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## UN climate talks open, deal 'within reach'

**COPENHAGEN (Reuters)** — The biggest climate talks in history opened on Monday with a stark UN warning of the risk of desertification and rising seas and an assurance by hosts Denmark that a deal to combat climate change was "within reach".



Denmark's Climate Minister Connie Hedegaard delivers a speech at the opening plenary on December 7, 2009 at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, the venue of the COP15 Climate Summit, which runs till December 18.

(Reuters photo)

Politicians and scientists urged the December 7-18 talks, attended by 15,000 delegates from about 190 nations, to agree immediate action to curb greenhouse gases and come up with billions of dollars in aid and technology to help the poor.

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## Judiciary firm to examine economic corruption cases

*Tehran Times Political Desk*

**TEHRAN** — The Judiciary is quite determined to investigate cases connected to "huge economic corruption" and bring the culprits to the book regardless of their status, Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Sadeq Larijani said on Monday.

"There are huge economic corruption cases that I will pursue if I stay alive," the Judiciary chief said in a meeting with judges from the National Supreme Court.

Ayatollah Larijani pointed out that there have been many cases of economic corruption which have not been examined after many years.

It is "incumbent" on the Judiciary to examine these cases and it is "determined" to do so, he pointed out.

"If the Judiciary is reformed everything else will also be reformed, otherwise it will help promote corruption in the society," he noted.

Elsewhere in his remarks, the Judiciary chief pointed out that some feel secure in face of prosecution and



Judiciary Chief Ayatollah Sadeq Larijani told judges from the National Supreme Court on Monday that "we are living in a society that some people feel politically secure and do some violations and feel they have security margins." He also said some law-breakers should not think that they can bribe judges by offering money because nothing is tradable with human dignity.

have created a "margin of security" for themselves and break the law easily.

He urged the judges not be afraid of

the posts and names of law breakers and implement the law "without any fear".

## Students Day observed in Iran

*Tehran Times Political Desk*

**TEHRAN** — Students Day was marked in Iran on Monday as a number of Science Ministry officials, including Gholamreza Khajesarvi, the deputy minister of science, research and technology for social affairs, and Mahmoud Mollabashi, the deputy science minister for student affairs, visited the graves of the three students who were killed in 1953 by the regime of the last shah.

Students Day is observed on the anniversary of the murder of three students at the University of Tehran on December 7, 1953 by police of the Pahlavi regime.

Ahmad Ghandchi, Mehdi Shariatrazavi, and Mosatafa Bozorgnia were the students who were martyred by police.

The three were killed when police opened fire on students at the University of Tehran as they protested then U.S. vice president Richard Nixon's visit to Iran, following the coup d'état of 1953.

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