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Iran dismisses UN critics resolution as politically motivated

Leader: Iran ready for any conceivable Trumpian scenario

TEHRAN — Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said on Wednesday Iran is prepared to encounter any conceivable scenario depicted by the incoming U.S. administration, saying it would make no difference who would take office in the country.

The Leader made the remarks one week after Donald Trump was announced the 45th U.S. president.



AIIB willing to finance Iran's infrastructure projects

TEHRAN — The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is ready to finance infrastructure projects in Iran, the bank's president said on Wednesday.

In a meeting with the visiting Iranian transport minister Abbas Ahmadiyeh in Beijing, the AIIB president Jin Lijun referred to Iran's role in the establishment of the AIIB, adding that the bank is also ready to help Iran with rehabilitation and reconstruction of old buildings in the country.

Ahmadiyeh, for his part, expressed Iran's plan to develop infrastructures in various sectors of air, rail, and road transportation via taking advantage of AIIB financial resources and credit facilities from Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) and Build-Lease-Transfer (BLT) contracts.

Heading a delegation, Ahmadiyeh arrived in Beijing on Monday to discuss cooperation between the two countries in the field of transportation. AIIB is a multilateral international bank conceived for the 21st century. It is a modern knowledge-based institution, focuses on the development of infrastructure and other productive sectors in Asia, including air, rail, power, transportation and telecommunications infrastructure and agricultural development, water supply and sanitation, environmental protection, urban development and logistics, etc.

Iran's oil minister won't attend Friday OPEC talks: sources

Iranian oil minister Bijan Zangeneh will not attend informal talks between some OPEC members in Doha on Friday, two OPEC sources said, adding that Iran's OPEC governor would represent Iran.



Earlier on Wednesday, an Algerian energy source said a number of energy ministers from OPEC countries would meet in Doha on Friday to try to build consensus over the group's decision in September to limit oil output.

At the September meeting, OPEC agreed on modest, preliminary oil output cuts in the first such deal since 2008, with special conditions given to Libya, Nigeria and Iran.

Iran has refused to cap production below 4 million barrels per day as it seeks to regain market share lost under sanctions.

The agreement made in Algiers is expected to be finalized at the next meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries on Nov. 30 in Vienna, but disagreements persist among OPEC members and non-OPEC Russia on the details of the deal. (Source: Reuters)

Human rights abused once again for 'unjust interests': Iran

The issue of human rights is once again abused by certain countries to achieve their 'unjust interests'. Iran's deputy permanent representative to the UN Gholam Hossein Dehghani said in a speech on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the UN General Assembly's Third Committee approved a draft resolution pertaining to human rights situation in Iran.

"Human rights are once again being abused to pursue unjust interests of those who traditionally and historically supported colonialism, slavery, racism and apartheid," Dehghani stated.

Following is the full text of his speech published by IRNA:

Draft resolution L25 that the Third Committee is going to act upon only reveals once again the lack of honesty on the part of those self-proclaimed champions of human rights that submitted it. Iran is definitely not the country which deserves such a biased resolution. Canada and other sponsors of this resolution know this fact very well, nonetheless, they have been foolhardy enough to include among sponsors those who not only grossly violate human rights but also have and continue to commit atrocities against civilians, with impunity. It is repulsive that the greatest violator of human rights in the world is amongst the cosponsors of this resolution. It goes without saying that Iran is singled out only because it refuses to succumb to the political pressures of the main sponsors of this draft.

Turkey appoints ambassador to Israel

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has announced the appointment of an ambassador to Israel, several months after Ankara normalized relations with the Tel Aviv regime.

Erdogan said on Wednesday that Kemal Okten, a foreign policy adviser to Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, had been named Ankara's envoy to Israel.

On Tuesday, Israel appointed Eitan Naveh, currently the head of the Israeli mission in London, as ambassador to Ankara, a first such appointment since diplomatic relations were downgraded in 2011.

In May 2010, a Turkish aid convoy bound for Gaza was raided by Israeli commandos in international waters in the Mediterranean Sea. Nine Turkish activists were killed by the Israeli forces. A tenth, severely wounded in the raid, died later.

The ship was carrying humanitarian aid to the people in the Israeli-besieged Gaza Strip.

Turkey initially reacted angrily and demanded a formal apology, which was not forthcoming. Tensions continued and in September 2011, Turkey recalled its ambassador to Tel Aviv and expelled the Israeli ambassador.

Some six years later, however, reports emerged that Turkey and Israel were engaged in note-so-public negotiations over the normalization of their ties. In June, the two sides announced an agreement, ending the freeze in their public ties and moving to restore diplomatic channels.

Thousands protested in Istanbul last month to condemn the normalization of relations, saying Ankara should have continued to denounce Israel's deadly siege on Gaza.

After the normalization agreement with Israel, Erdogan criticized the organizers of the Turkish flotilla that had been raided in 2010, saying they had not coordinated the trip with Turkish authorities.

Many Muslim nations condemn the Israeli regime's occupation of Palestine and other Arab territories and have no diplomatic relations with Tel Aviv. (Source: AFP)

Iran boosts air defense coverage for Arbaeen pilgrims

A lieutenant commander of Iran's Air Defense Unit unveiled special plans to ensure the security of pilgrims performing religious rituals in Iraq on Arbaeen, including enhancement of radar coverage along Iran's western borders, Tasnim reported.

As millions of pilgrims flock to Iraq for Arbaeen mourning ceremony, Iran's Air Defense will strengthen radar coverage in the border areas and increase the number of stationary and mobile watch posts, General Alireza Shamsi announced on Wednesday.

The Iranian air defense monitors all aerial activities in the course of the religious event and is ready to counter any threat, including small man-launched drones, he added.



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Notice

Dear readers, the next issue will be published on Monday, Nov. 21.

The American people voted for their new President and Congress members on November 8th. Not only the US but the entire world monitored the election campaign of both parties with great interest since everyone was curious about how their countries would be affected with the new government. They were wondering if the US would continue to interfere in foreign countries' conflicts or if it would focus on their own people's needs and interests.

The election resulted in an unexpected way and Trump became the 45th President of the United States. Some of the statements he made during his election campaign vis a vis immigrants, women or Islam are wholly unacceptable; however, we hope that he will change once he actively comes to office because he gave messages of unity to his fellow citizens and promised to have good relations with those states that would like to get along with them in his acceptance speech. Besides, he corrected some of his comments by saying he would not allow *illegal* immigrants to enter the country while numerous legal immigrants were in the queue for being accepted to America. It is noteworthy to mention here that the main cause for the immigration issue is the current situation in the Middle East. Everybody is cognizant that it was the erroneous

American policy that turned the region into a warzone because according to the analyses Pentagon put forth in 2003, 2007 and 2014, both climate change and the regime changes they made would be the threat multiplier to increase [immigration](#).

It is not hard to predict how the situation in the Middle East would be if Clinton were elected as the President. She held quite a hawkish policy in the Middle East when she was incumbent as the Secretary of State and she kept a similar stance in her statements during her campaign. This would definitely mean more war in the region. Even though Obama came to office with promises of change in America and his 2008 campaign slogans included expressions closely related to his stance such as, "Yes, we can," "Change," "Hope", he did not keep to his words. During his campaign, he promised to keep America away from foreign conflicts and crises and to hold a peaceful policy and he even received Noble Peace Prize during his incumbency. Yet, what we see now is that the United States is actively in multiple military operations in the Middle East. Similarly, Secretary Clinton would be very likely to follow his route since she adopts a parallel foreign policy and she is under the influence of some US lobbies just as Obama was and it is very unlikely to make decisions discrepant from these lobbies supporting the Democratic Party.

Consequently, this election result is indicating the frustration of the American people of the status quo they have been dealing with for more than eight years. They elected Obama because they thought he would make a difference but he could not make it happen. It would not be fair to put the blame only on him because the President is not the sole authority to make the decisions in the US; he has to take the consent of the Congress, which consists of the House of Representatives and the House of Senates. The senators and the representatives have the right to veto the President's decisions with the exception of his executive orders. When we take Obama administration into consideration, we see the dominance of GOP members in both of the branches of the Congress, and thus Obama's hands were tied to implement what he wanted. From this perspective, this new American government is fortunate since the new President and the Congress are all from the same party and it is something Americans have not witnessed since the 1920s. Despite the fact that it is not a secret some of the Republican members are not in favor of Trump's policy, with his new administration Trump will probably seek ways to get along with them and find a common ground as to their disputes.

If we analyze the election from a Middle Eastern standpoint, we see some countries who are at ease with the results and some who are worried. It is good to see an America extending a peaceful hand to Russia because such an alliance may well mean a solution for the bloodshed in Syria and Iraq. Trump's stance regarding Turkey is also pleasing as his Secretary of Defense candidate Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn penned an article in *the Hill* stating the importance of Turkey as America's ally and that Turkey needs their [support](#). It is hopeful for our country since Turkey had very tense relations with the US lately due to their operations in Syria and their supply of weapons to the YPG, an affiliate of the PKK terrorist organization. When Iran is taken into account, we view a disappointed country regarding Trump's election. It is because Trump made some criticism touching on the Iran Nuclear Deal signed after on and off negotiations with the associated states. It was considered a democratic victory for the Iranians since it meant lifting of the sanctions and an opportunity of involving into the international arena after a long waiting. Our Iranian brothers should not be disturbed with the result because first of all the Iranian Nuclear agreement is an international contract signed by P5+1 and cannot be abrogated only by the US. Additionally, after the elections his tone changed and he said he would review the nuclear deal instead of [cancelling it](#). Everyone knows very well that campaign statements do not always coincide with what they do when they officially take office.

Since Trump would like to have dovish foreign policy in the Middle East, he will very likely seek to keep the good relations recently built with Iranian people. Being a good partner of Russia and Turkey will also affect America by continuing to make progress with Iran. Such a stance will definitely win the hearts of Iranians and this would be a fair deal to prevent anti-American reactions that would rise in Iran if the contract is broken and this would not benefit anyone either in the States or in our region. As Muslims from the Middle East who have suffered from the ongoing bloodshed long enough, we expect President Trump to have a better policy for the Middle East than the former administration and find a diplomatic solution for the crisis in Iraq and Syria.

Adnan Oktar's piece in Tehran Times & Jefferson Corner:

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