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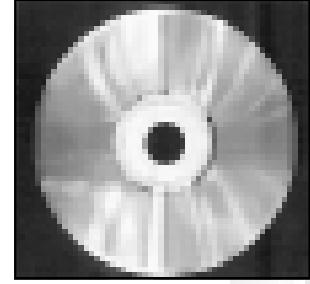
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## Iran-Turkey security commission begins work

TEHRAN - The 15th session of Iran-Turkey security commission began work in Ankara Tuesday with participation of security and police officials of the two countries.

The meeting is to focus on expanding security cooperation between the two countries and study ways of combating cross border drug smuggling.

The Iranian delegation to the five-day gathering is led by the head of the Interior Ministry security department Hussein Motahar.

The 14th session of the joint security commission was held in Tehran last August.

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## Iran warns against nuclear proliferation in Middle East, South Asia

TEHRAN - Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), Gholamreza Aqazadeh in Vienna Tuesday warned against nuclear proliferation in the Middle East and South Asia.

Addressing the general assembly of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Aqazadeh referred to several nuclear tests carried out by India and Pakistan and said such tests have increased concerns of those

Middle Eastern and South Asian countries which fully abide by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), IRNA reported from Vienna.

New Delhi and Islamabad each carried out several nuclear tests last May. Israel's refusal to join the NPT and its access to lethal nuclear weapons, direct assistance of U.S. to Israel for promotion of its nuclear capability, double standard policy of the U.S. in disarmament have jeopardized

the NPT's credibility and prevents materialization of the treaty's basic goals, Aqazadeh stressed.

The peace-seekers of the world are for full and non-discriminatory implementation of the treaty, he said adding, however, the appeal of the Middle Eastern countries, Iran in particular, to declare the region a nuclear weapon free zone is ignored and the Zionist regime continues proliferation of its weapons.

## Intl. gathering on Caspian energy resources

TEHRAN - The head of the Iranian Institute for International Energy Studies, Gholam-Hussein Hassan-Tash, here on Tuesday announced that an international gathering on Caspian Sea resources would be held in Iran with a focus on possible routes for the oil and gas transfer as well as security and economic development.

Speaking to IRNA, Hassan-Tash said that the gathering which is the second of its kind would be held November 7-8.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, enjoying a special regional status, cannot ignore the energy issues in the world, Hassan-Tash said, adding that besides being amongst the most stable countries in the region, Iran is the most economical route for transfer of the Caspian oil and gas.

Hassan-Tash also said that since Organization of Petroleum Exporting Coun-

tries (OPEC) has been playing an effective role under critical conditions in the market and succeeded in regulating the market through its monitoring policies, formation of any organization that would lead to its weakening is unacceptable.

He said that Saudi Arabia has been raising plans to form new organizations, comprised of world's leading oil producers.

Hassan-Tash said that formation of a new group, composed of world's major oil producers with an aim to bring about coordination among them under the pretext of OPEC's inefficiency, is not at all justifiable.

He said that those proposals of Saudi Arabia for formation of organizations aiming to arrange talks among the OPEC member and non members before convention of the OPEC sessions, that would lead to strengthening of the or-

ganization are instead justifiable. He added that briefing the OPEC session on the general agreements reached among members in the course of their meetings in order to make feasible the decision making process on details of the agreements and speedy announcement of the results are favorable.

He continued that however, any move to impose decisions on the OPEC and turn it into a second-hand decision making centre with an aim to pressurize it is not at all acceptable.

The proposal to form an organization independent of OPEC or an organization on its sideline has not been eye-catchingly welcomed by the oil producers because many non-OPEC members are members of such organizations as the International Energy Agency and the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), thus having special kinds of interests there, Hassan-Tash disclosed.

Saudi Arabia has high production capacity and its interests differs from those of other OPEC members, said Hassan-Tash, adding the country tries to form organizations wherein it would assume more pivotal role.

Also speaking to IRNA was the secretary general of the gathering, Mousavi, who cited the Caspian littoral states preoccupation with economic development for their high interest in the Caspian oil and gas resources.

The international gathering would assess the energy resources in the region and ways of its transfer as well as its political, economic and environmental aspects, he said.

According to Mousavi, some 500 political and energy officials of the regional countries would attend the gathering.

Important international oil companies as well as some national and international research institutes would also be represented in the gathering, he added.

## Iran, India to expand bilateral cultural ties

TEHRAN - Deputy Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister and presidential advisor Ahmad Masjid-Jameie in a meeting with Indian Deputy Minister of Human Resource Development Vaidyan Thaayir in the Indian capital Tuesday underlined the need for expansion of Tehran-New Delhi cultural ties.

Public relations department at the Culture and Islamic Guidance Ministry announced here on Tuesday that Masjid-Jameie called cultural commonalities between Iran and India as well as age old background of the Persian language in India as a factor for consolidation of their bonds, IRNA reported.

Referring to the cultural viewpoints of President Mohammad Khatami, Masjid-Jameie said that Iran has taken the initiative for dialog among civilizations and expressed hope that Iran and India could expand mutual activities in the said field.

Thaayir referred to the age-old cultural background between Iran and India and welcomed dialog among Iranian and Indian civilizations.

The Indian official also deemed as urgent strengthening cooperation between Iran and India in the areas of publication and fair organization and said that India is ready to set up a fair, where to display old documents of the Persian literature as well as manuscripts.

Masjid-Jameie is in New Delhi since Saturday heading a cultural delegation to attend the international congress 'book for young people'. The biennial congress, sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), is to be over on September 24.

## CEU expresses concern over crisis in Afghanistan

TEHRAN - President of Council of the European Union (CEU) Wolfgang Schüssel condemned the recent killing of Iranian diplomats and attack against two staff members of UN-SMA (United Nations Staff Members Abroad) in Afghanistan. He also demanded an urgent investigation into "these atrocious acts."

Addressing the 53rd General Assembly session, Schüssel who is also Foreign Minister of Austria, called on the Taliban to cooperate fully in ensuring the safe release of the re-

maining diplomats and other Iranian nationals missing in Afghanistan, IRNA reported.

"The EU is determined to play an effective role in efforts to stop the fighting, and restore peace, stability and respect for human rights and international principles in Afghanistan," said the CEU president.

"We are committed to bringing about a sustainable peace in Afghanistan, putting an end to foreign intervention, and encouraging intra-Afghan dialog, in particular through support for central role of the Unit-

ed Nations," he said, adding that EU attaches special importance to the fight against illegal drugs and terrorism in Afghanistan.

He also stressed that only a political settlement, aimed at the establishment of a fully representative, broad-based transitional government, can lead to peace and reconciliation.

"We are deeply concerned at new reports of the killing, harassment and displacement of innocent civilians. In this connection, we strongly urge Afghan factions, in particular the Taliban, to refrain from all acts of indiscriminate violence, especially against civilians," he noted.

"The EU remains gravely concerned at persistent

human rights violations and breaches of humanitarian law in Afghanistan. We also denounce the continuing discrimination against girls and women in that country. We strongly urge all factions, and in particular the Taliban, to recognize, protect and promote all human rights."

"Furthermore, we strongly urge them to end discriminatory policies and to recognize, protect and promote equal rights and dignity for men and women. While the EU is keen to resume its humanitarian assistance to the Afghan population, NGOs will only be able to return to Kabul once the authorities have met the necessary conditions."

The statement called on the judiciary to provide representation of the Press Union with the opportunity to meet with the detainees, adding that the union will appoint its lawyer and introduce him to judicial officials to follow up the case.

Seleznov:

## Russia regards Iran as strategic friend

TEHRAN - Chairman of Russian State Duma Genady Seleznov said in Tehran on Tuesday that Russia regards Iran as its strategic friend and attaches high importance to upgrading multifaceted cooperation with Iran.

In a meeting with Chairman of the Expediency Council of the Islamic Republic of Iran Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Seleznov said what is going on in Afghanistan is in contravention of the internationally-recognized standards, IRNA reported.

He said that despite efforts of certain countries to prevent transfer of nuclear technology to Iran, Iranian experts have managed to promote peaceful utilization of nuclear technology in medicine, industry and agriculture with cooperation of the IAEA.

Seleznov supported Iran's military build-up on

its eastern border to prevent insecurity and drug trafficking from Afghanistan and said Russia has also adopted strict security measures on its border with Afghanistan.

On the Caspian Sea, Seleznov said there exist extensive grounds for cooperation between the Caspian states, but, unfortunately, certain littoral states are ignoring the rights of their neighboring states and don't have a consensus on optimal use of the sea's resources.

He called for cooperation between Iran, Russia and the other Caspian Sea littoral states to address lack of unanimity of views among themselves.

He expressed grief over Taliban's inhuman practices in Afghanistan and sympathized with the Iranian government, nation on martyrdom of diplomats and journalist by Taliban in Afghanistan.

Rafsanjani said development of cooperation between the two large neighboring states of Iran and Russia serves the interests of the entire region.

He said there are extensive grounds for bilateral cooperation and the existing potential should be utilized properly.

Rafsanjani called for following up of the accords already reached between the two countries and for putting them into practice.

He criticized the current negligence exercised by certain Caspian states toward its legal regime and called for Tehran-Moscow serious cooperation to attract cooperation of other littoral states in this respect.

Rafsanjani said the two countries would exchange views on energy, oil and gas as one area of bilateral cooperation.

In a separate meeting here Tuesday, Seleznov and Iranian First Vice-President Hassan Habibi exchanged views on the mutual interests

## Tehran hosts specialized human rights gathering

TEHRAN - Foreign and local experts and instructors took part in a specialized meeting in Tehran Tuesday to review the issue of human rights.

The participants in the three-day gathering will review and analyze universal declaration of human rights and make comparison with the Islamic teachings.

Ayatollah Ma'refat said the contemporary human rights is in fact an achievement of the efforts by the divine messengers over the centuries.

Secretary general of the international association of religious freedoms was also among other lecturers who addressed the gathering.

erate to make an appropriate use of the resources.

Speaking to IRNA in Isfahan, the speaker of the Russian State Duma said that the massive presence of the Iranian army in the country's eastern frontiers serves as a deterrent against any threat by the Afghan Taliban.

Seleznov said that due to the presence of the Russian border guards at the Afghan frontiers of Tajikistan, "the Taliban don't dare to violate the borders of the Commonwealth of Independent States."

He condemned the murder of the Iranian diplomats and reporter by the Taliban, adding that Russia is ready to cooperate with Iran in the international arena to secure the release of the Iranian nationals currently in Taliban's captivity.

Seleznov who arrived in Isfahan Tuesday, also had a meeting with Governor-General Jafar Mousavi who stressed the importance of cooperation between the Iranian province and the Russian Federation.

Mousavi referred to the construction of Isfahan's steel mill as well as the long presence of the Russian consulate in the province as evidence of long standing cooperation between Isfahan and Russia.

He further stated that the sister city agreement to be signed between Isfahan and Saint Petersburg would further help the bilateral relations.

The Duma speaker told Mousavi that he was highly impressed with presence of vast green regions adjacent to the deserts in the province, further referring to it as a testimony to the hardwork by Isfahanis.

Seleznov and his accompanying delegation Tuesday also visited several historical sites in the ancient city of Isfahan. The Russian delegation left the city Tuesday night.

## Iran's embassy in Ankara rejects allegations

daily, alleged that "Iranian missile, Shahab-3 is a threat to Turkey."

The Iranian embassy communique read, "the baseless and empty accusation directed against the Islamic Republic of Iran is aimed at

Chairman of the Russian State Duma said on his part that Moscow is ready to expand its relations with Tehran. Saying that Russia is concerned about the environmental protection of the Caspian Sea. He then called on the five littoral states chiefly Iran and Russia to finalize the legal regime of the Caspian Sea.

Minister back home, terms visit to Lebanon fruitful

Hariri and speaker of parliament during his stay in Lebanon.

He also held talks with Lebanon's Mufti Mohammad Rashid Qabani, religious leader of Maronite Christians Cardinal Nasrullah Safir, president of the Supreme Assembly of the Shi'ite Muslims Sheikh Mohammad Mehdi Shamseddin, leader of Druze Muslims Behjat Gheith and Secretary General of Lebanese Hizbullah Hassan Nasrullah as well as Allama Mohammad Hussein Fadhlolah.

In Syria, Mohajerani discussed promotion of cultural and publicity relations with senior Syrian officials.

The communiqué added that the successful testing of the missile is not a threat to any neighboring countries, specifically Turkey. It is meant to beef up the defense system of the nation, a weapon used as a deterring balance of power against countries which are hostile towards Iran.

Turkey had earlier officially announced that Iranian missiles posed no danger against Turkey.

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