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The IRGC announced a firm response to terrorists who are foreign-backed and intend to take actions against the citizens' security.

The statement said the team was affiliated with the MKO terrorist group, which has assassinated nearly 17,000 Iranian civilians and officials since the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979.



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Iran UN envoy:

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Iranian ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations has warned that unilateral coercive measures violate and impede the realization of human rights, including the right to development. Speaking at the General Assembly of the United Nations on Thursday, Amir Saeed Iravani emphasized that the unilateral coercive measures are among the terrifying challenges that constitute a flagrant violation of the fundamental principles of international law and the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, particularly sovereign equality and non-intervention. "Such illegal measures

also violate and impede the realization of human rights, including the right to development, while negatively affecting the overall enjoyment of human rights," the envoy underlined. Iravani said that the UN General Assembly has consistently voiced concern over the harmful effects of unilateral coercive measures on the international relations, trade, investment, and cooperation, and had condemned them as unlawful. The unprecedented spread of such unlawful measures has caused severe suffering, depriving countries of basic rights and hitting civilians hardest, he added. "The unprecedent and alarming intensi-

fication in the extent and magnitude of promulgation and implementation of such unlawful measures has caused severe economic hardship and human suffering, depriving many independent countries of their inalienable and basic rights, including the right to development," he continued. He went on to say that these coercive measures target the daily life of civilians more than ever and impose heavy, disproportionate, and indiscriminate human costs on the entire affected population, including women, children and the elderly," Iravani noted. Such unlawful measures also have serious humanitarian impacts, including by impeding affected populations' access to medicine, medical services and equipment, and other essential commodities, he added. "It goes without saying that unilateral coercive measures inflict egregious conditions of life upon the entire population of targeted countries and constitute as crimes against humanity." Iran will continue its efforts in dealing with these unlawful measures to, among others, uphold the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and promote international cooperation on the basis of international law, Iravani stressed. He called on UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to appoint a "Special Advisor on Unilateral Coercive Measures."

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. IRGC Navy stages military drill in Persian Gulf

Iran in the Sahand-2025 Joint Counter-Terrorism Exercise. Iran, Russia, China pen joint letter to UN chief

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

In a joint letter to the UN Security Council president and the UN secretary-general, the ambassadors of Iran, Russia, and China stressed that all provisions of Resolution 2231 have expired as of October 18, 2025. Pakistan-Iran-Turkey freight train to resume activity

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

Pakistan's railways minister announced that the ECO freight train linking Islamabad, Tehran, and Istanbul will resume operations on December 31, emphasizing the country's interest in expanding regional connectivity with Iran. Shiraz hosts this year's Fajr International Film Festival

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

The 2025 edition of the Fajr International Film Festival was held in Shiraz this week with the participation of foreign guests. Iran issues ownership documents for Trio Persian Gulf islands

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

Iran this week formally issued land de-

marcation and ownership documents for the islands of Abu Musa, as well as the Greater and Lesser Tunbs in the Persian Gulf, asserting its sovereignty over the territories. Iran holds high-level talks with Turkish, Saudi officials in Tehran

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

Iran this week hosted Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Saudi Arabia's Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Saud bin Mohammed Al-Sati in Tehran. Bilateral relations and international issues were reviewed during the visit of the two foreign diplomats to Tehran

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Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has detained a foreign-flagged vessel carrying 350,000 liters of smuggled fuel in the Persian Gulf, according to the commander of the IRGC's Second Naval Zone

Iran's Army adds new naval base

Iran's military integrated a new floating base into the Navy and also unveiled the rebuilt destroyer Sahand, months after the vessel sank during an accident in Bandar Abbas.



Mother of Love:

Portrait of Lady Umm al-Banin

The book "Mother of Love" narrates the life of Hazrat Umm al-Banin (AS), from her marriage to Imam Ali (AS) through the tragedy of Karbala, highlighting her unwavering devotion.

The story begins from the time of the marriage of the Commander of the Faithful (Amir al-Mu'min) to Hazrat Umm al-Banin and continues until the event of Ashura.

This book also covers the periods of the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali (AS) and Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS).

"Mother of Love," penned by Attiyah Sadat Salehian and published by Madraseh Publications, opens with a visionary dream—a celestial vision of a moon and three stars descending onto the lap of a young Fātimah bint Hizām. This dream, powerfully symbolic, sets the stage for a life destined to be intertwined with the luminous lineage of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The book is a poignant, novelistic rendering of the life of this remarkable woman, known to history as Umm al-Banin, the "Mother of Sons," who became a wife to Imam Ali (AS) and the mother of four valiant sons: the moons and stars of her dream—Abbas, Abdullah, Jafar, and Uthman.

The author anchors her tale firmly in established historical and narrative sources, meticulously arranging events in chronological order.

However, the genius of the book lies in its perspective: we witness pivotal moments in early Islamic history—from the aftermath of the martyrdom of Lady Fatimah al-Zahra (SA) and the events of the Battle of Siffin to the tragic martyrdom of Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS)—through the empathetic lens of Umm al-Banin.

This approach transforms well-known historical facts into a deeply personal and moving journey.

The core theme radiating from every page is Umm al-Banin's unparalleled, awe-inspiring devotion (erādāt) to the Ahl al-Bayt (AS).

This love, as depicted by Salehian, is not merely emotional; it is a fundamental part of her being, woven into her very flesh and blood.

From the moment her marriage to Imam Ali (AS) is proposed by his brother Aqeel, her entire existence revolves around servitude to this sacred household.

The narrative beautifully portrays her as a "butterfly" fluttering around Imam Ali (AS) and his children, her heart forever restless in their love and service.

A significant and gripping portion of the book is naturally devoted to her sons, particularly her firstborn, Hazrat Abul Fazl al-Abbas (AS).

The story traces his development from a beloved child—whose hands and eyes were kissed by his father, Imam Ali (AS)—into the legendary symbol of courage, the "Qamar-e-Bani Hashim" (Moon of the Bani Hashim).

The author skillfully shows how Umm al-Banin consciously nurtured this spirit of chivalry and absolute loyalty to Imam Hossain (AS) in her sons, repeatedly reminding Abbas of his duty to stand by his master. The book includes poignant and less commonly narrated details about his life, such as the origins of his title "Abul Fazl" and the stories behind the naming of his younger brothers. Mother of Love: Portrait of Umm al-Banin

The narrative structure employs an omniscient narrator limited primarily to Umm al-Banin's presence.