

**IRANIAN DOMESTIC MEDIA MONITORING REPORT**  
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**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in English 1755 GMT, 17 October 2010)*

- President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad asserted that Iran is ready for talks with the six major powers of the 5+1 group in November, but that “the Islamic Republics previous conditions for holding talks should be met”.
- "Iran is ready for negotiation, but it should be based on justice and respect," Ahmadinezhad told a cheering crowd in the northwestern city of Ardebil on Sunday [17 October].
- "You [world powers] should say whether you are bound to the regulations of the [International Atomic Energy] Agency or not," he said.
- "You should clarify whether your purpose for negotiation is hostility towards Iran or cooperation," he stated.
- "Anyway, we will enter into negotiation with you, even though you express other views, but our negotiation with those who seek cooperation and friendship differs from our negotiation with those who have hostile intentions," he stated.

*(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in English 1515 GMT, 17 October 2010)*

- Tehran, 17 October: Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli-Larijani stressed “President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad's historic visit to Lebanon”:
- “The enemies of the Islamic revolution are puzzled and cannot analyze why Ahmadinezhad received such a great welcome in Beirut”, Larijani told judicial officials on Sunday [17 October].
- Ahmadinezhad visited Lebanon on Wednesday and Thursday for talks with senior Lebanese officials. He was “warmly” (direct excerpt) received by the Lebanese nation.
- “Such a warm welcome indicates the great influence of the Islamic revolution which is an illumination for all world Muslims”.

**OCTOBER 16, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran, in Persian 1657 GMT, 16 October 2010)*

- The director-general of the domestic press [department] of the Islamic Culture and Guidance Ministry [Ehsan Qazizadeh] emphasized that: "the publications that have not even allocated one line to the ninth Dey [30 December 2009; a pro-state rally was held on that day] event, the Quds day, and other principles of the system should not expect to receive any help or press subsidies."
- According to IRNA, Seyyed Ehsan Qazizadeh, who was speaking at a meeting with the managing-directors of the press and chiefs of news agencies of Kerman Province [southern Iran], added: "According to the press law, the publications that still publish the statements or photos of the sedition leaders [referring to the opposition leaders including Mirhoseyn Musavi and Mehdi Karrubi], will receive a caution and if they continue doing that, their license will be revoked."
- He added: "Instead of working in an open atmosphere, some people like to focus only on a particular issue."
- Qazizadeh said: "For the same reason, the licenses of several publications were revoked in some provinces of the country over the past year because of insulting to the principles of the system, position of the sources [senior clerics] and the Guardianship of Jurisconsult."

- The director-general of the domestic press [department] of the Islamic Culture and Guidance Ministry said: "On the other hand, we have a general view in regard with the support for the press and all publications from different political trends receive press subsidies."
- He added: "The criterion is to observe the press commitments; however, the press should know that our support and supervision are complementary."

*(Source: Mehr news agency, Tehran, in English 1540 GMT, 16 October 2010)*

- Deputy Interior Minister for cultural and social affairs Alireza Afshar threatened that NGOs should not get involved in political activities:
- "People-based organizations should not engage in political activities. They can criticize the administration organizations in their private sessions, but they should not undermine the administration in their media outlets," Afshar said at the first meeting of the people-based organizations on Saturday [16 October].
- He also emphasized that no Iran-based NGO has been involved in the political unrests following the June 2009 presidential election.
- "According to the latest statistics released by the Interior Ministry and police, none of the NGOs have engaged in the post-election incidents," he asserted.

## **OCTOBER 15, 2010**

### **STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in English 15 October 2010)*

- In the morning of 15 October in an atypical move, incarcerated member of the Islamic Association of Teacher Training University had her phone privilege removed and was banned from any and all outside contact.
- Removal of phone privileges and the visitation ban of Shabnam Madadzadeh takes place only two months after her transfer to Raja'i Shahr prison.

## **OCTOBER 14, 2010**

### **STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency website, Tehran, in English 0620 GMT, 14 October 2010)*

- An Iranian parliamentarian asserted that President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad's visit to Lebanon "will reinforce resistance and convergence in Lebanon in fighting the Zionist regime and the usurper US."
- Ezzatollah Dehghan said "the presence of President Ahmadinezhad in Lebanon, which was greatly welcomed by the Lebanese nation, well indicates the active role and strategic position of Iran in the trend of resistance in the region against the world hegemonic powers."
- "The historic visit of President Ahmadinezhad to Lebanon highlighted unity and solidarity among regional nations and governments in confronting the US and Zionist regime's excess-seeking policies which in itself creates fear and instability in the hearts of Zionists and their backers" he said.

*(Source: Iranian news website Khabar Online in Persian 0508 GMT, 14 October 2010)*

- According to the Iranian news website, Khabar Online, in an interview broadcast by Goft-o Gu Radio on 14 October, the Interior Ministry's director-general of political affairs, Abbas Meshkini, confirmed that the offices of the National Trust Party "specifically in towns" remain open.
- Meshkini added: "Only one of the buildings belonging to the National Trust Party in Tehran has been closed upon the order of a judicial authority and that was because some non-party activities were carried out in that building. This party is permitted to be active."
- He also added: "The offices of this party are open in towns and they are facing no problem in their activities."

*(Source: Islamic Republic of Iran News Network, Tehran, in Persian 1452 GMT, 14 October 2010)*

*Direct excerpt: Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinezhad has said that the world must understand that Israel is a "goner". Addressing a rally in the city of Bint al-Jubayl in south Lebanon, Ahmadinezhad also praised the Lebanese nation and resistance and thanked them for their hospitality. The following is the text of speech broadcast live by state-run Iranian TV news channel on 14 October; Subheadings inserted.*

- ...God bless you who stood at the front-line of the fight against occupiers and invaders. You resisted and protected Lebanon's territorial integrity and security. God bless you border guards of human independence and dignity. Greeting to you brave people and God bless the martyrs.
- My dears, Were it not for your resistance and steadfastness, no one would know where the border and contact point with the Zionist regime would be today. You showed that your determination and will have defeated the swords, tanks and aircraft. You showed that the Lebanese nation's will and the Lebanese resistance are sharper than the Zionists' swords. You showed that no power in the world can defeat the Lebanese resistance...
- The Lebanese resistance has arisen from the Lebanese people's faith, commitment and bravery. Today, combatant Lebanon is a role model for all the region's countries. World nations owe their dignity to the Lebanese nation's resistance. Resistance is the key to the victory of the Lebanese nation, and regional countries.

**OCTOBER 13, 2010**

#### **STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCES**

*(Source: Islamic Republic News Agency, Tehran, in Persian 0630 GMT, 13 October 2010)*

- Tehran Public and Revolution Prosecutor-General Abbas Ja'fari-Dowlatabadi referring to the "enemy's efforts to infiltrate executive ranks in the country to gather intelligence", confirmed the arrest of "five spies".
- He said: "The Americans have started certain efforts in this respect."
- Dowlatabadi warned officials and asked them to "watch various individuals as they may hand over the country's intelligence to enemies."
- The Judiciary official said officials should know that enemies are not sitting idle. He cautioned: "The enemy is attempting to gather detailed intelligence in various fields in the country."

*(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in English 13 October 2010)*

- Mehdi Khoda'i, a student activist and a human rights activist, who has been in detention since 3 March has been sentenced to 3 years of imprisonment.
- According to a RAHANA reporter, his charges in the new case are the same charges that he had been sentenced to 4 years in prison for.
- Khoda'i was sentenced to 4 years in prison for "acting against national security by organizing gatherings and anti-regime propaganda by the 15th branch of the Revolutionary Court presided by Judge Salavati in February of 2009."

*(Source: Iranian news website Rahana, in English 13 October 2010)*

- "[Ethnic] Azari student activist Siyavash Mirza'i, who is a student of Rasht University, was detained at his father's house in Moghan [area in Iran's northern Ardabil Province] on Saturday 9 October", reported Rahana.
- According to sources close to the Mirza'i family, the security forces arrested Siyavash Mirza'i when he had gone to his father's house in Moghan's Parsabad [town] from Rasht University in order to visit his family.

**OCTOBER 12, 2010**

**STATE-FACILITATED MEDIA SOURCE**

*(Source: Fars News Agency website, Tehran, in Persian 0823 GMT, 12 October 2010)*

- Iran's Police Chief Esma'il Ahmadi-Moqaddam accused the former president of supporting opposition journalists, Fars News Agency reported on 12 October.
- Ahmadi-Moqaddam referred to opposition journalists and said: "When they wanted to leave the country in order to help counterrevolutionary media including the BBC, they had a meeting with Seyyed Mohammad Khatami at a farewell ceremony and informed him about their decision in leaving Iran."
- The police chief added: "Khatami welcomed this issue and asked them to keep in touch."
- "The rhythm of the economic sedition has been initiated. Americans has sent their Treasury official to different countries in order to pressurize them."
- "The enemy wanted to deal a blow on [Iran's] economic system by collecting foreign currency from the domestic market. However, this issue helped collecting liquidity from the market. There is no limitation in supplying foreign currency in the country."