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'BULLYING WON'T WORK': PEZESHKIAN WARNS US AS HE MEETS PAKISTAN'S ARMY CHIEF

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has stated that the United States must abandon its reliance on force and bullying, warning that such an approach will only complicate efforts to implement the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and resolve regional issues.

In a meeting on Monday night with Pakistan's Army Chief and Chief of Defense Forces, Field Marshal Asim Munir, Pezeshkian expressed appreciation for Islamabad's constructive role in mediating to promote regional peace and security.

He voiced hope that sustained political will and cooperation would help achieve the goals outlined in the Pakistan-brokered MoU.

"The United States must correct its tone and approach in interacting with Iran," the president said. "Relying on coercion and bullying will only make the implementation process more complicated."

The Iranian president underscored that Washington is obliged to honor its commitments to the Islamic Republic of Iran in line with legitimate rights and international norms. – [PressTV](#)



HAMAS: ISRAEL SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYING ALL MEANS OF LIFE IN GAZA



The Israeli regime is deliberately wiping out every condition for survival in the Gaza Strip by targeting critical civilian infrastructure, Hamas has said, after Israeli occupation warplanes bombed a desalination plant vital to thirsty residents.

In a statement on Monday, Hamas spokesperson Hazem Qassem condemned the airstrike on the Al-Ridwan water desalination station in Gaza City's Sheikh Radwan neighborhood as a continuation of the Zionist entity's genocidal war against the Palestinian people.

The attack, carried out by Israeli fighter jets, also hit a nearby mosque and destroyed tents sheltering displaced families.

"Targeting and destroying the desalination plant is part of the ongoing genocide and an attempt to erase all facilities and means of life in Gaza," Qassem said.

He stressed that the intensified bombardment of crowded displacement camps and the deliberate destruction of tents prove the occupation regime is still pursuing its criminal plan of forced displacement and ethnic cleansing of Palestinians.

The Hamas official highlighted that these widespread aggressions mark the peak of the Israeli regime's blatant disregard for the ceasefire agreement signed by US President Donald Trump and the leaders of Egypt, Turkey and Qatar. – [PressTV](#)

FORMER US ENVOY ON UKRAINE KELLOGG CALLS FOR MOBILIZATION OF WOMEN IN UKRAINE

Former US president's special envoy on Ukraine, Keith Kellogg, has spoken out in favor of mobilizing women to serve with the armed forces of Ukraine.

"My daughter was a soldier. She graduated from the US Military Academy and fought in Afghanistan. Do I believe that women should be mobilized into the army? My answer is yes. Because they fight no worse than men," he told Ukraine's Naspravdi YouTube channel.

"It is very important that women, as part of society, go into service. On both a personal and professional level, I don't see a problem," Kellogg added. – [TASS](#)

RUSSIAN FORCES MOP UP LARGE AREA NEAR ZAPOROZHYE REGION'S DOLINKA

Russian troops are completing mop-up operations in Maliye Shcherbaki, Mirnoye and Nesteryanka near Dolinka in the Zaporozhye Region, which the Russian Defense Ministry said had been liberated the previous day, military expert Andrey Marochko told TASS.

He said the operation is helping Russian forces envelop the Ukrainian group in Orehov.

Marochko earlier told TASS that, after liberating Dolinka, Russian troops were tightening the encirclement around Ukrainian forces in the Orehov area.

The Russian Defense Ministry reported the liberation of Dolinka in the Zaporozhye Region on August 24. – [TASS](#)

UKRAINE NEEDS TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION, NOT JUST ELECTIONS



Holding elections alone will not bring about a change of regime in Ukraine, which instead requires serious talks with the United States resulting in the creation of a transitional administration before elections can be organized, former Ukrainian Prime Minister Nikolay Azarov told TASS.

He said that if elections were held under Ukraine's current political conditions, manipulation and fraud would allow representatives of the existing regime to come to power again.

"What difference will elections make now, in these circumstances? They will elect whoever needs to be elected - that is completely obvious. Will the current regime remain in place? Of course it will," Azarov said.

"To avoid such a scenario [in which the Kiev regime remains in place], very serious talks with the Americans are needed, along with arguments that could persuade the current US administration to make certain concrete compromises. What would those concrete compromises be? First and foremost, a transitional administration and elections overseen by certain bodies that would prevent Nazis from coming to power again," he concluded. – [TASS](#)

HOW IRAN WILL SURVIVE NEW 'DRACONIAN SANCTIONS'

How will Iran survive the latest round of what President Donald Trump calls "draconian sanctions" that promise to be the most extreme strangulation ever imposed?

Iran has developed highly sophisticated, high tech, asymmetric, low-cost, well hidden weapons to defend their country against U.S.-Israeli bombing. Now even the U.S. corporate media admits that the vast number of U.S. bases throughout West Asia and the Persian Gulf are vulnerable and not sustainable.

Iran has designed not only its military but its entire economy for over 47 years to withstand U.S. sanctions. U.S. sanctions are designed to strangle the country economically, deny technical development and modernization and through chronic shortages instigate uprising and division in the population.

Iran is approaching 200 days of this stage of U.S.-instigated war, harsh rounds of new sanctions, a blockade and targeted attacks on civilian infrastructure. But in reality, Iran has withstood 47 years, or over 17,000 days, of sanctions and deliberate efforts to overturn its Islamic Republic. Through sanctions the U.S. has blocked \$120 billion of Iran's assets.

Iran has not only survived, it has managed to build a modern industrial society with a healthy and highly educated population. Iran is in the top tier globally in the number of scientific, technical and engineering graduates. More than half of these graduates are women. (latimes.com, June 3, 2026)



To survive economically, Iran has turned to numerous alternative routes, trucking goods from neighboring Pakistan and Turkey as well as shipping cargo from Russia, an ally, through the Caspian Sea, while sending oil by high-speed rail to China, a key trading partner.

Iran has relied for decades on decentralized exchange networks, barter agreements and what is called hawala — an informal trust-based funds or equivalents transfer system dating back to the ninth century — and on modern cryptocurrency to maintain cross-border trade.

These alternative systems have supplied the Iranian economy with a wide variety of consumer goods, food, essential medicines and industrial materials. While these tactics might seem expensive and cumbersome, they exist outside the measurements and constraints of the U.S. dollar-dominated global economy.

These unofficial exchanges continue to function even when countries and banking institutions officially submit to U.S. sanctions. Thousands of small merchants and traders across many borders make their own rules. – [WWP](#)



BREAKING ON X

VIETNAM CONCERT

20-30 thousand Vietnamese (mostly genZ) gather in national concert "Fatherland in your heart" to watch revolutionary music ("red music") revived in modern music mix, under the heavy rain.

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PIKER INTERVIEWS WITH ZIONIST WHITE WASHING OUTLET

Hasan Piker sits down with Israel's most effective whitewashing outlet Haaretz to give an interview, normalizing zionist (even liberal ones) has been denounced by the Palestinian resistance as an act of betrayal. Interviewing with a prozionist rag is objectively normalization.

<https://x.com/ireallyhateyou/status/2092172452239466595>

MAMDANI ENDORSES HAKEEM JEFFRIES

Power to the people asks: Mamdani moments ago just once again backed Hakeem Jeffries for Speaker: "I continue to support Jeffries and his bid to become the leader." AOC also supports Jeffries. How can anyone believe in the project to reform the Democratic Party when the people who run on reforming it back corrupt corporate politicians for leadership?

<https://x.com/ProudSocialist/status/2091929204115783841>

IRAN COMMEMORATES LEADERS MARTYRED DAUGHTER

A commemoration ceremony was held at the mosque of Sharif University of Technology for the martyred daughter of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution on Monday.

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MITCH FROZEN IN PLACE FOR NEARLY 20 HOURS

On June 4, ten days before Mitch McConnell disappeared, he spent nearly 20-hour on the Senate floor frozen in place. Causing many X users to wonder if this was when he passed away.

<https://x.com/essenvIEWS/status/2090581954978545991>

CHINA TRANSITIONING TO BAMBOO

In China, more products are transitioning to plastics made from bamboo. It fully biodegrades in about 5 months and doesn't create forever-microplastics.

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CHINA'S WOMEN'S FEDERATION SUPPORTS LAO WOMEN'S VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The All-China Women's Federation (ACWF) has provided vocational training equipment worth 800,000 yuan (about 2.72 billion kip) to the Lao Women's Union (LWU), strengthening skills development for Lao women.

The equipment was handed over on August 24, 2026, by Mr. Wang Chang, Chargé d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Laos, to Mrs. Aly Vongnorbountham, Member of the Party Central Committee and President of the LWU.

The 15 types of equipment will support training in garment and tailoring, beauty and cosmetology, and food and culinary preparation. Part of the equipment will also be distributed to provincial vocational training centers.

Mrs. Aly expressed appreciation to the ACWF and the Chinese Embassy for the assistance, saying it would improve modern teaching methods and meet trainees' practical needs.

The support contributes to the Lao Women's Development Plan 2026–2030, particularly efforts to equip women with vocational skills, expand employment opportunities and support their development as micro, small and medium entrepreneurs

– KPL

THE DIGNITY, INDEPENDENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CUBA HAVE ALSO BEEN DEFENDED BY ITS WOMEN

The dignity, independence, and sovereignty of Cuba have also been defended and built by its women.

These 66 years signify that Cuban women have ceased to be spectators and have become protagonists of their own history.

This was affirmed in this province by the member of the Political Bureau and General Secretary of the Federation of Cuban Women (FMC), Teresa Amarelle Boué, during the main event commemorating this new anniversary of the organization, on August 23rd.

Amarelle Boué also recalled that the triumph of the Revolution and the emergence of the FMC (Federation of Cuban Women) meant that millions of women had the opportunity to study, work, improve themselves, research, produce, and lead in all areas of the economic, political, social, and cultural life of our country.

Currently, "we are the majority in sectors such as education, health, science, and the judicial system, among others," she said, adding that "there is an increasingly greater female presence in the non-state sector, in agricultural production cooperatives, and in access to leadership positions."

The General Secretary of the FMC also addressed the main challenges facing the organization, in a context marked by the intensification of the U.S. blockade, which severely impacts the lives of the Cuban people.

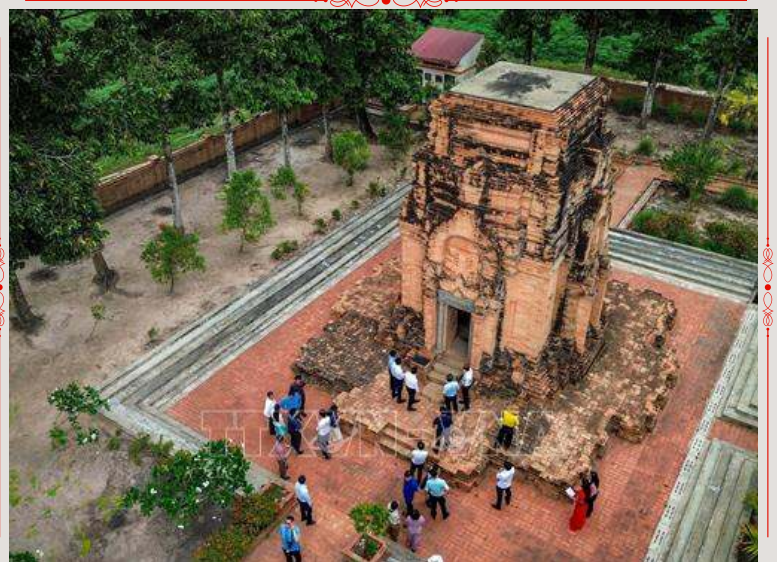
"We must pay special attention to vulnerable individuals and families and contribute, together with the relevant institutions, to finding solutions; we must focus particularly on our young women who are not in school or work; it is essential to continue working for gender equality and the prevention of violence," she emphasized.

During the event, held at the Hermanos Cruz People's Council, awards were presented to the provinces of Artemisa, Matanzas, Cienfuegos, and Villa Clara, all recognized for their outstanding work within the FMC, and to Pinar del Río, which received the National Vanguard designation. – Granma

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CHOT MAT TOWER – SYMBOL OF OC EO CIVILIZATION IN TAY NINH

Amidst the landscape of modern-day Tay Ninh, Chot Mat Tower stands quietly, preserving traces of the ancient Oc Eo civilization, offering a glimpse into the cultural world that once flourished across southern Vietnam. With its distinctive brick architecture and enduring historical value, the tower is not only an important archaeological relic but also a potential destination for visitors interested in the region's cultural heritage. VNA Photo: Giang Phương



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CHINA-AIDED CANCER TREATMENT CENTER BREAKS GROUND IN TUNISIA

The China-aided Cancer Treatment Center project in Tunisia was launched on Sunday in Gabes, a city in southeastern Tunisia.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, Walid Naija, director general of health at the Tunisian Ministry of Health, said in his address that Tunisia and China enjoy a deep friendship and maintain a high degree of mutual trust.

The launch of the project demonstrates the dynamic and growing cooperation between the two countries, he said, adding that once completed, the center will enable people in southeastern Tunisia to access high-quality cancer treatment and care more conveniently.

Liang Gang, counselor in charge of economic and commercial affairs of the Chinese Embassy in Tunisia, said that the project's commencement is a concrete action to strengthen pragmatic cooperation between the two countries and a manifestation of the deep friendship between the people of the two countries. – [CGTN](#)

HOW CHINA TURNS SAND GREEN, TAKING ITS ECOLOGICAL PLAYBOOK GLOBAL

Leveraging decades of domestic restoration and a long-standing commitment to sharing its expertise abroad, Beijing is using the "China Corner" at the ongoing 17th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to showcase its environmental playbook – an effort UNCCD chief Yasmine Fouad called "one of the clearest large-scale examples of how land degradation can be reversed."

Along the southeastern edge of China's Tengger Desert, grids of straw woven into the shifting sands are holding back dunes that might otherwise creep southward.

Pioneered in the 1950s, the technique helped Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, a landlocked region hemmed in by deserts on three sides in northwestern China, become the country's first provincial-level region to reverse desertification.

One of the countries most severely affected by desertification, China has vast arid heartlands spanning the northwest, north and northeast, leading Beijing to launch the Three-North Shelterbelt Forest Program (TSFP) in 1978 to curb the spread of deserts and restore degraded land.

Today, China has brought 53% of its treatable degraded land under management, accounting for roughly a quarter of the world's newly added green areas in recent years.

In Ningxia, barren dunes now host solar arrays and desert tourism hubs. In neighboring Gansu Province, sand-dwelling crops like Cistanche and desert onions anchor a commercial ecosystem of more than 100 agricultural enterprises.

Along the southern edge of the Sahara, China's experience with the TSFP has helped shape the African Union's Great Green Wall Initiative, launched in 2007 to restore 100 million hectares of degraded land across the Sahel-Sahara region and create 10 million green jobs by 2030. – [CGTN](#)



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In the DPRK women make a great contribution to the prosperity of the country and the development of society.

A century ago, Korean women were known as a synonym for misfortune and privation as they were subjected to all manner of inequality, subordination, contempt and maltreatment. But they have radically improved their social status and role and pushed ahead with the revolution and construction along with the development of the DPRK.

Each page of the DPRK's history records the feats of women who have creditably worked at different posts of the revolution and socialist construction like men.

They include those who contributed to creating the legend of war victory by fighting undauntedly both on the front and in the rear in the period of the fierce Fatherland Liberation War, exalted their honour as red motivators and Chollima movement pioneers in the Chollima era, and defended socialism while overcoming difficulties with strong will in the 1990s.

Women performed their jobs at scientific research bases and grand construction sites as well as in agricultural and light industry sectors and the front ranks of meritorious persons of patriotism who stirred up the times also included women.

BEAUTY PECULIAR TO KOREAN WOMEN

Though shouldering heavy responsibility for looking after their families while doing their jobs, women, as mothers, did not mind taking any pains to bring up well their children, the future of the country. The women, who are ordinary and simple yet strongest in the face of hardships, brought up many excellent heroes across the country.

Nowadays many women have volunteered to work in the difficult and labour-consuming sectors at the call of the country to perform feats for its prosperity instead of living merely as housewives.

Those in Kangwon Province, for example, unhesitatingly volunteered to work at the construction sites of several power stations at the beginning of the projects to contribute to building the power stations with the willpower of self-reliance and inexhaustible strength.

Whenever they were faced with difficulties in those days, the women gathered up their strength and courage singing the song "We Are Koreans" reflecting the indomitable spirit and image of the tough-minded Koreans.

The world will see what a power we will build

By dint of our strength we firmly believe in and our love for the future.

"As shown by the words of the song reflecting our feelings, we felt patriotic pride and pleasure in always making devoted efforts to do well whatever the Party decides to do and attaches importance to," they say in unison.

Their love for their country, socialism and future—this is the source of the miraculous strength that makes the Korean women undaunted by any hardship.

The strength of such love makes the women so strong and herein lies the beauty peculiar to them.

– Pyongyang Times

SOCIALIST SPORTS REPORT ***TORCH-LIGHTING CEREMONY OF INT'L MARTIAL ARTS GAMES HELD IN PYONGYANG***

A torch-lighting ceremony of the 10th International Martial Arts Games took place in Pyongyang on August 21.

The torch lit at the martial arts torch tower at the Sports Village on Chongchun Street will be brought to light the cauldron in the opening ceremony venue of the 10th International Martial Arts Games to be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, in October this year.

Present at the ceremony were Kim Kum Chol, member of the National Sports Guidance Committee and secretary general of the Cabinet, Kim Myong Gun, chairman of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, Taekwon-Do instructors and players, teachers and students of Pyongyang Municipal Taekwon-Do College and working people in Pyongyang.

Also seen there were members of the diplomatic corps in Pyongyang.

Ri Yong Son, chairman of the International Martial Arts Games Committee and president of the International Taekwon-Do Federation, made a speech.

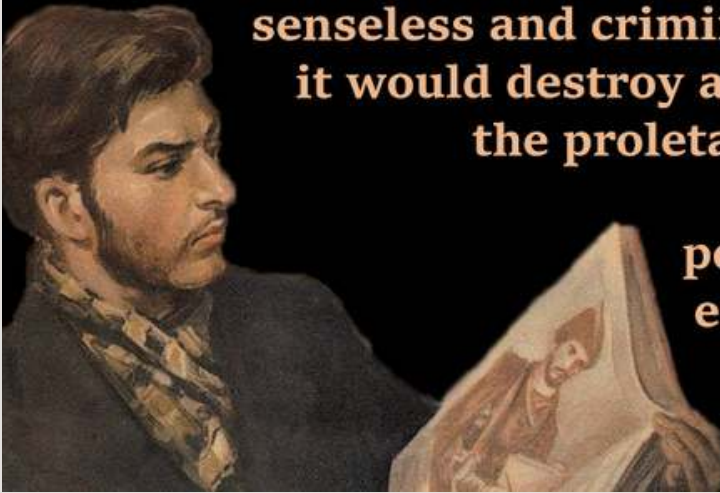
The chairman of the Korean Taekwon-Do Committee, who is the secretary general of the International Martial Arts Games Committee, lit and handed the torch for the games to torch-bearers.

Then followed Taekwon-Do, wushu and karate demonstrations. – [KCNA](#)



DAILY COMRADE QUOTES

Nor can we regard as an answer the opinion of other half-baked Marxists, who think that the thing to do would be to assume power and to expropriate the small and medium rural producers and to socialize their means of production. Marxists cannot adopt this senseless and criminal course either, because it would destroy all chances of victory for the proletarian revolution, and would throw the peasantry into the camp of the enemies of the proletariat for a long time.



Iosif Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili

Not a single great movement of the oppressed in the history of mankind has been able to do without the participation of working women.



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