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### UN nuclear report blasts Tehran

#### **No positive points about Iran in IAEA report**

**Mehr news agency, June 5** –“Despite the Islamic Republic's extensive efforts and activities, there is no clear and positive evaluation of Iran's activities over the past several months,” an informed official said about the International Atomic Energy Agency director general's recent report on the nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

#### **US: Iran nuclear program designed to produce weapons**

**Associated Press, June 3, Washington** - The U.S. State Department expressed concern Wednesday about Iran exploring the possibility of producing a centrifuge capable of making weapons-grade uranium. Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the only purpose of 18 years of covert nuclear activity by Iran could be to create weapons. "There is no doubt," Boucher said, "that they have an extensive program of nuclear activity and that many of those activities are in no way peaceful." Rather, Boucher said, they "are specifically intended to create weapons."



#### **Iran still making nuclear materials, U.N. agency says**

**New York Times, June 2** - Nearly two months after pledging to suspend its nuclear program, Iran is continuing to make parts and materials that could be used in the manufacture of nuclear arms, according to a new report by the International Atomic Energy Agency...The atomic energy agency's report cites continuing evidence that Iran misled inspectors with many of its early claims, especially on questions about where it obtained critical components. Iranian officials have now told the agency that some of those parts were purchased abroad, after initially insisting that Iran had made them itself...

"Not only is there no meaningful suspension," said a senior administration official, "but there are activities that can only be explained as moving forward to enrichment."....The atomic energy agency's report, obtained from diplomatic officials, said three workshops in Iran were making centrifuge parts despite Tehran's claim to have suspended uranium enrichment and related activities on April 9... The report also said the Iranians had secretly sought to obtain magnets to make at least 4,000 P-2 centrifuges, a second-generation Pakistani model.

#### **Watchdog blasts Iran in nuclear program**

**Washington Post June 2** - Iran repeatedly misstated details about its nuclear program and pursued uranium enrichment technology more aggressively than it

initially admitted, the International Atomic Energy Agency concluded yesterday in a sharply critical assessment.

The report by the United Nations' nuclear watchdog raises new questions about Iran's intentions and appears certain to persuade the agency's board of governors not to end intrusive inspections when it meets later this month.

### **Tehran will continue manufacture of centrifuge equipment**

**AFP, Tehran June 2,** - Iran's top nuclear official said the production of nuclear centrifuge equipment would continue for the time being, despite a previous promise by Iran to the UN nuclear watchdog to stop all activities related to uranium enrichment. Hassan Rowhani said authorities had yet to reach an agreement with three private sector production facilities involved in making centrifuge parts for them to halt their work in line with a pledge to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). "As long as there is no accord on compensation for them stopping production, production will continue," the head of the Supreme National Security Council told reporters.

### **US renews nuclear weapons charges against Iran**

**AFP, Washington June 1,** "I think what is clear, as we approach the next phase of discussion at the International Atomic Energy Agency, is that Iran has still not fulfilled the requirements of the board of governors, nor has it fulfilled its own commitments to provide full and complete information," spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Asked whether the United States held to its longstanding charges that Iran is trying to cloak nuclear weapons development with a civilian energy program, he replied: "I think that's borne out by the facts, yes."

### **More possibly bomb-grade highly enriched uranium found in Iran - IAEA**

**AFP, Vienna, June 1** - United Nations nuclear inspectors have found more traces in Iran of highly enriched uranium that could be bomb-grade, the UN atomic energy agency said Tuesday, ahead of a meeting on US allegations that Tehran is secretly trying to develop nuclear weapons....

Particles of 36-percent HEU found at Farayand, a new site after IAEA inspectors had last year detected such particles at the Kalay-e Electric Company in Tehran, leave the IAEA unable to confirm Iran's claims the contamination was from imported equipment, probably from Pakistan, rather than a sign the Iranians may have been trying to enrich uranium on their own.

## Terrorism

### **Iranian arrested for planting bomb**

**E'temad daily, June 6** - Iraq's police on Saturday arrested an Iranian as he was planting a bomb in a crowded square in Baquba. Police sources did not disclose details on the arrest or the individual arrested. The Coalition Forces arrested several Iranians last week in Iraq's Divaniya. After interrogations, they turned out to be members of the Qods Force of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps.

### **Guards Commander: Incidents like 9/11 bring strategic results**

**Radio Farda, June 5** -. Salami, head of the strategic operations staff of the Revolutionary Guards Corps said: One can achieve strategic results by creating small incidents. You see that with the explosion of two American towers, the world's history was split in two parts: before and after the event. With this small incident, the policies of the United States and other world and regional powers changed. The event had a great impact on the US, so much that the United States' 3% economic growth dropped to one percent and the unemployment rate for the first time rose to 6.5%.

### **Armitage: US closely monitors Iran**

**Fars news agency, June 5** – In an interview with the head of the Washington Bureau of Abu Dhabi Satellite TV, U.S. Under Secretary of State Richard Armitage said if (Iran) wants to create problems or divisions in Najaf, Karbala or any other place, we would be compelled to take another action against this country. Armitage added: This is not a threat on my part, but only a reference to the fact that we closely monitor Iran's activities.

### **Fantasy of Iran's rule in Iraq**

**Al-Iraq Al-Yaum, June 5** – The bombings had still not ended when in light of the vacuum of power in Iraq, the (Iranian) clerical regime sent thousands of its Revolutionary Guards and mercenaries to Iraq. According to many observers, the Iranian government took the Coalition forces' bombing of the Iranian Resistance in Iraq as a green light for their attack. It was encouraged to meddle in Iraqi affairs. Contrary to the Iranian statesmen's promises to the US and Britain not to meddle in Iraqi affairs if the Resistance's Camps were bombarded, they started their extensive assault.

### **Americans must not be safe – Tehran's Friday Prayer leader**

**Iranian State Television, June 4, Tehran** – Excerpts of sermon by Ahmad Jannati, Tehran's Friday Prayer leader: "Imam (Khomeini) was founding a global government of Islam. He invited all to join. To this end, he brought up the theory of export of revolution. Export of revolution means that we want to export the (Islamic) revolution to every where and let the world enjoy the blessing we are presently enjoying... A world government of Islam with free and independent republics... "You should continue the Imam's path. You must overthrow the enemies. I swear to God that they are nothing and they cannot resist before the power of Islam and genuine believers in Islam..."

"Americans must not have security. If Muslims are not safe, they must not be safe either. They are warring against God, why should they be safe?"

### **Revolutionary Guards Commander: Insecurity will be spread world over**

**Mehr news agency, June 3** – At the Suicide Bombers conference in Tehran, Commander Salami, head of joint operations staff of the Revolutionary Guards Corps, said, "Today, the world of Islam is in the most fateful era of its political life. The Middle East has now become the camp of the World Arrogance with the United States at its helm... Security and insecurity is becoming global, and this is where the greater world's vulnerable spot lies. This means that if damage is inflicted on a certain point in the world, the insecurity will be transferred to the whole world."

## Iran leader dismisses new Iraq caretaker government as US "lackey"

**AFP, June 3, Tehran** - Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei dismissed Iraq's new caretaker administration Thursday as a "lackey" government at the beck and call of the United States.... "That's what happens when you remove the clergy from politics," Khamenei said in a keynote speech marking the 15th anniversary of the death of his predecessor Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. His comments sparked chants of "Death to the United States", "Death to England," from the tens of thousands gathered for the anniversary at Khomeini's mausoleum on the southern outskirts of the capital.

## The Iranian heresy

**New York Post, June 1** - Tehran's state-controlled media have launched a campaign to incite Shiites in Bahrain against the kingdom's reform process. And Iran has ordered its clients, notably the Iraqi branch of Hezbollah, to step up disruptive activities to make the transition from occupation to Iraqi sovereignty as difficult as possible. All this has led to suspicions against Shiites in several Arab countries. That is unfortunate. The present Iranian regime is based on the ideology of Khomeinism - which is as far removed from Shiism as it is from other mainstream "ways" of Islam. The first victims of that ideology have been Shiites. The Khomeinists have executed over 100,000 Iranians, mostly Shiites. They also caused the deaths of almost a million other Shiites in the eight-year long Iran-Iraq war. Over 3.5 million Iranians, most of them Shiites, have gone into exile. That ideology has also divided Shiite communities everywhere. In Iraq, Tehran's policy over the past decade has aimed at splitting the Shiite community. Now Tehran is working hard to prevent a unified Iraqi Shiite front backed by the seminary at Najaf.



## What does Iran want from Iraq?

**Al-Hadath daily, May 29** - Iran is still investing in US's failure to

improve conditions in Iraq and make-up for the damages caused by Baghdad's former regime. Tehran fears the ultimate transition of the people of Iraq from a state of suppression, oppression and deprivation to a state of enjoying enormous national wealth and coexistence among various strata of Iraq's society that embraces important and progressive, intellectual and culturally competent sectors. In this way, Iraq may drive its neighboring countries, particularly Iran, towards democracy after the Iraqi style. Iran is not satisfied with what it has done before and after the fall of the ex-Iraqi President Saddam Hossein's regime; rather, it has established a special organization for counsel and logistical support for the Iraqi resistance. Intelligence-on-line has described this development as another page in the series of pages of Iran's open influence in the current war in Iraq.



## Iran's presence in Diyala Province



**Al-Atjat Al-Akhar, May 30** – Informed sources report on Iran's increased role in the cities and towns of Diyala Province, as well as its escalated use of murder, assassination and fomenting disputes among Iraqi tribes and families in several cities in this province. The sources said Iran's intelligence services provide money and weapons to gangs of jobless people and order them to commit murders, assassinations and acts of sabotage against government agencies, police stations and civilian defense centers...The sources point to the last terrorist operation planned by Iran and carried out by these gangs. The operation masterminded by Iran, was carried out at Abu Seydeh-Khaneqin Road checkpoint, killing four members of the civilian defense force. The rest of the civilian defense members fought back the assailants, killing one and injuring two who were transferred to a private hospital. Relevant authorities arrested and transferred them to perform a more thorough investigation on the methods of these gangs in making contact with the Iranian agencies.



### **Iran's Revolutionary Guards official threatens suicide operations**

**The Middle East Media Research Institute, May 28-**

Iran's Revolutionary Guards Official Threatens Suicide Operations: 'Our Missiles Are Ready to Strike at Anglo-Saxon Culture... There Are 29 Sensitive Sites in the U.S. and the West...'

The London Arabic-language daily Al-Sharq Al-Awsat reported that "an Iranian intelligence unit has established a center called The Brigades of the Shahids of the Global Islamic Awakening to replace the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' Department of Liberation and Revolutionary Movements, which had been in charge of helping and training revolutionary forces across the world." The article went on to report a speech given by an official of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, threatening the U.S.



## Violation of human rights

### **3,000 workers of Moqan Company stage 6<sup>th</sup> day of strike**

**Roudad website, June 2** – A large group of workers and employees of Moqan Farming, Industry and Animal Farming Company (in northwest Iran) will enter the sixth day of their strike. On Monday and Tuesday, May 31 and June 1, about 3,000 workers and employees of the company refrained from working and rallied in protest to the government's failure to realize their demands.

### **Three day hunger strike in Germany to protest deportation of Iranian asylum seekers**

**Radio Farda, June 4** – A three day hunger strike started on Thursday in one of the crowded spots of Cologne, Germany, in protest to the deportation of Iranian asylum seekers in Germany with undetermined status. Another goal of the sponsors of the protest is to attract the public opinion to problems that they say students, journalists; women, teachers and workers in Iran are faced with. The protestors sealed their mouths with tape in a symbolic act and distributed pamphlets among by passers.

### **Stepped up arrests, crackdown on journalists**

**Hambastegi website, June 1** – Colonel Azim Hosseini, director general of the State Security Forces' anti-vice department, said at a press conference that employees of a news agency called SINA that had recently published a report on trafficking and sale of Iranian girls in Dubai, had been arrested. He claimed, "This news is absolutely false. The State Security Forces, judicial authorities as well as the public prosecutor's office will see to it that the individuals who made such claims be arrested."

### **Seven sentenced to death, two to amputation of hands, legs**

**Kayhan daily, June 1, Sari** – Mohammad Reza Foulad Amoli, head of Mazandaran's judiciary, said four people, named Reza, Hassan, Mohammad Reza and Hamid Reza were sentenced to death on charges of waging war on God and spreading corruption on earth... He added, "In addition, three people named Haay Nabi, Nowrouz and Shahrzad who were affiliated with armed rebels were sentenced to death..." He said two others by the names of Hossein and Morteza were sentenced to have their right hands and left legs cut off on charges of waging war on God. He reminded that the rest of the accused have been sentenced to imprisonment, flogging, payment of bail and whipping for punishment.

### **Mother of political prisoner: Son's fate still undetermined**

**ILNA, May 30, Tehran** – The mother of Sa'id Massouri, a prisoner accused of membership in the People's Mojahedin Organization who was sentenced to death on April 24, 2002, wrote an open letter to the Society in Defense of Prisoners' Rights protesting the sentence issued by the Sixth Branch of the Revolutionary Court... She wrote in her letter that despite numerous requests from various government agencies and institutions, Sa'id Massouri's fate remains uncertain. Massouri's mother called on international human rights organizations to support and investigate into this case.

### **No info on whereabouts of 7 arrested students**

**Radio France Internationale, May 30** – The Student Committee Defending Political Prisoners in Iran announced in a statement that although three days have passed since the arrest of seven members of the Democratic Front and the United Students Front, there is still no information available on their whereabouts. The seven students were arrested during a protest outside the United Nations office in Tehran against recent student arrests.