

Iranian Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in English 1025 GMT, 22 August 2010)

- Tehran: Three top judicial officials at the Tehran prosecutor's office, who were connected to the case of the Kahrizak detention centre, have been suspended from their jobs, an informed source told the Mehr News Agency
- After an investigation of the responsibilities of the three senior judicial officials, the military court of judges ruled "for suspending them from their job and holding them accountable like ordinary citizens".
- Earlier, reports about the Kahrizak detention centre revealed that "three inmates were beaten to death: Mohsen Ruholamini, Mohammad Kamrani, and Amir Javadifar were the three men who died at Kahrizak."

(Source: Iranian news website Kodoom, in English 1000 GMT, 22 August 2010)

- 22 August: Zohreh Abbasi, the female commander of the Haj-Musa'i Unit of the pro-government Iranian women militia (Basij), reported to Fars News Agency that for the past six years, "23 baby girls have been introduced to the "blossoms of Haj-Musa'i" program as future militia members by their mothers."
- The program allows any girl older than 40 days to be registered as a militia (Basij) member. Girls are trained in ideological (Islamic) and military camps.

(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in English 22 August 2010)

- Security forces have detained Hasan Asadi-Zeydabadi and Ali Jamali, two members of Advar-e Tahkim-e Vahdat (Office for Consolidating Unity) [student organization],
- Hasan Asadi-Zeydabadi was detained at his house by the security forces. Ali Jamali was arrested at his work.
- According to Advar News, there is no information as to the reason for their arrests.

August 21, 2010

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(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in English 21 August 2010)

- 21 August: Hadi Hakim-Shafa'i, an English professor at Bojnurd Azad University, has been sentenced to three years in prison
- The second branch of the Bojnurd Revolutionary Court sentenced Hadi Hakim-Shafa'i to two years in prison for "acting against national security, six months of imprisonment for insulting the Supreme Leader and another six months of jail for anti-regime propaganda"
- He was held in the solitary confinement unit of the Intelligence Ministry for 15 days and in the Prison General Ward for another 15 days. He was later released on a 50m tuman (50,000 dollars) bail.
- He protested the election results and was banned from teaching by the security authorities.

(Source: Iranian news website Hrana, in English 1748 GMT, 20 August 2010)

- Human rights activist Laleh Hasanpur was summoned by the third Circuit of the Revolutionary Court located in Evin Prison on Wednesday 18 August 2010
- According to HRANA reporters, she was accused in court on three new charges without having her lawyer present. Laleh Hasanpur was charged with "insulting the supreme leader", "insulting the sanctity of Islam" and "insulting the president".
- An attorney for Laleh Hasanpur tells HRANA that lawyers were not permitted into the courts located in Evin Prison and that they were not present during the proceedings.
- While in detention, Laleh Hasanpur has been under severe pressure to make a televised confession.
- Laleh Hasanpur was arrested on 16 March 2010 at her father's home in Tehran by Revolutionary Guard intelligence agents and taken to ward 2A in Evin Prison.

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(Source: Fars News Agency website, Tehran, in Persian 1108 GMT, 19 August 2010)

- Islamic Revolutions Guards Corps (IRGC) issued a statement emphasizing the importance of "following Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamene'i, solidarity and awareness against plots and plans of the Revolution's enemies" and the importance of "readiness to confront any possible stupidity by the USA and the Zionist regime", Fars news agency reported on 19 August.
- According to this report, the statement also noted that: "By following the teachings and instructions of the commander-in-chief of the armed forces [Ayatollah Ali Khamene'i], by reliance on our defense capabilities, and having complete awareness of the country's current situation, it [IRGC] has reached a readiness level enabling it to seriously and decisively confront any practical threat and possible stupidity by minor and major enemies. And with the help of the Islamic countries mobilization capacity it would be able to target their interests at any desired point and impose a definite defeat on the enemies in a fateful fight."

August 17, 2010

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(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1515 GMT, 17 August 2010)

- President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad emphasized that "restoration of global peace and security has been made possible thanks to the resistance of world nations in their struggles with global arrogance."
- According to the Information and Press Bureau of the presidential office, President Ahmadinezhad made the remarks in a meeting with the new North Korean ambassador to Tehran.
- "Arrogant powers try to sow seeds of discord among world nations to attain their sinister goals", he said.

- “It is incumbent upon all world nations to exercise vigilance in dealing with global arrogance”, he noted.

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 0930 GMT, 17 August 2010)

- Iranian Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi warned Israel against attacking Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant in the south of the country, channel one of Iranian state TV (IRTV1) reported
- "As far as the Zionist regime's ability to do such a thing is concerned, it will be very unwise if it allows itself to conduct such an attack. This is because we may lose a power plant, but such action will put the Zionist regime's existence into danger," Iranian TV quoted Vahidi as saying to reporters in Tehran.
- The minister also ruled out that Iran's military power was affected by sanctions imposed against the country, and said: "When the sanctions were at their peak, we launched satellites into space. We produced the al-Ghadir class submarines and handed them over to our armed forces. In the midst of these sanctions, the Sa'eqeh aircraft and Tufan helicopters were manufactured and the Jamaran destroyer was launched. These show that the sanctions haven't had a deterrent impact on the will of an active and dynamic nation in any way," the minister stressed.