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- Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad called on the country's judiciary to “ensure that people feel confident when they appeal to judiciary officials”. Speaking at the national conference of the judiciary force, he said that "the whole Iranian nation should be confident that whenever they appeal to the judiciary to administer justice, fairness and justice will be administered".
- He also noted the judiciary's role in combating corruption and protecting people's rights. Iranian state television broadcast only the last eight minutes of the speech.
- “The first thing is that the whole Iranian nation should be confident that whenever they appeal to the judiciary to administer justice, fairness and justice will be administered. It is not that it should be 100 per cent. Belief should be created in the hearts of the people that if at some point this does not happen, they can say that it is an exception”
- “The second issue is that in the whole of Iran, everyone should know that if they break the law, harm justice and lay their hand on the treasury, there is a strict supervisory hand that will definitely cut their hand off. If these two things happen, you will see how beautiful and lovely life will be then. This is when real security, stability and prosperity will be established. Everyone should feel that none of their rights has been neglected and if they appeal to the judiciary, they will have their rights restored. What stability that will create! Most lawsuits will be solved by themselves. There will be no lawsuits to file, and this should create so much work for the judiciary”.

June 26, 2010

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1310 GMT, 26 June 2010)

- Secretary General of the World Assembly of Proximity among Islamic Schools of Thought (WAPIST) Ayatollah Mohammad Ali Taskhiri emphasized on Friday that “the West plays double-standards in dealing with terrorism.”
- Addressing an international conference in Moscow Ayatollah Taskhiri said that the US has always been claiming to fight terrorism and its manifestations but that ironically "we see that the country's attempts in this direction have been juxtaposed with hypocrisy."

(Source: Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran, in Persian 1000 GMT, 26 June 2010)

- Iran's Supreme Leader Seyyed Ali Khamene'i accused the West of "misleading" the public opinion. The supreme leader made the remarks while delivering a speech to hundreds of visiting people of Bushehr on 26 June

- "One has to be vigilant. Where they want to mislead the public opinion of the non-Muslims, they use the instrument of human rights and democracy. Where they want to mislead the public opinion in the world of Islam they allude to the Koran and Islam"
- "Today we have a lot of people like Ra'is Ali Delvari and they are not alone as well. Our dear youth, who sacrifice their life, our Basijis who are active in military, cultural and political wars are spread across the country. Bushehr is definitely among those centres, which trains such people."
- "Every body including you the dear youth should know that the time has changed. The days are over in which the great powers could freely threaten and humiliate the nations of this region, and deploy military forces and apply pressure whenever they wanted. Today, the Iranian nation is known as a powerful nation in the world."
- This is not an issue of money, arms, or propaganda. Our enemies have a thousand times more of such things than we do. This is an issue of faith and determination. This is an issue of prudence. This is an issue of awareness of a nation about its dignity, stance, and rights. These are the issues. Today, the arrogant powers' intention is revealed. Despite their propaganda and despite holding modern propaganda means - as in their imagination they think that they hold world public opinion in their hands - they [arrogant powers] , specially the US, are being disgraced and discredited day by day before other nations. The importance of resistance by other nations and emergence of national sovereignty are becoming more evident increasingly. The future belongs to you. This is a right of the Iranian nation to hold the real power. No one can change the mind of our nation from progressing in this path."

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0750 GMT, 26 June 2010)

- Foreign Minister Manuchehr Mottaki emphasized that "opposition of majority of states to the United Nations Security Council's anti-Iran resolution reveals the fact that the bullying powers are no longer efficient"
- "We have sent protest letters to these countries and challenged their votes by setting forth logical evidence."
- "In the past no country dared to say 'No' to the bullying powers but given emergence of new diplomacy and Iran's righteous stance, the countries do not bow to force any longer," the minister said.

June 25, 2010

- Afghan Parliament deputy [Sardar Rahman Oghli]: The dismissing of General [Stanley] McChrystal indicates "deep divisions within American government."
- Fars: The Afghan Parliament deputy stressed: "The dismissing of the Commander in Chief of American forces in Afghanistan General Staley McChrystal is indicative of the level of divisions within the military and political leadership of America on Washington's strategy in Afghanistan."
- Fars correspondent reported the comments of Sardar Rahman Oghli speaking to [Iran's Arabic-language network] Al-Alam. Oghli stressed: Since he has been appointed as the Chief Commander in Afghanistan, McChrystal has been unable to

achieve a great deal for the people of Afghanistan. This is why President Obama has sacked him.

- On whether President [Hamid] Karzai has requested keeping McChrystal in his post from Obama, he said: It is highly unlikely that this is true.
- He added: If General McChrystal had really succeeded in stabilising the situation in Afghanistan then everyone would have felt it. But this did not happen and the attacks by the Taliban paramilitaries are increasing by the day in Afghanistan.
- Rahman Oghli stressed: Even the addition of an extra 15 thousand troops to the existing forces in Afghanistan has not helped McChrystal.
- On the attacks by the NATO forces on Taliban paramilitaries, this Afghan deputy told Al-Alam: The attacks by NATO and their capabilities in Afghanistan are not as they are portrayed in the media. This is self-evident given that they have not even been able to extend their full control over a certain area in Afghanistan.
- Pointing to the warm relations between the American general and Hamid Karzai, he said: What the Afghan government needs is popular support but Karzai is remote from the people these days.
- On the replacement of General McChrystal with General David Petraeus who is the chief commander of America in Central Asia the Afghan deputy said: The replacement of McChrystal with General Petraeus will also not achieve anything unless there is a change at the level of American government.

(Source: Fars News Agency website, Tehran, in Persian 0455 GMT, 25 June 2010)

June 24, 2010

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 1246 GMT, 24 June 2010)

- Head of Press TV's office in Kabul, Mohammad Ruhi, says US commander General Stanley McChrystal was "sacked for acknowledging NATO's connection with the executed leader of the Pakistan-based Jondollah terrorist group, Abdolmalek Rigi".
- He dismissed the official reasons for the firing of McChrystal, saying that "his growing friendship with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and intelligence leaks may have triggered the replacement."
- "The general opinion is that Petraeus' reputation as the 'butcher of Iraq' is meant to intimidate militants as well as Afghans," he added.
- Furthermore, Karzai's increasingly vocal protests over the civilian death toll of US and NATO operations and McChrystal's acknowledgement of mistakes fueled tensions with the US Ambassador to Kabul, Karl Eikenberry.
- The friendship between the two also entailed other top intelligence leaks, with McChrystal briefing Karzai on plans to mobilize Taleban militants from the volatile south to the north, Britain's arms and drug smuggling route from Afghanistan to Central Asia as well as links with the Russian mafia.

June 22, 2010

(Source: Iranian news website, Parleman News, in Persian 0902 GMT, 22 June 2010)

- Pro-government protesters who staged a rally outside Iran's parliament in Tehran, have threatened to bring it under fire, Parleman News reported on 22 June.
- According to Parleman News, the protestors chanted "insulting slogans against MPs" and threatened that "If the Majlis does not back down over its decision" concerning

the endowment of the Islamic Azad University "they will bring the parliament under fire."

- Meanwhile, the Majlis Speaker, Ali Larijani, reportedly criticized the behavior of such protestors and said: "If the criticism of [the country's three] branches is expressed politely, it is a positive thing and boosts the criticized institutions; however verbal abuse and poisoning of the atmosphere with illusions [is not acceptable.]"
- Earlier on 22 June, Iranian news agencies reported that representatives of some students' camps and unions had started a rally outside the parliament's building to protest against MPs' recent approval of the public endowment of Azad University properties.
- In recent months, the endowment of Azad University's properties has been a cause of dispute between the supporters of President Ahmadinezhad and Iran's parliament.

(Source: Islamic Republic of Iran News Network, Tehran, in Persian 0531 GMT, 22 June 2010)

- Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast accused Britain of cooperating with rebel groups in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- "The latest issue was the capture of members of Monafeqin [Iranian opposition group Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization] who confessed that they had contacts with British security services in order to carry out terrorist attacks in Tehran, which is why the British ambassador was summoned and given a serious warning," Mehmanparast said at his weekly news conference broadcast live by Iran's news network IRINN.
- "We are seeking to receive an answer despite the fact that the spokesman for the British Foreign Office announced that the Monafeqin terrorist group had a totally clear dossier and its crimes are generally known and cannot be supported in any way. At the same time, we don't know why Britain has taken the name of this group off its list of terrorist organizations," he said.
- "In Afghanistan, we have also witnessed that British security services are cooperating with terrorist groups," Mehmanparast added.

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 2, Tehran, in Persian 1815 GMT, 21 June 2010)

- At 1815 gmt, Iranian Television's Network Two (IRTV2) began to broadcast a live roundtable discussion with the participation of Iranian Foreign Minister Manuchehr Mottaki. The minister began by commenting on UN Resolution 1929 which was recently issued against Iran.
- He described this resolution as a political "defeat and humiliation" for the US. He said that "the US has not only failed to stop Iran from acquiring peaceful nuclear energy but also it has been unable to create a consensus against Iran at the UN because two countries had voted against UN Resolution 1929"
- Mottaki emphasized that the Tehran Declaration had undermined all of the US' attempts and he described UN Resolution 1929 as a political "disgrace" for the US. The foreign minister said that no one in the West had described Resolution 1929 as a victory for the US and officials such as UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, members of the Non-Aligned Movement, and a number of Western leaders had all

voiced support for the Tehran Declaration. Mottaki said that UN Resolution 1929 had placed the US in a checkmate situation.

- Mottaki alleged that "The kidnapping of an Iranian pilgrim and national by the US in Saudi Arabia, is a measure which, in the past, was classed as a routine operation for them. They have secret prisons in Europe. They [the US] and their illegitimate child in the Middle East region, meaning the Zionist regime, easily sent their assassination teams to various places to assassinate, arrest or kidnap whoever they wanted."
- He added: "During the former US President George Bush's era, the Americans started a new game in regards to kidnapping Iranian nationals or exerting pressure on countries to kidnap or hand over Iranian nationals to that country. We have had seven or eight cases. In five or six cases we have succeeded in having our nationals them acquitted of their charges and have returned them home."