

Iranian Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Esfahan Provincial TV, Esfahan, in Persian 1615 GMT, 05 April 2010)

- At a meeting with military personnel in Kashan, Ayatollah Namazi, the Friday imam of Kashan, alleged that “the enemy [Western powers] is trying to expand economic sanctions against us [Iran], so we should expand our capabilities in all spheres on a daily basis.”
- Ayatollah Namazi also said that “there are two main points in the supreme leader's speech [Ayatollah Khamene'i's Nowruz address on 20 March]. One is that Islamic Iran should demonstrate to the world that Islam has capability in all spheres and other is that we should be ready for any plots hatched by the enemies.”

(Source: Javan, Tehran, in Persian, 05 April 2010)

Text of report under "Urgent" column headlined "Secret of domestic signals and West's efforts to sanction Iran" published by Iranian newspaper Javan on 5 April

- “Some informed sources are blaming the signals sent by rioters for intensification of Western efforts to sanction Iran”.
- According to Javan, “the release of the report that some rioters have met with representatives of the opposition outside the country and even with some covert elements of foreign countries shows that the latest efforts by the US government and some other Western countries to sanction Iran and isolate it are due to the signals sent to the West by these representatives”.
- “The reason these signals have been sent is reportedly to have sanctions approved and imposed on Iran in a wider and quicker manner so that they are imposed at the same time when the targeted subsidies are implemented in order to increase pressure on Iranian people. And as result of this, people's objections will increase, revealing government's inability in this area, which in turn will pave the way for the government to announce its inefficiency and the need for establishment of an interim administration will arise”.
- “It is worth pointing out that recently a group of American Congressmen in a letter to the US president, asked him to do more to support the Iranian rioters. Part of the letter said: ‘We want you to support and back the opponents of the Iran government, who are struggling to achieve freedom and democracy (!)’. The opponents of the Iranian government will continue their struggle and we must not leave them alone in this task.”

April 7, 2010

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1040 GMT, 7 April 2010)

- First Vice-President Mohammad-Reza Rahimi “regretted that the world is revolving around the axis of incorrect news most of which are created by the Zionists.”

- Rahimi made the remarks while addressing managers and editors of the Islamic Republic News Agency during his visit to IRNA.
- “They try to justify their wrongdoings and portray injustice as justice before the eyes of people across the globe”, the VP reiterated.
- During his visit to IRNA headquarters, Rahimi inaugurated three new news sections including IRNA's 'News and Photos', 'Every Citizen, A Reporter,' and 'Report on Government's Provincial Tour'.

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0950 GMT, 7 April 2010)

- Senior Iranian diplomat said Wednesday that “conducting the upcoming meeting on disarmament in Iran would signify the country's honesty and firm intention for elimination of nuclear weapons.”
- "Iran is determined both in words and action in eliminating of nuclear weapons,"
- He added that “Iran has been one of the front-runners of nuclear proliferation campaign and disarmament during the past three decades.”
- The diplomat referred to Tehran's disarmament meeting as a "historic chance" for all countries which were seeking a halt on arms race and elimination of nuclear weapons.

(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 7 April 2010)

- Shahab Tabataba'i has told Iranian Labour News Agency (ILNA) that he has been sentenced to five years in prison following appeal.
- Shahab Tabataba'i was arrested shortly after the 12 June coup and was accused of “acting against national security, propagating against the system and colluding and assembly for disrupting national security”.
- He was subsequently sentenced by Judge Salavati to five years in prison which was then confirmed by a court of appeal.

April 8, 2010

(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 8 April 2010)

- According to a report, Fatemeh Khorramlu was arrested on 6 February for “espionage and conducting interviews with foreign radio stations.”
- “Fatemeh Khorramlu was transferred to section 209 of Evin prison [in Tehran] and then to the prison's women's ward. She has been deprived of having a lawyer throughout her imprisonment.”

(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 8 April 2010)

- Green Movement leader Mirhoseyn Musavi met with former members of parliament from the reformist Mojahedin of the Islamic Revolution Organization. He said that “the Islamic Republic is facing problems far deeper than the widespread street protests, and cannot simply be resolved by putting an end to the protests.”

- "Our [Islamic] system is facing problems and its manifestation is not limited to the protests on the streets. The issues and problems are far deeper than this. One of them is that the state believes that by ending the street protests the protesters' concerns are [also] resolved."
- The former prime minister said during the meeting that all the things that give legitimacy to a state are being "destroyed" in Iran. "Regimes normally use brute force (police, military and security forces) in the end to survive at any cost but this is happening in our country and this is cause for great thought and attention," he added.
- "We must stand firm until the issues and problems are resolved. The people have paid a heavy price during this period and they are used to paying such prices because they have great and righteous aspirations. You can see how prisoners have become the champions of the people and how they are welcomed [upon their freedom] and this is a sign of the ineffectiveness of these actions in confronting the [Green] Movement and the people's demands."

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran West Azarbayjan Provincial TV, Orumiyeh, in Persian 1435 GMT, 08 April 2010)

- Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad alleged that "elections in the West are "puppet shows" and reiterated his suggestion that the 11 September 2001 attacks on the United States were masterminded by Western powers."
- "There are no elections in Europe and America. They perform a puppet show and call it an election. What role do the people play in an election? There is only party, money, and media," he said.
- He went on: "They created a story and headlined it 9/11. No-one understood what happened, and they didn't let anyone understand what happened."
- He criticized the activities of "world leaders" and said the Iranian nation does respect them or their "bosses".
- He declared that "Iran is the most secure country in the world" thanks to the sacrifice of veterans and "martyrs" of the Iran-Iraq war.

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1110 GMT, 8 April 2010)

- President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad alleged "that Iran does not welcome UNSC sanctions but tries to turn them into opportunities."
- "Our first goal is to reconstruct the country and then we are to influence global developments. We should have a say in global developments and influence them. The international community welcomes Iran's great scientific progress in various fields which indicates its might and authority, he said.

April 9, 2010

(Source: Islamic Republic of Iran News Network, Tehran, in Persian 1413 GMT, 9 April 2010)

- Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad addressed "Iran's nuclear achievements" broadcast live by Iranian TV News Network on 9 April and reacted to US President's new nuclear policy.

- "If someone uses nuclear weapons as a means for threat, would this prevent or promote nuclear proliferation? You are threatening certain countries and the world. What should they do? Would they sit and watch you? When you have a means with which you are threatening nations, you are in fact encouraging other nations to procure similar means.
- "Therefore, your claim that you want to prevent proliferation is a big lie. Even the play acted by the American administration a few days ago was also a big lie. They [Americans] have more than 9,000 nuclear warheads, as they say. Some 2,100 of them are strategic. This means that they are weapons that are determining in wars. They say that they intend to reduce a third of the 2,100 warheads. They will reduce it to over 1,500. A number of atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused catastrophe. They killed hundreds of thousands of people, and destroyed generations of people.
- "Now you have 9,000 [nuclear warheads] and want to dismantle 600 of them during several years and are boasting about it to nations. It is interesting that at the same time, they [the Americans] say that Iran may possibly - is accused of - building one atomic bomb in the upcoming years. How strange? If one atomic bomb is so dangerous for the world, how dangerous are your 9,000 bombs? You say that your [nuclear] arsenal may destroy the entire earth several times. Why have you stocked them? Presumably for spreading human rights. All their [American] policies are against humanity. The greatest treason of the true owners of atomic weapons has been that they have defined nuclear energy equal to nuclear weapon. Who has said that nuclear energy means nuclear weapons."

April 10, 2010

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1255 GMT, 10 April 2010)

- Commander of the Islamic Republic Army Major General Ata'ollah Salehi alleged that "the Iranian armed forces are in full combat readiness and enemies do not dare to target the country."
- He made the remarks in a special ceremony marking 11th martyrdom anniversary of Lieutenant General [Ali] Sayyad Shirazi in Tehran on Saturday.
- "The Iranian army along with other military forces are well-equipped and are in full combat readiness to defend the country's territorial integrity," he said.
- "Those who are well-equipped with nuclear, conventional and non-conventional weapons are quite aware that their capabilities are not enough to confront Iran as they have been humiliated in dealing with Iran on various occasions," he said.
- "No enemies dare to target the Islamic Republic of Iran as its army is well-equipped with most sophisticated deterrent weapons", he said.

April 11, 2010

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1505 GMT, 11 April 2010)

- US President Barack Obama's recent statements "indicated prevalence of illogicality in the US, spokesman of Majlis National Security and foreign Policy Commission said Sunday."

- Talking to IRNA, Kazem Jalali claimed that “the only logical and rational way is to continue talks based on Iran's package of proposals.”
- "Obama's remarks indicate that the motto of change has not realized and the same policy pursued by the neoconservatives is still in place," he said.
- "Therefore, either Obama as the US president has not managed to introduce a change to the country's policies or the motto of change was political bluff just from the beginning for winning the elections."
- "Iran enjoys political growth and it will never give up its decision on national nuclear programme," he said.
- “Bullying powers should know that they have no choice but to recognize nuclear Iran, as the US' thinkers have reached the same conclusion”.

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1405 GMT, 11 April 2010)

- Foreign Minister Manuchehr Mottaki stated that “the Islamic Republic of Iran never approves the unjust, insincere and wrong policies of Britain.”
- Mottaki made the remarks in a meeting with university students of Sharif University in Tehran.
- “Britain has interfered in Iran's domestic issues and has continued with such an approach at various junctures”, he said.
- “On Iran's peaceful nuclear activities, he said Britain never hesitated to adopt the toughest stands in less than one decade and tried to lure others against Iran.”
- "We have been subject to ill-wishes and wrongdoings as well as hegemonic policies of Britain throughout history," he said.

(Source: Al-Alam TV, Tehran, in Arabic 0902 GMT, 11 April 2010)

- An Iranian analyst alleged that “the test of the new Iranian "Mersad" air defense system was a sign of Iran's preparedness to repel any attack by Israel.”
- Speaking in Arabic, analyst Mohammad Saleh Sedqian said: "There is no doubt that carrying out this successful test sends a clear message to the Western countries, and Israel which keeps threatening to strike Iran's nuclear facilities."
- He went on to say that the USA and Israel "should accept the reality in Iran". "Iran is not a small state and such aggression cannot be carried out easily against the achievements of the Iranian people over the past three decades."
- "Israel's current confusion stems from Iran's possession of this superior technical and defensive capabilities that can stand against the threats and the aggression that the Israeli government thinking of carrying out against Iran and Iranian facilities."
- Iran carried out on 11 April what it said was a "successful" test of an Iranian anti-aircraft Shahin rocket, which is part of the Mersad defence system.

(Source: Tabnak news website, in Persian 0824 GMT, 11 April 2010)

- Iran daily, Sharq, is back on news stands, Tabnak news website reported on 11 April.
- The reformist daily was banned three years ago.

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 0230 GMT, 11 April 2010)

- The supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution, his eminency Ayatollah Khamene'i, has allocated 200m rials [around 20,000 dollars] to help build houses for the poor. This came on the day that coincided with the establishment of the Imam Khomeyni Relief Committee under a decree by Imam Khomeyni (may he rest in peace).
- The money has been transferred to the account number 100 of the imam (may rest in peace).