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IRAN'S PARLIAMENT SPEAKER SCOFFS AT US TREASURY SECRETARY'S CONTRADICTION 'ECONOMIC D-DAY' REMARKS

Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Baqer Qalibaf has underlined a radical contradiction marking US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's recent announcement of a new wave of illegal sanctions against Iran.

The top legislator made the remarks in a post on X on Tuesday.

"Why would I want to blow up the global financial system?" Bessent said in response in what observers have described as his acknowledgement that further American economic pressure on Iran would trigger worldwide blowback.

"Him: 'Economic D-Day.' Also him, five seconds later: "[lol] why would I want to blow up the global financial system?" Qalibaf wrote in his post, citing the exchange.

He then addressed Bessent in an inquiring tone, saying, "Sir this ain't Normandy, this is improv[ization] night and you forgot your own script."

– [PressTV](#)



IRAN DETAILS TEMPORARY HORMUZ ARRANGEMENT WITH OMAN



Iran's deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs details a temporary arrangement between the Islamic Republic and Oman concerning the Strait of Hormuz, while asserting that reopening of the waterway hinges on realization of Tehran's demands.

Under the arrangement, "vessels entering the Persian Gulf will use Iranian waters, while vessels leaving the Persian Gulf will use Omani territorial waters," the senior diplomat stated. "Vessels would pass through Iranian waters in both directions," he added.

He described the arrangement as functioning "like a two-way highway," with a total width of approximately seven nautical miles.

Gharibabadi stressed that the arrangement agreed with with Oman does not mean that the Strait of Hormuz will be reopened immediately. He said the issue of the arrangement and the question of reopening the strait were separate matters.

'Arrangement does not equal reopening'

He underscored that the Strait of Hormuz had only two littoral states, Iran and Oman, adding that, upon agreeing on a permanent arrangement, that arrangement is intended to replace the previous maritime traffic separation scheme. – [PressTV](#)

ZELENSKY SAYS UKRAINE GETTING MORE PATRIOT MISSILES, BUT NEEDS MORE

Ukraine has agreed with an unnamed country on delivery of a small number of missiles for Patriot air defense systems, Vladimir Zelensky said.

"I won't say from which country, but we have received confirmation of [future deliveries of] several Crotale air defense systems and the missiles for them. We have also received AIM missiles, which are very important to us, and, to be honest, a small number of Patriot missiles. I can't say exactly how many, but it's a small number. We need more," he told Ukrainian journalists, as cited by the UNIAN agency. – [TASS](#)

ONE CIVILIAN KILLED, EIGHT OTHERS INJURED IN UKRAINIAN ATTACKS ON DPR

Over the past day, Ukraine's armed forces launched 36 attacks on communities in the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), leaving one civilian killed and eight others injured, the DPR government's department for documenting Ukraine's war crimes said in a daily report.

"As many as 36 attacks by Ukrainian armed formations were registered, with one reported killed and eight civilians injured. Overall, 39 various munitions were fired," the report reads.

Six civilian infrastructure facilities, three residential buildings, a shuttle bus, and trucks were damaged in the attacks, according to the authority. – [TASS](#)

RUSSIA NOT TO FORGET UKRAINE'S TERROR ATTACK ON STAROBELSK, TO SEEK JUSTICE — LAVROV



Russia will not forget Ukraine's bloody terror attack on Starobelsk and will seek justice, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said.

"No doubt, we will never forget it and will seek justice for Zelensky's bloody terror attack in Starobelsk," he told reporters after talks with visiting Vatican Secretary for Relations with States and International Organizations Paul Richard Gallagher.

The Kiev regime, according to the top Russian diplomat, continues demonstrating its utter brutality by targeting children, with the latest such crime being committed overnight to August 24 in the Krasnodar Region, Adygea, and Dagestan, where children died in Ukraine's massive attack on civilian facilities. Civilians, including children, also died in a drone attack on the city of Nizhnekamsk, he recalled. The Ukrainian military carried out a multi-stage strike on the academic building and dormitory of the Lugansk Pedagogical University's Vocational College in the city of Starobelsk in the early hours of May 22, killing 21 students and wounding 60 more. The Russian Investigative Committee opened a criminal case on charges of a terror attack.

In response to Ukraine's actions, the Russian foreign ministry announced on May 25 that the Russian army was beginning systemic strikes on defense enterprises in Kiev. – [TASS](#)



BREAKING ON X

CHINA KEY IN SANCTIONS UNWORKABILITY

GilbertDoctorow argues that China is the key factor making America's unilateral sanctions against Iran unworkable, as China has officially ordered its banks not to follow US instructions.

<https://x.com/highlightsnews1/status/2092446952067629521>

PALESTINE RESISTANCE RELEASES VIDEO ON SPIES

The Palestinian resistance's "al-Hares" platform has circulated a video detailing how the occupation spies on resistance fighters and what clandestine devices it utilizes.

<https://x.com/MujammaHaraket/status/2092341183561248872>

MASSIVE FLASH FLOOD ON CHINA- NEPAL BORDER

A Massive Mudslide Wiped Out a Port on the China-Nepal Border Hundreds of people are Missing President Xi has ordered a Full-Scale Rescue Operation

<https://x.com/IranObserver0/status/2092590342050664462>

ISRAELI BACKED MILITIA MEMBERS IN GAZA SURRENDER

Dozens of Israel-backed militia members in Gaza surrender Ghada Ebrahim reports from Gaza City

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ABDUL CELEBRATES KHAMENEI'S DEATH

Abdul El-Sayed tells Jesse Walters that he is "glad the Ayatollah is dead" in an interview on FOX news.

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NIETZSCHE BOOK REVIEW

Man understands Nietzsche in less than 20 pages

<https://x.com/pelagiusreborn/status/2091685715574669334>



**HEADLINES FROM SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES!**

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LAOS CABINET REVIEWS AUGUST PERFORMANCE, SETS SEPTEMBER PRIORITIES

Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone chaired the Government's monthly plenary meeting on August 24–25, 2026, at the Prime Minister's Office in Vientiane, reviewing key developments in August and setting priority tasks for September.

The meeting reviewed the Government's response to floods affecting eight provinces and stressed faster recovery and infrastructure repairs.

For September, priorities include strengthening border security, combating cybercrime and drugs, accelerating post-flood recovery, improving revenue collection, implementing the National Agenda on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, preparing for the new school year, and ensuring dam safety and water management. – KPL

FIDEL, MAKER OF DREAMS AND FEATS



Granma reproduces the prologue written by Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, leader of the Cuban Revolution, to the complete collection of Selected Works of Fidel Castro Ruz, his brother in blood and in struggle:

The Commander-in-Chief dedicated his life to solidarity and internationalism, to the anti-colonial, anti-apartheid, and anti-imperialist struggle, for the emancipation and dignity of peoples. Following his example, our fidelity to Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism will remain unwavering.

There is perhaps no other instance in history where the leadership of a revolution has enjoyed such overwhelming support, trust, and conscious enthusiasm from the masses as that offered by our people to their Revolution, their leaders, and especially to Fidel, their beloved and undisputed leader.

In 1989, he presciently warned us about the possibility of the collapse of the USSR and the Socialist Bloc, and assured the world that if such circumstances arose, Cuba and the Cuban Revolution would continue to defend the banners of socialism. When many in the world were betting on its end after the collapse, his leadership and close relationship with the people were decisive in ensuring that the country, in the difficult circumstances of the Special Period, preserved the fundamental gains achieved. A decade later, faced with the enemy's ruthless offensive, he launched a strategic counteroffensive.

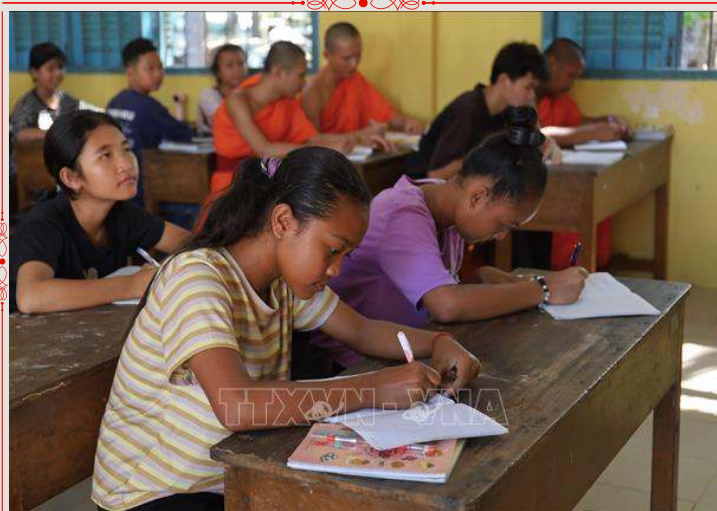
– Granma



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PRESERVING TRADITIONAL CULTURE OF KHMER PEOPLE

During the summer, the grounds of many Khmer pagodas in Can Tho City come alive with the sounds of children learning to read and spell Khmer language. Free from the pressure of grades or strict schedules, these summer classes held within the pagoda precincts foster a love for the mother tongue among children, impart the ethnic group's fine cultural values, and contribute to preserving traditional cultural identity while strengthening national unity. [VNA](#) Photo: Nguyễn Hằng



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The China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway is still being built. But when it opens, it will link Andijan through Kyrgyzstan to China's Xinjiang, cutting the travel time and pulling Eurasia closer together.

The railway is one of many examples of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) members turning political trust built over the years into practical cooperation. Today's connectivity efforts trace back to the cooperative approach that shaped the SCO from the start. In the early 1990s, China, Russia and the newly independent Central Asian states faced the challenge of managing their borders. In 1996, the five countries — China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan — met in Shanghai and agreed to build military trust along their shared frontiers. The next year in Moscow, they went further and cut forces in the border areas. Uzbekistan joined in 2001, and the Shanghai Five became the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Lasting stability only works if countries trust each other. Out of that experience came what everyone calls the Shanghai Spirit — mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for the diversity of civilizations and the pursuit of common development.

It marked a post-Cold War strategy of dealing with one another that favored finding consensus instead of lining up in opposing blocs.

THE SHANGHAI SPIRIT AT 25: A NEW MODEL FOR MULTILATERAL COOPERATION



Twenty-five years later, that approach has spread well beyond security. The SCO is now the world's largest regional organization. In a time of rising global tensions and uncertainty, many Global South countries want a bigger say in how the world is run. The SCO has brought states with different interests and cultures together. At the 2025 Tianjin Summit, China put forward the Global Governance Initiative, calling for a more just system of global governance. The initiative has since gained support from nearly 160 countries and international organizations.

The SCO's role in global governance is reflected in the direction of its next stage of development. It's focusing on a wider agenda: strengthening strategic trust, supporting dialogue over confrontation, advancing connectivity and contributing to a more democratic and just multipolar world.

China has already started turning the talk into actions. In the year since Tianjin, seven new platforms have been set up, covering green industry, the digital economy, science and technology, energy, higher education, vocational training and artificial intelligence. Together they've produced more than 160 concrete projects.

– CGTN(Video available)

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August 25 is recorded as an important day in the history of the country.

On the occasion of the significant day when Chairman Kim Jong Il started guidance over the revolutionary armed forces, we went on our tour of Chol Pass.

Chol Pass reminded us of the venerable image of Chairman Kim Jong Il who ceaselessly covered his journey to the front, shouldering the destiny of the country and people.

Chol Pass is a rugged mountain road of ninety-nine curves, which is 677 meters in elevation and covers 80 ri in total ascending and descending.

Every curve of the pass is associated with touching stories.

On May 10, 1965, the Chairman went over the pass for the first time.

That day, the Chairman who ascended the pass accompanying President Kim Il Sung highly appreciated the heroic fighting feats of transport soldiers of the People's Army and people in Kangwon Province who fully ensured the successful wartime transport in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War and gave precious instructions to the accompanying officials on intensifying education among soldiers to make them follow the fighting spirit of wartime generation.

Since then, the Chairman went over the rugged pass 18 times for the sake of the beloved country and people.

WE WILL REMEMBER PATRIOTIC DEVOTION BY CHAIRMAN KIM JONG IL FOREVER



He went over the pass with a "do-or-die" will to firmly defend the country associated with the noble life of the President and our people from the aggression of the imperialist forces by devoting his all.

There were times when he personally drove over the pass, saying that the supreme commander should drive in person to acquaint himself with the front road. Indeed, he left his sacred traces in the pass all the year round.

Thanks to his ceaseless front journey, guards divisions were imbued with ever-invincible strength and courage and posts across the country strengthened more firmly into a fortress which no enemy dares to provoke.

There is the Cholryong Revolutionary Site at the top of the pass. – Rodong Sinmun

SOCIALIST SPORTS REPORT

CHINA DOMINATES WORLD CLIMBING ASIA YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

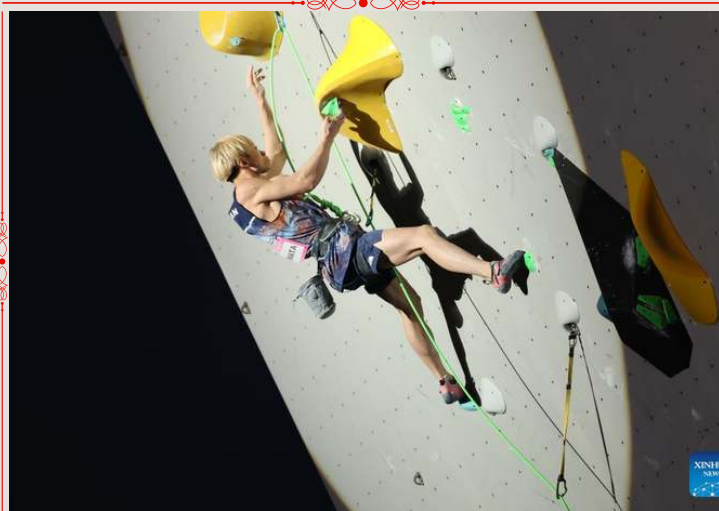
The 2026 World Climbing Asia Youth Championships wrapped up in southwest China's Guizhou Province on Tuesday, following five days of competition. The host nation topped the medal table with 10 golds, nine silvers and three bronzes, a tally that underlined the event in Guiyang as the continent's benchmark for youth climbing.

This year's program showcased the U17 and U19 age groups, with separate men's and women's divisions across the boulder, lead, speed and newly-introduced speed relay categories, following the latter's official integration into the World Cup circuit.

The speed remained a particular strength for the home country, as China claimed four golds, four silvers and two bronzes in the individual events. The speed relay finals then saw the delegation sweep all four titles across the U17 and U19 men's and women's races, closing the team competitions with an impressive four golds and three silvers.

In the technical disciplines, the longstanding Japan-ROK hegemony showed signs of erosion, as China continued to steadily close the gap with Asia's elite.

The boulder final ended with the Chinese U17 women completing a groundbreaking medal sweep, while the U17 lead featured all four entrants from the host nation advancing to the final. – [CGTN](#)



DAILY COMRADE QUOTES

Why should we be misunderstood by others that we are advocating nationalism when we created the wonderful Juche idea of UNIVERSAL importance that has inherited and developed the progressive ideologies of mankind? It is wrong to think that only natural sciences have continuity in their development. Social sciences and philosophical thoughts also develop continuously. We should always consider all things and phenomena from the viewpoint of development. All things have two aspects - inheritance and innovation. To observe only one aspect is a metaphysical viewpoint.



Kim Jong Il

