

Therefore, we are holding dialogues with the regional states. Our policy is to say to the gentlemen that if security is to be established in the region then the first condition is for foreign forces to leave. This is the way resolutely pursued by the Islamic Republic. The future will prove the success of such views which are in the interest of Islam and Muslims of the region. [passage omitted]

Larijani Meets Italian Foreign Ministry Official

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[Text] Tehran, May 31, IRNA—Italian Foreign Ministry's Director-General Bruno Bottai in a stop-over here on his way to Kabul met and talked with Deputy Foreign Minister for Euro-American Affairs Mohammad Javad Larijani Monday.

The two discussed mutual relations, the latest developments in the Iraqi-imposed war, major viewpoints on the UN Security Council's Resolution 598, regional and Persian Gulf issues, and the Afghan problem.

Stressing the Islamic Republic's stands on the Iraqi imposed war, Larijani denounced the silence of international bodies vis-a-vis the wide use of chemicals by the Iraqi Ba'thist regime.

"Iran insists on the execution of justice and will not allow the aggressor to be awarded for its crimes," he concluded.

UN Envoy in Geneva on Position on Afghanistan

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[Text] According to the report of the Central News Unit, Diego Cordovez, UN under secretary and special representative of the UN secretary general on the Afghan problem has stated: The Islamic Republic of Iran, because of its importance in the region and its affinity with and cultural and spiritual influence on the people of Afghanistan, can play an important role in the present developments aimed at restoring peace in Afghanistan.

Stating the above points in a meeting with the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the UN European Office, Cordovez added that he would continue his contacts and exchanges of views in this regard with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During this meeting the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the UN European office in Geneva informed Cordovez that due to the absence of the Afghan revolutionaries at the Geneva talks and their formal opposition to these agreements, the Islamic Republic of Iran could not take a positive position on those agreements.

However, the departure of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan is welcomed by the Islamic Republic of Iran. If that measure is coupled with suitable changes in Kabul, one can hope that peace and stability will be restored in Afghanistan.

The ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran added: To achieve this objective, the Afghan revolutionaries must play a leading role in the future government of their country, because Afghanistan is an Islamic country and it is only right that the demand of the revolutionaries on the establishment of an Islamic and nonaligned government in that country be realized.

Besharati Receives UN Official for Refugees

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[Text] Tehran, May 31, IRNA—Sadruddin Aga Khan in charge of the United Nations Program to coordinate humanitarian and economic aid to refugees arrived here at the head of a UN team Monday evening for a brief stop-over and met with Acting Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati.

Aga Khan expressed appreciation of the United Nations to the Islamic Republic of Iran for its aids to the Afghan refugees.

Besharati briefed Aga Khan on Iran's stance towards the Afghanistan issue and aid to Afghan refugees and on the absence of Afghan people's representatives in negotiations for finding a political solution to the crisis in Afghanistan.

Besharati said that if Afghan refugees were to return to their homeland on their own free will first of all security must be established in that country and desirable conditions and popular sovereignty must prevail.

The delegation left Tehran for Geneva Monday night.

Dam Construction Project Planned With USSR

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[Text] Tabriz, East Azarbayjan Prov., May 30, IRNA—A plan for construction of a joint dam on Aras River by Iran and the Soviet Union is to be discussed and finalized at the forthcoming joint economic commission meet, Taqi Khamushi in charge of the Energy Ministry said here today.

Khamushi currently here to inspect projects underway by his ministry, said the dam, after completion, is to supply irrigation water and electricity to a vast part of the northern Azarbayjan Province.

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He also inaugurated a new dam on Nur Lake of Ardabil, northeast of here today, which was built by provincial energy department with a credit of 170 million rials (dhrs. over 2.5 million). The dam is supplying irrigation water for more than 3,000 hectares of farmlands in the region.

Funds Allocated for Essential Purchases

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[Text] An interview with Deputy Prime Minister for Administrative Affairs concerning the allocation of over \$3 billion in foreign reserves to purchase essential goods and foodstuffs is the subject of our next news report:

Over \$3 billion has been allocated by the government for the purchase of essential goods for this year [year ending 20 March 1989]. Some \$2 billion of this is for wheat, rice, vegetable oil, sugar, tea, meat, and goods needed by the agricultural sector, as well as bonuses for wheat farmers. Some \$572 million is allocated for raw materials and more than 43 sensitive and important items, while \$84 million has been allocated for raw materials for production units and traditional workshops such as (?building material) machinery and food, as well as \$180 million for tires and other spares needed for road transportation. Another \$150 million goes for goods and foodstuffs for government employees.

Mr Mirzadeh, deputy prime minister for administrative affairs and head of the Economic Mobilization Headquarters, announced these moves in an interview today and described the government's methods for controlling inflation, price rises, protection of oppressed sections of society, and the supply of essential goods and foodstuffs across the country. He stressed that the new plan—whose methods of implementation will be conveyed to provincial capitals soon—as approved by the heads of three government branches last night will effectively control inflation both at the retail and wholesale levels by increasing the number of goods subject to the plan.

He added: During the current year, in addition to the distribution of foodstuffs to retired government employees and armed forces personnel, as well as the families of martyrs and war refugees, there will be two rounds of distributing foodstuffs to government employees during September and February—rounds Nos 4 and 5. As of 3 May the distribution of coupons for essential goods for round No 8 for villagers and tribes, and as of late June the distribution of the same coupons for city dwellers will begin across the country. These include coupons for essential goods for families of the warriors of Islam, teachers on an hourly salary, government and armed forces retired personnel, and all workers subject to the social security plan.

He stated: Last year the growth of the index price for goods under the plan was limited to 12.5 percent, while such goods made up around 41.7 percent of the costs to

a family. However, such success is only important when you note that the price index for goods not under the plan during the year increased as much as 215 times over the previous year's figures. Therefore, in order to further expand the policy and bring more goods under the plan, it has been decided that overcharging, in addition to hoarding, should come under the government punishment plans.

Therefore, all major production and import units as well as wholesalers, distribution companies, and agents responsible for the distribution of the goods under the scheme, are required to issue receipts for goods and to display prices on all goods coming subject to the plan, in order to combat high prices and hoarding. People will act as the main inspectors in the implementation of the plan.

He added: All those selling goods subject to the plan having prices established by the organization in order to protect producers and consumers must take steps to issue bills that should include the complete details of sale, the price of goods, the total price, and the name and signature of the seller.

3 Opposition 'Terrorists' Executed 25 May

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[Text] Tehran, May 27, IRNA—The Islamic Revolution Tribunal voted for death sentence of three terrorists affiliated to the outlawed grouplets. They were executed in Evin Prison Wednesday afternoon.

The terrorists were Anushirvan Lutfi, member of the Central Committee of the so-called Feda'i-ye Khalq (majority wing), Hajat Mohammad Pur, chairman of the Executive Committee of the outlawed Union of Iranian Communists grouplet and Hojattollah Ma'budi, an activist in the terrorist Monafeqin-e Khalq Organization (MKO).

Their major charges were announced as attempting to overthrow the Islamic Republic, participation in armed clashes with military and disciplinary forces, their active role in bloody clashes in Gonbad-e Qabus and Kordestan, participation in Amol's Forests [placename as received] clashes in 1982 in which a group of innocent civilians were martyred and wounded, setting afire a bank and a bookshop in a densely populated area, and armed participation in Hamadan clashes in June 1982.

Tanker Attacks Increase With U.S. Presence

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[Text] London, May 28, IRNA—Shipping attacks in the Persian Gulf continue at more than one every two days since the U.S. sent its armada to ostensibly uphold what it termed as freedom of navigation.