorban Behzadianezhad to five years in prison. He was informed about his unjust sentence on Tuesday.

According to Kalemeh, The court also sentenced Behzadianezhad to a fine of more than 100 dollars for having insulted Ahmadinezhad, Iran's illegitimate president whose re-election was the outcome of a monumental election fraud in June 2009.

### **August 26, 2010**

#### **State-Facilitated Media Source**

*(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0615 GMT, 26 August 2010)*

- Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamene'i issued a statement in which he noted that "poets should use their talents to serve the purposes set as a mission for human beings by the Almighty."
- "Ayatollah Khamene'i pointed to the very old, long-standing and invaluable history of poetry in Iran and said poetry has paved the way for the flourishing of other branches of arts as well."
- The Supreme Leader highlighted "the importance of formation of literary and poetry associations and circles". Describing what induces certain people to make poems as a blessing bestowed by God, the Ayatollah urged "men of literature and poets to use their talents to advance the goals set for the mankind by the Almighty".

### **August 25, 2010**

#### **State-Facilitated Media Source**

*(Source: Javan newspaper, Tehran, in Persian 25 August 2010, p 2)*

*Direct passage:*

- Recently, an English-language school has been established in Iraqi Soleymaniyeh City. According to Javan's report, this school, [name omitted] has been affiliated to the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and has six American teachers linked to this spying agency.
- This school was launched aiming to attract people for espionage. An informed source has said: The intelligence forces of the CIA are aimed at identifying, attracting and recruiting suitable people with high intelligence quotient for espionage in Iraq, Syria and Iran as well as for supporting the journalists and publications that write articles and items against the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

### **August 24, 2010**

#### **State-Facilitated Media Sources**

*(Source: Iranian Labour News Agency (ILNA), Tehran, in Persian 1659 GMT, 24 August 2010)*

- Whilst President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad was in a meeting with a group of students, and students' associations he threatened that: "The main problem of the country is that the enemy is trying to reach the objectives which it failed to achieve during the plots hatched in the past 31 years by crating an extensive psychological war."
- Ahmadinezhad reiterated: "Certain people are playing in the enemy's court without considering the interests of the country. Today we are witnessing the most important change in our economy and culture. Principles are supposed to change and a true revolution is supposed to take place in the field of culture, therefore these issues should not be pushed to margins with distract issues."