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Politics:

The Iranian parliament gave its vote of confidence to the [remaining](#) nominees of President Hassan Rouhani's cabinet.

Iran's Foreign Ministry submitted its seventh quarterly report to the Iranian parliament regarding the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) nuclear deal. The report [outlines](#) the implementation of the deal's protocols.

President Rouhani met with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano in Tehran. Rouhani [reaffirmed](#) that Iran is set to boost its cooperation with the agency.

Iran has reopened its Bashmogh border crossing to Iraq's northern Kurdistan region. The border was closed upon [request](#) of the Iraqi government following the Kurdish referendum for independence in Iraq in September.

President Rouhani met with several Iranian high-ranking army commanders. Rouhani [emphasised](#) his government's full support of the Armed Forces efforts to defend the Islamic Republic's independence and territorial integrity.

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei [appointed](#) three new army commanders.

For the first time in the history of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a woman was appointed as Iran's Petroleum Minister first deputy. Ms. Marziyeh Shahdaei was [appointed](#) to the position by Iran's Petroleum Minister Bijan Zangeneh.

Eight Iranian border guards were killed in armed [clashes](#) with extremists at the Chaldoran border point of Iran's western Azerbaijan province.

Tehran's prosecutor Abbas Ja'afari Dolatabadi [announced](#) that Dr Ahmad Reza Jalali had been sentenced to death after being found guilty of cooperating with Israel's Mossad spy agency.

Tehran's prosecutor Abbas Jafari Dolatabadi announced that 23 individuals, suspected of involvement in the July terrorist attacks in Tehran, had been [arrested](#).

International Relations:

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani met with Deputy Head of Hamas' Political Bureau Saleh al-Arouri in Tehran. Shamkhani [stated](#) that the United States and Israel continue to hinder campaigns against terrorism in the Middle East.

Iran's Foreign Ministry and the Swiss government have [signed](#) an agreement to open the office of the Interests Section of Iran in Saudi Arabia. Under the agreement, Switzerland will represent Iranian interests in the Kingdom.

Supreme Leader Khamenei [met](#) with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi in Tehran. Ayatollah Khamenei warned that countries such as Iraq should not trust America.

President Rouhani met with Iraqi Prime Minister al-Abadi in Tehran. They discussed [enhancing](#) bilateral ties and the fight against terrorism in the region.

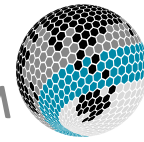
Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif met with Nigerian President Mahamadou Issoufou in Niamey, Nigeria. They [discussed](#) expanding bilateral political, economic and trade ties and regional issues, particularly the fight against terrorism.

The presidents of Iran, Russia and Azerbaijan [attended](#) a summit held in Tehran to discuss regional issues and relations between the three states.

President Rouhani [met](#) with Azeri President Ilham Aliyev. They discussed enhancing bilateral relations in the fields of transport and energy.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad met with Iran's top advisor for international affairs Ali Akbar Velayati in Damascus. President Assad expressed his appreciation of Supreme Leader Khamenei's [intention](#) to expand ties between Tehran and Damascus.





Iran and Pakistan will open a new border point to [ease](#) Pakistani pilgrims' travels to Mashhad city in north-eastern Iran.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Morteza Sarmadi met with Omani Foreign Minister Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah. They [emphasised](#) peaceful resolution strategies to resolve regional conflicts.

Foreign Minister Zarif [spoke](#) with his British counterpart Boris Johnson. They discussed regional and international developments.

Supreme Leader Khamenei [met](#) with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Ayatollah Khamenei commended Iranian and Russian efforts to combat terrorism in the region.

Iran's Justice Minister Alireza Avaei and Iran's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the IAEA Reza Najafi [attended](#) the 7th meeting of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

Foreign Minister Zarif met with Tajik President Emomali Rahmon in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. They [discussed](#) bilateral relations in the fields of investment, trade, energy, agriculture and transport.

Pakistan's Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa met with President Rouhani. Rouhani welcomed the expansion of Iranian and Pakistani defence and military cooperation and [expressed](#) his hope that it would lead to greater political, economic and cultural cooperation between the two countries.

Iran's Military Attache in Iraq Mostafa Moradian and Iraq's Army Chief of Staff Othman al-Ghanemi discussed enhancing bilateral relations and ways to [improve](#) the security of pilgrims of Arbaeen rituals.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Europe and America Affairs Majid Takht-e Ravanchi met with French National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee Chairwoman Marielle de Sarnez. They [stressed](#) the importance of cooperation between France and Iran on issues related to the Middle East.

Senior Iranian lawmaker Parvaneh Salahshouri stressed the need for strengthening [cooperation](#) between Iran and Serbia in various fields, particularly in tourism and energy.

Economics:

The Iranian enterprise MAPNA [signed](#) a contract with the US multinational firm General Electric. The deal will lead to cooperation between the companies in the fields of power, oil and gas.

In an effort to boost bilateral relations, Iran and Turkey are set to [reach](#) US\$30 billion in trade transactions.

In the month of October, Iran sold 40 percent of its [exported](#) oil to Europe.

Trade between Iran and China [increased](#) by almost a quarter and reached over US\$24 billion between January and August.

India has opened a new transit route to Afghanistan [via](#) Iran.

Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Hamid-Reza Araqi announced that Iran exports 12 million cubic meters of gas per day to Baghdad, Iraq. Araqi added that the figure is set to increase after the [completion](#) of a gas pipeline project. The pipeline is expected to reach Basra, Iraq, in the coming months.

Iran and Norway signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to study the [development](#) of the Sardar-e Jangal oil and gas field in the Caspian Sea.

Deputy Energy Minister for Electricity and Energy Affairs Houshang Falahatian [stated](#) that Iran exports 10 billion kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity each year to its neighbouring countries.

Managing Director of Export Development Bank of Iran Ali Salehabadi stated that Iran is set to [increase](#) brokerage relations with South Africa, Uganda and Nigeria.

