

Iranian Domestic Media Monitoring Report
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(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1355 GMT, 5 July 2010)

- Iran's Judiciary Human Rights Headquarters issued a statement on Monday [5 July], strongly condemning the inhuman action of Canadian police in suppressing protesters against the G20 Summit in Toronto.
- The statement said that “the Canadian government on various occasions expresses concern about violation of human rights in other countries but during the G20 Toronto Summit it revealed its inhuman nature which stunned the world public opinion”.
- “The inhuman attacks on protesters have truly revealed the despotic nature of the Canadian government which claims to be an advocate of democracy and human rights, read the statement.”
- The statement also called on “international bodies including the United Nations Human Rights Council to dispatch reporters to precisely study different aspects of the issue in Canada.”

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1340 GMT, 4 July 2010)

- President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad believed that “the most malevolent Zionists cannot halt Iran's progress through kidnapping.”
- In a message to a ceremony marking the “28th anniversary of the kidnapping of four Iranian diplomats by the Zionist agents”, he added that “the government will spare no effort to return them home.”
- The message read in part that “Iran's successes in all fields are certainly bitter for the ill-wishers and sworn enemies and they never stop plotting against Iran.”

(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in English 0451 GMT, 4 July 2010)

- Iranian Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani: “the West's call to resume negotiations with Tehran about its nuclear programme is a ruse.”
- “The Western countries, and particularly the United States, are following a deceitful path”, Larijani told the Mehr News Agency in an exclusive interview. “On the one hand, they have taken coercive measures against Iran at the United Nations Security Council, and on the other hand, they are seeking to keep up diplomatic appearances by calling for more dialogue” he added.
- “Their intention is not to conduct sincere dialogue, but rather they seek to resume negotiations as a show and then declare that the talks have not been fruitful in order to prepare the way for more deceitful acts”, he observed.
- “The Western powers do not want Iran to have an access to nuclear technology meant for peaceful purposes, and their claim about recognizing Iran's nuclear program

applies only to nuclear power plants and not to access to the complete nuclear fuel cycle”, he noted.

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(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 2115 GMT, 3 July 2010)

- According to the report of Majlis Media Department, Larijani in a meeting with first deputy speaker of Afghanistan National Assembly said that “mutual ties between Iran and Afghanistan nations and governments enjoy a rich cultural, historical and religious background and these commonalities have made the two nations close”.
- He added that “Iran hopes that Afghanistan oppressed people gain access to permanent happiness and prosperity”.
- Majlis speaker stressed that “occupying policy and the US unilateralism with a dual standard in fight against terrorism had caused a regional insecurity and has brought sufferings for the nation.”

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 2100 GMT, 3 July 2010)

- Foreign Minister Manuchehr Mottaki said that “UN Security Council resolutions against Iran have no effect on the national firmness to continue its way.”
- Mottaki stressed that “Iran's strong and decisive logic in the NPT review conference caused change in a number of countries' stance”

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 1725 GMT, 3 July 2010)

At 1725 gmt on 3 July 2010, the state-run Iranian TV channel one (IRTV1), started broadcasting the speeches of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamene'i at a meeting with artists, actors, actresses, film-directors, and a number of officials held earlier on the same day.

- Ayatollah Khamene'i praised role of dramatic arts in promoting Islamic culture in the country and noted that the Voice and Vision Organization (the state-run radio and television organization) plays a very important role in different sectors of society adding that the late Ayatollah Khomeyni had described the organization as a 'university'.
- "The biggest economic, military, political, and scientific power in the world [USA] is showing an open and overt hostility against us [Iran]. This is very important and meaningful. What has a nation [Iran] displayed that made the world powers - who are so boastful and always play down other nations - come forward and fight against our nation? Of course, they speak about attractive things such as democracy and human rights or cooperation and friendship among nations. However, all wise people in the world are aware that they [the world powers] are telling disgraceful lies. They are the ones who fought against this nation and showed enmity against it. They are the ones whose systems and organizations offered Saddam [Husayn] chemical materials and weapons made in their factories to use [against Iran] in fronts, roads, and even cities [during Iran-Iraq war 1980-1988].

- He added: "In political fields, they make films such as 'Not Without My Daughter' and '300' which are against the reputation of Iranians. These films are full of lies and evil intentions. Then, the same people claim that they have no hostility against Iran and the Iranian nation. Our nation is standing firm against colonialist, arrogant, world-devouring, and usurping demands of the world powers, whose intention are known and evident across the world. We are in a general struggle." Ayatollah Khamene'i called on the artists to be aware of current situation in the world.

July 2, 2010

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(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 1522 GMT, 2 July 2010)

- A senior Iranian military official has condemned Western military presence in the Middle East region, accusing world powers of exploiting other nations.
- "Undoubtedly, the presence of the Americans and extra-regional powers in the Middle East has only brought death, unlawfulness, atrocity and insecurity for the people of this critical region," IRNA quoted Brigadier General Mas'ud Jazayeri as saying on Friday [2 July].
- "Having institutionalized demagoguery and crime in the nature of their administrations, they have never, even for a second, thought of liberty and humanity," he added.

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 0230 GMT, 2 July 2010)

- Iran's Parliament (Majlis) Speaker Ali Larijani called on member states of the Islamic Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to support the Gaza aid initiative.
- "Given the current situation, all Islamic nations should pay due attention to the need for breaking the Gaza siege and helping the Palestinian nation," Larijani said.
- Larijani also called on the Islamic countries to take a strong stance against Israel. He said that all Muslim nations should boycott and break off all trade ties with Israel to punish Tel Aviv for its illegal blockade on Gaza.

July 1, 2010

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(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 0946 GMT, 1 July 2010)

- Foreign Minister Manuchehr Mottaki sent separate letters to the Security Council member countries where he explained Iran's stance regarding the recent Security Council resolution and heavily criticized its perpetrators and expressed his regret over the cooperation of certain countries with the Security Council in this regard.
- The foreign minister reiterated that the illogical Security Council resolution merely shows the lack of real tendency to hold talks and interaction.

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 0930 GMT, 1 July 2010)

- The volume of transactions in Iran's investment market has seen a 10 per cent growth despite new UN Security Council (UNSC) sanctions, an Iranian official says.

- The UNSC adopted new sanctions against the Islamic Republic last month. The sanctions came after US's hard lobbying for new punitive measures against Tehran over its nuclear work.
- Behrouz Alishiri, deputy minister of economic affairs and finance, said Thursday that the new sanctions have proved to be futile as the volume of transactions in Iran's investment market has seen a 10 per cent growth since the ratification of the UN resolution, IRNA reported.

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(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 1 July 2010)

- Security forces have arrested Fuad Sadeqi the administrator of Ayandenews website [the centrist pro-reform site].
- According to reports, the administrator of a website close to Hashemi Rafsanjani was arrested on the night of 21 February and taken to an unknown location.
- A pro-government website, Raja News, had claimed that Ayandenews had been silenced after the 11 February marches, which the pro-government had declared a "victory" [as published].

June 30, 2010

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(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 1014 GMT, 30 June 2010)

Excerpt from report in English by Iranian news channel Press TV website on 30 June 30 June:

- Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad has called for the implementation of a bill demanding major efforts to enforce a total boycott on goods with Israeli origin.
- President Ahmadinezhad ordered the implementation of the pro-Palestinian bill, which was ratified by the Iranian Parliament (Majlis) earlier in June.
- Iranian lawmakers agreed to task a committee with identifying Israeli companies and institutions to step up efforts for imposing a ban on Israeli products.
- The bill also demands the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting not to air television and radio advertisement for Israeli products.

(Source: Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran Network 1, Tehran, in Persian 0930 GMT, 30 June 2010)

- Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad blasted those who try to impose peace through coercion. A recorded clip of his remarks to the Tehran confab on chemical weapons was broadcast by Iranian state TV's main 0930 bulletin
- [Ahmadinezhad] "Those who want to impose peace through bullying, bias and domination of nations are the biggest liars in history."

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0545 GMT, 30 June 2010)

- President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad said Tuesday [29 June] evening that those who want to establish global peace through bullying and unilateralism are the greatest liars throughout the history.

- He made the remarks while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the International Exhibition of Messengers of Peace, stressing that peace is born from love and friendship not from war and hatred.
- During the ceremony, the President was presented the Sculpture of Peace and Justice.
- June 29 is dubbed as the National Day of Campaign against Use of Chemical and Microbiological Weapons in Iran. It coincides with the anniversary of chemical attacks by Iraq's Saddam regime against the Iranian city of Sardasht.

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(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 30 June 2010)

- GVF, 29 June: The Iranian Judiciary should immediately suspend all execution sentences of political prisoners and initiate a thorough and independent review of these cases, the International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran said yesterday.
- Kurdish political prisoner Zeynab Jalalian, 27, faces imminent execution, as her case has reached the final implementation stage. In addition to Jalalian, at least fifteen other Kurdish political prisoners are on the death row.

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(Source: The Green Voice of Freedom website, en.irangreenvoice.com, in English 29 June 2010)

- "We are appealing to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay to intervene in this case, and to do all in her power to halt Zeynab's execution," said Hadi Gha'emi, the Campaign's spokesperson.
- "We are calling upon the Iranian authorities to bring to a halt what appears to be the systematic extermination of Kurdish political prisoners in Iran," he said.
- Jalalian, accused of connections with Kurdish opposition groups, was sentenced to death for Moharebeh, or "enmity against God," in January 2009. Iran's Supreme Court approved the sentence in November of that year.
- Khalil Bahramian and Mohammad Sharif, two prominent human rights lawyers, have attempted to represent Jalalian, but the authorities have prevented them from taking up the case.
- During the past year, lawyers representing political prisoners have been threatened and intimidated not to advocate on behalf of their clients.
- It appears the Iranian Intelligence Ministry and Judiciary attempt to prevent any public disclosure of information about such prisoners, in order to carry out the death sentences in secret and evade any accountability.