

Pres. meets family of Christian Martyr Razmik Khachatorian

Masoud Pezeshkian has met the family of Razmik Khachatorian, a Christian martyr of Iran, to pay tribute to his memory.

Marking the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ, Pezeshkian honored the memory of the martyr and expressed appreciation for the patience, sacrifice, and resilience of martyrs’ families. He also extended congratulations on the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ and the upcoming Christmas and New Year.

Emphasizing the vital role of all ethnic groups and followers of divine religions in defending Iran’s independence, dignity, and territorial integrity, the president described the sacrifices of Christian martyrs during the 80-year war imposed by the Ba’ath regime of Iraq on Iran as a clear symbol of national unity and deep solidarity among the Iranian people.

President Pezeshkian praised the steadfastness of the Khachatorian family, stating that Iran’s current dignity and strength are owed to the sacrifices of its martyrs and the perseverance of their families. He stressed that honoring and supporting these families is a permanent duty of government officials.

During the meeting, members of the Khachatorian family, along with Ara Shahverdyan, the representative of Christians in the Iranian Parliament, expressed gratitude for the president’s visit and attention. They also reaffirmed their commitment to the ideals of the Islamic Revolution and emphasized their determination to continue the path of the martyrs in service to the country.

Nuclear issue is merely an excuse

Iran’s Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, Kazem Gharibabadi, says the enemies’ animosity towards Iran is due to the Islamic Establishment’s progress, noting that the nuclear issue is a mere excuse.

Addressing an event in the holy city of Qom on Thursday, Gharibabadi pointed to the 12-day aggression by the Israeli regime backed by the US was not because of pursuing the nuclear program by Iran, but instead they were angry at he Iranian nation’s progress under the Islamic Establishment.

“The act of aggression in the midst of negotiations—targeting innocent people, residential areas, and infrastructure—demonstrated that the nuclear issue is purely an excuse,” Gharibabadi remarked.

The deputy foreign minister of Iran added that the recent talks with the new US administration were conducted with “complete distrust” and necessary preparations to counter any military action. He emphasized that during the negotiations, “the field [military readiness] and diplomacy were fully aligned.”

Gharibabadi asserted that both the Israeli regime and the United States “completely failed” in their military actions against Iran.

He stated that the Israeli regime and Washington both failed to achieve their strategic objectives, while Iran delivered “heavy and painful blows” to the Israeli regime, eventually forcing a request for a ceasefire. He further cited a “powerful attack on a US military base in the region” as evidence of Iran’s authority.

Ayt. Milani's letter to Imam Khomeini historical document



Ayatollah Milani’s letter in support of Imam Khomeini (ra) after the Imam’s exile to Turkey is a historical document, according to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Thursday.Members of the organizing committee of the Congress Commemorating Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Mohammad Hadi Milani met with Ayatollah Khamenei, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, at the Imam Khomeini (ra) Hussainiyah, Khamenei.ir reported.During the meeting, while expressing appreciation for the holding of the congress, Ayatollah Khamenei described the late Ayatollah Milani as a multifaceted figure in terms of his “spiritual,” “moral,” “scholarly,” and “social and political” dimensions, and emphasized:“Ayatollah Milani was truly the reviver of the Mashhad seminary, and the seminary remains indebted to this late figure.” The Leader of the Islamic Revolution described Ayatollah Milani, on a personal level, as an outstanding individual possessing dignity and composure, while at the same time marked by humility, loyalty to friends, spiritual refinement, and an appreciation for poetry. Referring to his active presence in the social and political developments of the time, the Leader stated:“During the early stages of the movement [that resulted in the Islamic Revolution] in the early 1960s, Mr. Milani was truly one of the pillars of the Islamic Movement and was present at the heart of events. His journey to Tehran along with a group of other scholars following the arrest of Imam Khomeini is one example of his influential presence in political affairs.” The Leader of the Islamic Revolution also cited Ayatollah Milani’s strong, composed, and firm declarations in support of the Islamic Movement as another example of his effective presence in political affairs, and stated:“His letter in support of Imam Khomeini after the Imam’s exile to Turkey is a historical document.”At the

conclusion of the meeting, he expressed hope that holding this congress would help introduce the various dimensions of Ayatollah Milani’s personality to the public. Ayatollah Milani’s letter in support of Imam Khomeini (ra) after the Imam’s exile to Turkey is a historical document, according to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Thursday.Members of the organizing committee of the Congress Commemorating Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Mohammad Hadi Milani met with Ayatollah Khamenei, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, at the Imam Khomeini (ra) Hussainiyah, Khamenei.ir reported.During the meeting, while expressing appreciation for the holding of the congress, Ayatollah Khamenei described the late Ayatollah Milani as a multifaceted figure in terms of his “spiritual,” “moral,” “scholarly,” and “social and political” dimensions, and emphasized:“Ayatollah Milani was truly the reviver of the Mashhad seminary, and the seminary remains indebted to this late figure.” The Leader of the Islamic Revolution described Ayatollah Milani, on a personal level, as an outstanding individual possessing dignity and composure, while at the same time marked by humility, loyalty to friends, spiritual refinement, and an appreciation for poetry. Referring to his active presence in the social and political developments of the time, the Leader stated:“During the early stages of the movement [that resulted in the Islamic Revolution] in the early 1960s, Mr. Milani was truly one of the pillars of the Islamic Movement and was present at the heart of events. His journey to Tehran along with a group of other scholars following the arrest of Imam Khomeini is one example of his influential presence in political affairs.”



Iran in the past week: Key developments at home and abroad



Here is a concise weekly digest of the most significant political, economic, cultural, and social developments in Iran, published every Friday by Mehr News Agency.In Iran, Friday marks the final day of the week — a natural point for reflecting on the major political, economic, and social events that shaped the country over the past seven days. This weekly roundup provides a concise overview of the key developments that defined Iran’s domestic landscape and its regional and international engagements.Each section below is designed to be brief, sourced, and balanced — the essentials you need to understand what moved in Tehran and beyond over the past seven days.Iran’s foreign goods transit hits 13.5m tons in 8 mos: IRICIran’s foreign goods transit hits 13.5m tons in 8 mos: IRICAThe Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) put the value of the country’s foreign transit of goods in the first eight months of the current Iranian calendar year (started Mar. 21, 2025) at 13.5 million tons.Iran unveils locally built ship bridge simulatorIran unveils locally built ship bridge simulatorAn advanced ship bridge simu-



lator fully developed in Iran has been introduced as a comprehensive training reference for the maritime sector, capable of modeling 300 different types of vessels, officials said.The system can simulate ships ranging from lifeboats to large bulk carriers and military warships, offering broad applications for civilian and military maritime education.Iran set to launch three locally built satellites on Dec. 28Iran set to launch three locally built satellites on Dec. 28The Head of the Iranian Space Agency (ISA) has vowed that three domestically built satellites are scheduled to be launched into space on December 28.Hassan Salarieh stated that these launches will be conducted from the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia using a Soyuz launch vehicle. The satellites are intended to be placed into a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at an altitude of approximately 500 kilometers.UN Security Council holds meeting on Iran nuclear dealUN Security Council to hold meeting on Iran nuclear dealThe United Nations Security Council held a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the implementation of the Iran nuclear agreement. Iran’s UN envoy Saeid Iravani addressed



the meeting, saying that "Iran's nuclear program remains exclusively peaceful."IRGC seizes yet another oil tanker in Persian GulfIRGC seizes yet another oil tanker in Persian GulfThe IRGC Navy has seized an oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf. IRGC has announced that its naval forces carried out a precise operation, successfully intercepting a ship laden with 4 million liters of smuggled fuel. The vessel, crewed by 16 non-Iranian sailors, was attempting to slip out of Iran’s territorial waters when it was seized.Iran’s exports to Eurasia hit \$1.2b in 7 months: TPOIran’s exports to Eurasia hit \$1.2b in 7 months: TPOIran’s exports to Eurasia hit \$1.2b in 7 months: TPOAn official at Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (TPOI) says the country exported \$1.2 billion worth of goods to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) member states in the 1st seven months of the current Iranian calendar year.Secretary of EAEU Desk of the Trade Promotion Organization of Iran (TPOI) Elham Haji-Karimi stated that \$1.261 billion worth of non-oil products was exported from the country to the member states of the union between March 21 to October 22, 2025.

