

## Chairman of Qatar's Joint Chiefs of Staff to visit Tehran Monday

TEHRAN (FNA) — Chief of staff of Qatar's armed forces is scheduled to visit Iran on Monday at the head of a high-ranking military delegation.

The 3-day trip to Tehran by Major General Hamad Ibn Al Attiyah will take place at the invitation of the Iranian Defense Minister, Brigadier General Mostafa Mohammad Najjar.

During his stay in Iran, Al Attiyah will hold two rounds of negotiations with Najjar and other Iranian political and military officials.

He is also due to visit a number of military industries and centers.

## Iran's might would help promote regional stability: Lebanon FM

BEIRUT (IRNA) — Lebanese Foreign Minister Fawzi Sallukh said on Friday that Iran's strength would help promote regional stability at international arena.

In a meeting with Iran's Ambassador to Beirut Reza Sheibani, he regretted that certain foreign currents were involved in the recent turmoil in Iran.

Such moves were aimed at weakening Iran's regional and international status, he added.

Sallukh reiterated that several regional states believe that Iran plays a key role in the regional stability.

The Iranian envoy, for his part, said the Islamic Republic of Iran supports any political move aimed at strengthening the national solidarity of Lebanese people.

Meanwhile, the two officials called for further expansion of Tehran-Beirut all-out ties.

## Hospitals which refused medical care to unrest victims liable to lawsuit

Deputy head of Tehran's public prosecutor warns those hospitals which refused medical care to emergency patients are liable to lawsuit.

The remarks by Mahmoud Salarkia, the Tehran deputy prosecutor in prison affairs, came as certain hospitals had refused to receive patients injured in the post-election unrest in Tehran.

Salarkia said that under an official directive by the Health Ministry, all hospitals are obliged to provide medical care to emergency patients.

"Hospitals do not have a right to refuse medical care," Salarkia told the Mehr News Agency on Saturday.

The remarks came amid reports of poor medical support by certain hospitals in Iran to those injured in the country's post-election violence.

Tehran became the scene of unrest in recent weeks with rallies staged in protest at the outcome of the June 12 presidential vote.

Salarkia expressed readiness by the Iranian judiciary to deal with complaints about the refusal of hospitals to provide medical care to citizens due to the current situation in the country.

"The refusal of authorities and doctors to treat emergency patients is considered a crime and the matter can be pursued through the country's judicial system," the official warned.

(Source: Press TV)

# No decision yet on makeup of new cabinet: spokesman



Tehran Times Political Desk

TEHRAN — Government spokesman Gholam-Hossein Elham stated that President Ahmadinejad has not yet decided on the makeup of his new cabinet.

"The president is doing his planning and no attempt has been made with regard to the tenth cabinet," he told reporters during a press briefing on Saturday.

He added, "The president will elect an efficient, capable, committed, and assiduous cabinet ... to move the nation towards advancement and justice."

Asked about the foreign policy of the new administration, especially toward those countries which made remarks on the post-election developments in Iran, Elham said he advises

some European countries not to test what has already been tested "because any country which does not cooperate with Iran will lag behind."

"We have always been interested in dialogue between governments to provide justice and public security and if any country aims to enter this area, it will surely need the aid of the Islamic Republic of Iran," he said.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Elham emphasized that the recent presidential election was the "healthiest" election which has been held so far.

Commenting on the suspicious murder of Neda Agha-Soltan, who was shot dead in post-election unrest on June 20, the government spokesman said, "It was a preplanned scenario."

## Tehran University chancellor wants follow-up to dorm attack probe

Tehran University president Farhad Rahbar has called on the police and judiciary to launch an investigation into the attacks against student in their dormitories during the recent post-election unrest.

"The police and judiciary should follow up the dormitories' incident," ILNA quoted Rahbar as saying.

Tehran was gripped with several days of protests after the 10th presidential election saw Mahmoud Ahmadinejad re-elected by a landslide.

A violent attack on Tehran University's student dormitories by men without

uniforms on June 14, two days after the disputed election, resulted in serious injuries to many students and destruction of their - and university's - properties, according to Rahbar.

He also denied a comment by a Principlist parliamentarian that he had issued a permit for the police to enter the dormitories.

Earlier, lawmaker Mohsen Kouhkan had said that alleged members of the police force entered the dorms after they were given a green light by the university's president.

However, Rahbar "strongly" rejected

the remarks by the Majlis Presiding Board member, saying, "I had made no request for the entrance of the police personnel into the Tehran University dormitory."

Rahbar noted that "less than five students are in hospital" due to the attacks.

At least 20 people were killed and many more injured in the protests by supporters of defeated candidates who dismissed the official results as "fraudulent" and called for a repeat election.

(Source: Press TV)

## Understanding recent incidents essential for national unity: cleric

Tehran Times Political Desk

TEHRAN — To maintain national cohesion and compassion, it is essential to gain a clear understanding of the causes that led to the post-election incidents, a member of the Central Council of the Society of Combatant Clergy said here on Saturday.

"The preservation of society and the Islamic Revolution... is dependent on maintaining unity and kindness among intellectuals and political



thinkers,"

Hojjatolislam Ahmad Salek told the Mehr News Agency on Saturday.

He also said the networks involved in stoking the unrest that broke out after the June 12 presidential election must be identified and people must be informed about them.

The arrogant powers' agents orchestrated events after the vote and no one can say these agents care about the revolution, the Islamic establishment, or the Muslim people, Salek added.

## Japan parliament speaker: Judge Iran on facts

Tokyo has taken a neutral stance towards the recent post-election unrest in Iran, undermining the mainstream portrayal of the events in Tehran.

"We believe all countries have a unique culture and history, so they must be judged based on factual information," Speaker of Japan's House of Representatives Yohei Kono said.

Kono was addressing members of an Iranian delegation to Tokyo, led by the head of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission Alaeddin Boroujerdi.

"The Iranian parliamentary team's visit to Japan is seen as a valuable opportunity to show Japanese officials a true image of the country," Kono added.

The announcement of incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's victory in Iran's June 12 presidential election led to opposition rallies in the country with defeated candidates Mir-Hossein Mousavi and Mehdi Karroubi rejecting the official results as 'fraudulent' and demanding a re-run.

The election and its aftermath were keenly watched by Iran's friends and foes alike, some of whom issued statements in response to the events.

In a recent statement, the Group of Eight countries condemned post-election violence in Iran and urged the government in Tehran to respect the fundamental human rights of its citizens.

In the European Union, all member states have summoned Iran's ambassadors to their respective countries to protest against the recent arrests of a number of local staff at the British Embassy in Tehran.

Iran, however, accuses Western countries and their media outlets of fueling unrest in the country in the aftermath of the election.

The two sides also discussed during the meeting in Tokyo Iran's nuclear standoff with the West.

Boroujerdi said that Tehran was determined to stay committed to its obligations under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

He also pointed out that his government was prepared to discuss the nuclear case with the P5+1 group (the 5 permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany), "so long as Iran's nuclear rights were not disregarded".

Tehran and Tokyo have long been strong trading partners. Iran presents a lucrative market for Japan's automobile exports and electrical goods, while Japan is a leading importer of Iran's petroleum and petrochemical products.

Iran is Japan's third-largest oil supplier after Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Japan continues to hold a stake in Iran's largest on-shore oil field, Azadegan. In 2004, Japan's Inpex Holdings Inc agreed to invest in a \$2 billion project to develop the Azadegan oil field.

Two years later, however, Iran cut the Japanese firm's share from 75 to 10 percent due to its delays in fulfilling its contract obligations under U.S. pressure.

(Source: Press TV)

## Iran to free imprisoned Greek journalist

ATHENS, Greece (UPI) — A Greek journalist for The Washington Times will soon be freed from captivity in Iran, Iran's ambassador in Athens says.

"We are pleased to confirm that within the next 48 hours the Greek journalist will have been freed," Mehdi Honardoost told the Greek newspaper Kathimerini Friday.

The Iranian Culture Ministry confirmed this week that Iason

Athanasiadis had been arrested at Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport, but was unclear about what charges he faced.

Kathimerini said Honardoost did not elaborate about Athanasiadis, but talked about an "emotional reaction" to the Iranian presidential elections that had been exploited by foreign powers as part of an "organized conspiracy" against Iran.

## Tehran critical of Iraq's inaction on detained diplomats

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TEHRAN — Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki has criticized the Iraqi government for its inaction on the continued detention of Iranian diplomats who were abducted by the U.S. troops in Iraq in 2007.

Iran has grievances about the Iraqi government's failure to secure the return of these diplomats, he told reporters in Tehran.

The U.S. military detained five Iranian diplomats in the city of Arbil, 310 km (190 miles) north of Baghdad, in January 2007. In November that year, U.S. officials said they would release two of the five diplomats.

## Iran will make efforts to free its diplomats abducted in 1982

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TEHRAN — The government will continue its efforts to obtain the release of four Iranian nationals held by the Zionist regime for 27 years, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said in a ceremony held to mark the 27th anniversary of the kidnapping incident.

The three diplomats Mohsen Mousavi, Ahmad Motevasellian, Taqi Rastegar Moqaddam, and a reporter Kazem Akhavan, were captured by Phalangist militia allied to the Zionist regime while traveling to southern Lebanon in 1982 and then transferred to a prison in the occupied Palestine.

Mottaki said Iran will spare no effort to determine the fate of the diplomats.

## Administration should show tolerance toward experts: MP

Tehran Times Political Desk

TEHRAN — Now that the election is over scholars should help maintain tranquility in the society and the administration should also show tolerance toward experts with different political persuasions and seek their help in managing the country, MP Hossein Ebrahimi has said.

The first thing scholars, defeated presidential candidates, and their supporters should do in the face of such situations is trying to maintain tranquility, he told the Mehr News Agency on Saturday.

Ebrahimi also said that foreign powers attempted to undermine the Islamic establishment through their media propaganda and people should be made aware of such plans.

## Qom Seminary teachers congratulate Ahmadinejad on reelection

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TEHRAN — In a message issued on Saturday the Qom Seminary Teachers Society felicitated Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on his reelection as president.

The society also thanked the nation for their massive turnout in the June 12 election, calling it an "epic".

Of the 46.2 million eligible voters about 40 million participated in the election.

In their message the seminary teachers also insisted that now that the competition is over it is a time for friendship and cooperation.

The society also stated that country's potentials should be employed to serve the nation.

## 'Competent women should take over posts in next administration'

Tehran Times Political Desk

TEHRAN — The Secretary General of Zeinab Society, Maryam Behrouzi, suggested on Saturday that competent women should be appointed as ministers or presidential aides, and also take over managerial posts in Ahmadinejad's next administration.

In an interview with the ISNA news agency, she added the Ahmadinejad administration should serve people more than before and it is expected to seek the cooperation of defeated presidential challengers in managing the country.

Asked about the country's economic problems, Behrouzi said the next administration should try to reduce inflation rate by drawing up a new economic plan.

