

IRANIAN DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT
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(Source: Resalat website, Tehran, in Persian November 2010)

- For acting “against security and national unity”, Ayandeh website has been referred to two supervisory bodies for “further action”.
- Due to “activities contrary to the public interests and for publishing false news”, Ayandeh website was blocked several times by supervising officials. The ban was removed after mediation of some people.
- “However, despite new promises to respect the national interests and unity by its administrators, the website once again breached these promises.”
- “Numerous examples of convergence of its activities with the policies of the websites and the opposition and the media that are hostile to the system and based outside the country can be observed.”
- In the review report of the supervisory officials about Ayandeh's operations, it is mentioned that insulting and degrading the president of the republic and government, creating division between people and the principle-ist current, sanctifying the sedition, publishing false reports contrary to national interests and security, creating hindrances and putting false reports, especially about the targeted subsidies plan, sowing doubts among people and... [ellipses as published] are some of the wrong deeds of this news website

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(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in Persian 0524 GMT, 06 November 2010)

- Health Minister Marziyeh Vahid-Dastjerdi commented on the dissolution of the Iran Medical Sciences University, stressing that "the professors are not unhappy about the dissolution".
- When asked on what basis the decision had been taken, she said "The Development Department and the Human Resource Management of the President's Office issued a statement regarding this and we examined it, realizing it is a good plan we ratified it at the Development Council of the Health Ministry".
- According to the report, currently a committee consisting of representatives from three commissions of Education, Health and Article 90 Committee of the Majlis is pursuing the matter.

NOVEMBER 5, 2010

(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in Persian 0648 GMT, 05 Nov 2010)

- The Iranian news agency Mehr published a report on 5 November 2010 that Iran will filter the websites which it considers as "immoral and obscene".
- The report says the head of Special Court for Internet and Cyber Crimes emphasized: "The court's anti-cyber crimes cell makes maximum possible effort to prevent obscene and immoral sites from operating freely in the country. It continuously monitors all websites with advanced software."
- While talking to journalists about filtering of websites Reza Ja'fari to Mehr said: "It is within the court's purview to filter websites to prevent the occurrence of crimes in the virtual space or cyberspace. But it cannot filter all the websites because monitoring all the sites is very difficult."
- The head of Special Court for Internet and Cyber Crimes with reference to the "cybercrimes" during the unrest that followed the disputed presidential elections in 2009 said: "Lack of necessary equipment and advanced software were the factors because of which we could not act

appropriately during last year's sedition movement. Meanwhile, many sites took advantage of this and published false news."

NOVEMBER 4, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1030 GMT, 4 November 2010)

- President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad said 4 November 1979 played a major role in the development of the Islamic Revolution in Iran.
- "4 November was important for Iranians because significant events happened on it that played a crucial role in the establishment of Islamic movement."
- "The West had the idea that some elements and persons should be sacrificed in process of development".

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1015 GMT, 4 November 2010)

- A group of students from Tehran's universities gathered in front of the UK embassy in Tehran in protest to the remarks of the MI6 chief.
- The students belonging to different universities located in Tehran protested the remarks of John Sawers who has recommended the West to indulge in intelligence diplomacy to confront Iran's peaceful nuclear activities.
- MI6 chief stressed that intelligence and espionage activities could well hinder Iran from pursuing its nuclear program. He said that diplomacy in itself was not sufficient to stop Iran's nuclear programme, saying that intelligence and espionage activities should go on in regards to Iran's nuclear plans. The protesting students chanted slogans against the US and the UK and voiced their protest to the remarks of the MI6 chief.

(Source: Al-Alam TV, Tehran, in Arabic 0902 GMT, 4 November 2010)

- The Iranian security authorities arrested four people, saying that they were paid by a UK-based individual to carry out assassinations in Iran.
- The Iranian Intelligence Ministry said that the arrest took place in Marivan in western Iran. The authorities seized a number of arms and documents proving their affiliation with a terrorist group that is led by Jalil Fattahi, who lives in Britain.
- The ministry added that the [four] confessed to carrying out five assassinations over the past two years and that they were paid to carry out these terrorist attacks.

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0030 GMT, 4 November 2010)

- Islamic Republic of Iran Foreign Ministry's Human [Rights] Watch Centre issued a report on human rights abuse in US here Wednesday [4 November] on verge of publication of and survey on annual US Human Rights Report at UN Geneva Headquarters.
- It is stressed in the report that the United States has also still not joined the most important convention related to the economic, social and cultural rights that is among the most important human right documents. The Children's Rights Committee of the United Nations, too, has announced that the United States has been one of the greatest producers and distributors of the world child pornography products, while America is now one of the only two countries in the world that has still not joined the International Children's Rights Convention.

NOVEMBER 3, 2010

STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Iranian news website [insert name], in Persian 0001 GMT, 3 November 2010)

- The website of former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami has been blocked, a message on Khatami's website (Khatami.ir) announced on 3 November.
- The website said that the decision was made by a government committee, headed by the state prosecutor-general, and instructed to the website based on clause 23 of the country's internet crime law. It added: "Based on the official order of the committee, all services by internet providers to the site were to be blocked from Wednesday 3 November."
- The website added: "No announcements, verbal or written, had previously been made to the organizers of the site indicating that a crime had been committed and no explanations were given for the decision."

(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in Persian 1656 GMT, 3 November 2010)

- A pro-reformist female journalist was arrested in Iran on 3 November, the Human Rights News Agency of Iran reported.
- Nazanin Khosrovani worked for reformist newspapers and was arrested in her father's flat, according to RAHANA.
- She worked for newspapers like Nowruz, Sharq, Eqbal and many other publications. Her parents do not have any information as to why she was arrested and where she is held, RAHANA quoted the Green Voice of Freedom website as saying.

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 1135 GMT, 3 November 2010)

- Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamene'i on Wednesday [3 November] commended the youth for foiling post-election conspiracy last year.
- The Supreme Leader made the remark in a meeting with a group of Iranian school students. The meeting was held on the eve of the National Student Day recalling crackdown of the students' anti-shah and anti-US demonstration in Tehran on 4 November, 1978. The day is commemorated each year by Iranians throughout the country by staging rallies and holding special ceremonies.

NOVEMBER 2, 2010

STATE-FACILATED MEDIA SOURCES

(Source: Press TV website, Tehran, in English 2056 GMT, 2 November 2010)

- Iran has condemned a hostage situation at an Iraqi church which left more than 50 people killed, saying the attack was aimed at delaying the formation of the country's new government.
- "Terrorist groups, with the help of foreigners, have taken advantage of the political vacuum as well as the delay in formation of the new government in Iraq, to launch a new round of acts of sabotage," Mehmanparast in a statement.
- He added that the terrorists seek to "pressure the government" and "gain political privileges" through their destructive action.
- "Experience has shown that whenever Iraqi politicians have come close to practical and logical solutions to form a national unity government, terrorist groups... have made attempts to counter them."

(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0100 GMT, 2 November 2010)

- IRI President dispatched message of Iran's grandeur to world nations through media of enemy. Seyyed Mohammad Hosseini who was speaking at the closing ceremony of the 17th Press and News Agencies Festival, appreciating President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad for the importance he attaches to media affairs, added, "Ahmadinezhad knows both the real worth, and the potential capacity of the media." Referring to the serious presence of the cabinet members at the 17th Press and News

Agencies Exhibition and Festival he said, "15 ministers and deputy ministers visited this year's festival."

- "For the first time 2.400 publications and directors of internet websites participated at the media exhibition and festival this year." He added, "During this year's exhibition several panel discussions and workshops were held in which expert level opinions were expressed and ideas in the field were exchanged."