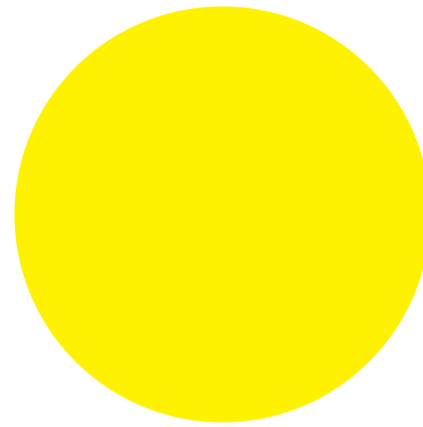




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Palestinian hunger striker dies in Israeli jail

Palestinian PM:
Israel responsible for Adnan's 'assassination'



International Desk

A high-profile Palestinian prisoner died in Israeli custody on Tuesday after a hunger strike of nearly three months. His death set off a rocket barrage from the Gaza Strip and raised fears of a further escalation. Khader Adnan, a leader of the Islamic Jihad resistance group, helped introduce the practice of protracted hunger strikes by individual prisoners as a form of protest against Israel's mass detention of Palestinians without charge. On Tuesday, the 45-year-old became the first long-term hunger striker to die in Israeli custody. In response to his death, Palestinian fighters in Gaza fired 22 rockets toward populated areas in southern Israel, seriously wounding a 25-year-old man and moderately wounding two others in Sderot, Israelis authorities said, identifying all three as foreigners. "This is an initial response to this heinous crime that will trigger

reactions from our people," a coalition of Gaza-based Palestinian resistance groups, led by the enclave's Hamas leaders, said. Palestinians called for a general strike in the occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip and protesters rushed to Israeli military checkpoints in the occupied territory, slinging stones at Israeli soldiers. Israeli forces fired tear gas and rubber bullets at crowds gathered at the northern entrance to the West Bank city of Ramallah. Islamic Jihad said that its "fight continues and will not stop." Dawood Shahab, an Islamic Jihad spokesman, called Adnan's death "a full-fledged crime, for which the Israeli occupation bears full and direct responsibility."

Crime against humanity
Iran on Tuesday slammed Israeli mistreatment of Adnan as a crime against humanity. "The way the Israeli regime detained and its inhumane treatment of this Palestinian hunger striker are a clear example of the

inhumane and violent behavior the Israeli regime has, in an organized and extensive manner, shown against the Palestinian nation and fighters over the past seven decades," Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said. For administrative detainees, hunger strikes are often the last recourse. Several have staged hunger strikes lasting several months, often becoming dangerously ill. Previous Israeli cabinets have at times conceded to some of their demands to avoid deaths in custody. This time, warnings about Adnan's deteriorating health were ignored, said an advocacy group. Adnan was no stranger to Israel's prisons. His death came during his 13th stint in Israeli custody, with nearly eight years of his life spent behind bars. Born in the town of Arraba, near Jenin in the north of the occupied West Bank in 1978, Adnan, become involved with Islamic Jihad while studying mathematics at Birzeit University in the late 1990s.

He spent the following two and a half decades in and out of Israeli custody, periods of incarceration marked by a string of high-profile hunger strikes - at least five, the Palestinian Prisoners' Club said. In the West Bank, Mohammed Shtayyeh, the prime minister of the Palestinian self-rule government also held Israel responsible. He portrayed Adnan's death as "premeditated assassination by refusing his request for his release, neglecting him medically, and keeping him in his cell despite the seriousness of his health condition." Over the past decade, Adnan became a household name in the Palestinian territories, as a powerful symbol of resistance to Israel's open-ended occupation, now in its 56th year. The number of administrative detainees has grown in the past year as Israel has carried out almost nightly arrest raids in the West Bank in the wake of a string of deadly Palestinian attacks in Israel in early 2022.

End of 12-year Syrian crisis

By Hassan Hanizadeh
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EXCLUSIVE

The visit of Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi to Syria today marks a significant occasion, as it is the first visit of an Iranian president to Syria in 12 years. This visit holds great importance, as it signifies the end of the Syrian crisis that has plagued the nation for over a decade. Throughout this tumultuous period, Syria has endured heavy losses, including the tragic deaths of an estimated 700,000 citizens, substantial damage

amounting to roughly \$650 billion, and the displacement of 11 million civilians. During the crisis, around 150,000 terrorists from various countries worldwide came together in Syria, with nations involved in the war reportedly contributing over \$80 billion in financial aid to armed and extremist groups for the purpose of destroying Syrian infrastructure. Despite these devastating developments, the Syrian government and people have shown stiff resistance, with assistance from allies such as Iran and Russia.

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MP: Iran, U.S. continue prisoner swap talks

By Sadeq Dehqan
Staff writer

EXCLUSIVE

A senior Iranian lawmaker has said negotiations are underway between Iran and the United States for exchanging prisoners. Mohammad Hassan Asafari, the deputy head of the Councils and Internal Affairs Committee of the Iranian Parliament, told Iran Daily that such negotiations would not prevent Iran from confronting and capturing U.S.-linked spies in the country. Asafari dismissed recent U.S. threats over Iran's approach toward those who are engaged in acts of espionage in the country. "Recent threats made by President Joe Biden and other American officials will fail to force Iran's intelligence bodies to re-

main indifferent toward spies who operate in Iran on behalf of the U.S. and some European countries," the MP said. He urged Iran's intelligence and security bodies to exercise vigilance in the face of espionage acts and deal seriously with those who seek to undermine the country's security. On Thursday, Biden intensified anti-Tehran rhetoric announcing new sanctions against the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. He accused the IRGC of "engaging in the wrongful detention of Americans". U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said, "Our actions are a clear and direct warning to those around the world who wrongfully detain U.S. nationals of the potential consequences of their actions."

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Iran's Qasempour elected as IFLA member

Arts & Culture Desk

Following the announcement of the IFLA 2023 election results, Sakineh Qasempour has been selected as a member of the Literacy and Reading Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Iran Public Libraries Foundation, which participated in

the election for the first time, introduced four representatives for the IFLA elections. Qasempour, who is the director general of the Planning Department of Iran Public Libraries Foundation, was picked from four Iranian representatives introduced for the election. Qasempour will serve as a member of the Literacy and Reading Section for a period of four years, from August 2023 to August 2027. Born in 1993, she holds a doctorate in information science and epistemology from Alzahra University. IFLA sponsors the annual IFLA World Library and Information Congress, promoting access to information, ideas, and works of imagination for social, educational, cultural, democratic, and economic empowerment.

Iran posts trade surplus of \$558m in month to late April

The Islamic Republic of Iran Customs Administration (IRICA) has posted a trade surplus of \$558 million for the country in the calendar month to April 20. IRICA figures published on Monday showed that Iran had exported \$3.645 billion worth of goods and commodities in the month to late April, down 12.93 percent compared to the same period in 2022, according to Press TV. That comes as imports into Iran reached \$3.087 billion in the same calendar month, down by 13 percent year on year, showed the figures.

The customs data showed that Iranian overseas shipments had risen by 17.76 percent in terms of volume year on year in April to reach 10.471 million metric tons.

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