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### 28 semi-governmental companies to be privatized

**ECONOMY TEHRAN** — The Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs has listed 28 semi-governmental companies that will be privatized by the current Iranian year-end (March 20, 2018). The companies are affiliated with the central bank and six ministries including finance and economic affairs, industry, mining and trade, transport and urban development, oil, agricultural and energy, Tasnim news agency reported.

The government possesses less than 50 percent of shares in the listed companies.

The Iranian government envisioned a large privatization program in the Fifth Five-Year National Development Plan (2010-2015), aiming to privatize about 20 percent of the state-owned firms each year.

Under the present interpretation of Article 44 of Iran's Constitution, hundreds of state-owned companies have been privatized.

In May, Tasnim reported that the shares of 337 state-run companies are prepared to be transferred to the private sector by the current Iranian calendar year-end.

The Iranian Privatization Organization transferred about 5419 million worth of the state-run shares to the private sector during the last week of Farvardin, the first month of the Iranian calendar year 1396 (April 17-23).

### Documents on CIA role in 1953 coup declassified

**POLITICS TEHRAN** — The U.S. State Department has declassified a long-awaited "retrospective" volume of U.S. government documents on the 1953 coup in Iran, documenting the role of the CIA in the coup against the democratically-elected government of Mohammad Mossadegh.

"This retrospective volume focuses on the evolution of U.S. thinking on the coup as well as the U.S. Government covert operation that resulted in Mossadegh's overthrow on August 19, 1953," the Preface read.

"This volume includes National Security Council and Presidential materials that document the U.S. decision to proceed with the operation against Mossadegh, and the operational files within the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that document the implementation of the operation, codenamed 'Operation Ajax'.

"The release of the documents could be a decisive point in U.S.-Iran relations of the coup era, after decades of controversy over the possibility of CIA's role in Mossadegh's overthrow. **231**

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### Velayati says Senate's Sanctions Are Breach of Nuclear Deal

**POLITICS TEHRAN** — A professor of political science and a member of the Division of Global Affairs faculty at Rutgers University, says like other allies the Gulf Cooperation Council suffers from frictions.

For example, Simon F. Reich, says NATO members "disagree about many issues" including "support for the Kurds".

Kurds have proven the most efficient force against the terrorist Daesh group since it captured large swaths of land in Syria and Iraq.

"The U.S. is arming them (Kurds), Turkey considers them a terrorist network," he notes. He adds, "Similarly the GCC has been wrought by tensions for many years."

The GCC includes Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman.

Led by Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain,

### GCC is wrought with friction: Simon Reich

and Egypt cut ties with Qatar on May 5 for its support to the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas and relations with Iran.

"The current discussions and ensuing developments have merely served to bring those tensions to the forefront," explains Reich whose current work focuses on U.S. grand strategy in the 21st century.

The UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain even closed their sea, air and land routes to Qatar.

Reich says Qatar as a small state with natural resources, enormous financial reserves and a "talented diplomatic service" has "adequately balanced" its relationship with Iran and the Persian Gulf Arab states.

Nader Entessar, a Middle East expert from South Alabama University, is of the opinion that Saudi Arabia sees the rapid rise of Qatar as a threat to its hegemony in the Arab world.

"Saudi Arabia has long viewed Qatar's ascendancy as a threat to its hegemonic designs in the Arab world," Nader Entessar told the Tehran Times on June 6.

**Pentagon willing to fuel tension with Russia**

The professor also says the Pentagon is somewhat willing to fuel tensions with Russia which has been supporting the Syrian government against armed opposition groups and is being accused of meddling in the U.S. presidential election.

"America's political leadership in the Pentagon regard Russia as America's greatest threat and will be willing to increase tension with them if necessary."

On Thursday, the Senate voted nearly unanimously for legislation to impose new sanctions on Russia, a move which is not welcomed by the Trump administration.

"The White House staff prefer a more cooperative approach," he notes. **233**

### Russia: Airstrike may have killed ISIL leader

Russia's Defense Ministry says its airstrike may have killed the notorious Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Daesh) terrorist outfit's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in the Syrian city of Raqqa.

In a statement released on Friday, the ministry said it was seeking confirmation that the terrorist "bkg" leader was killed in its airstrike in the Syrian city of Raqqa in May.

The airstrike, carried out on May 28, targeted a meeting of ISIL leaders including Baghdad's most well-known name Ibrahim al-Samarrai.

"According to the information which is now being checked via various channels, Daesh (ISIL) Leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who was eliminated by the airstrike, was also present at the meeting," it said.

According to the Russian Defense Ministry, the airstrike killed 33 ISIL terrorists, including 30 top leaders, who had gathered to discuss withdrawal from Raqqa, the terrorist group's de facto capital.

It said the military began planning the attack after getting information that ISIL leaders were going to gather for a meeting, sending drones to monitor the area. It then dispatched a group of Su-34 bombers and Su-35 fighter jets which hit the gathering.

The ministry said that among other ISIL militants killed in the raid were ISIL leaders Abu al-Khad al-Najafi, Ibrahim al-Naeef al-Khad and Suleiman al-Shaah.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Russia does not have 100% confirmation that Baghdadi was killed in the airstrike.

Baghdadi has not been seen in public since proclaiming himself "caliph" in the Iraqi city of Mosul three years ago. His group has earned global notoriety for the most horrible crimes, including beheadings.

The Iraq-born mosque-weaver has been rumored wounded or killed a number of times in the past.

The Russian military said the United States was informed in advance about the place and time of the strike. The U.S. said it could not confirm the Russian report that Baghdadi may have been killed. (Source: RT)

### Chinese warships join Iranian fleet in Persian Gulf

On Thursday Chinese warships berthed at Iran's port city of Bandar Abbas in the Persian Gulf. The Chinese flotilla consists of two warships, a support vessel and a helicopter. After a four-day stay in Iranian waters, the flotilla will hold war games with Iranian warships on Sunday.

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The reason why Muslims are exposed to such persecution is that Muslims are interpreting the religion according to their own mindset rather than following the Quranic prescription.

Radical terror organizations play the lead role in the "design operation" carried out in the Middle East and provoke the Sunni-Shia conflicts. These radical organizations resort to numerous brutal terror acts to instigate massive wars among Muslim countries. The objective is to kill Muslims en masse. The treacherous terror acts carried out in Afghanistan at the beginning of the Ramadan during which hundreds of innocent Muslims were martyred are parts of this vile plot. Persecution is not only limited to the Middle East. In places such as Arakan, Kashmir, Moro and East Turkestan with Muslim-minority populations, there are unprecedented levels of extreme and shocking levels of systematic torture, violence and massacres going on against Muslims.

The only hope for these poor and desperate Muslims who are virtually ignored by the international institutions and organizations is again the Islamic world. Ironically, according to the statistics, it is Muslims who carry out the greatest number of Muslim massacres. This is a most dreadful and embarrassing situation.

The non-stop attacks of coalition forces that has been ongoing for the last 2 years and ISIS terror have turned Yemen into a blood bath. Meanwhile epidemics ravage the country with its 9 million starving people. The World Health Organization reported 38,300 suspected cholera cases. One third of the Yemeni people do not have access to fresh water.

The recent artificial crisis into which Qatar has been drifted is the epitome of devastation in the Islamic world from within. For apparently no reason, in just one day several Islamic countries established a hostile front calling for sanctions and embargo against their brother country, Qatar. Turning a blind eye to the presence of millions of Muslim residents living in the country, some authorities gravely threatened Qatar with waging a war.

Deceived by such plots, it would be extremely wrong for Muslims to ignore the real actors who create plots while manipulating Muslims to fight each other. Muslims must develop a sharp awareness or otherwise such plots would cause great disasters, may God forbid. What Muslims essentially need to do is to become united and mobilize all their might and means against the world-wide dreadful sedition of the system of dajjal. There are no verses of the Qur'an in which God makes it lawful for Muslims to make war with other Muslims. On the very contrary, God commands Muslims to reconcile the fighting parties, if there are any (Qur'an, 49:9). The Qur'an warns not only against fighting, but even warns against negative and evil speech towards one another, or talking behind one another's back, or having evil thoughts about the other.

Almighty God may bring disasters upon Muslims for abandoning a very important act of worship He makes obligatory in verse 103 of Surah Al 'Imran: "Hold fast to the rope of God all together, and do not separate..." The purpose here is not to be

pessimistic, but rather to pay attention to what God has decreed. We need to remind Muslims that the only way out is to immediately repent for this mistake and, under the guidance of the Qur'an, become united with an unbroken and unshaken unity in a spirit of love and brotherhood. Muslims must dispel all disputes and come to terms as brothers and sisters.

Some of the verses in which God commands Muslims to be united and bans any disagreements and separation among them are as follows:

**As for those who divide up their religion and form into sects, you have nothing whatsoever to do with them. (Surat al-An'am, 159)**

**God loves those who strive in His Way in ranks like well-built walls. (Surat as-Saff, 4)**

**Those who are irreligious are the friends and protectors of one another. If you do not act in this way [be friends and protectors of one another] there will be turmoil in the land and great corruption. (Surat al-Anfal, 73)**

Indeed there is a great turmoil and corruption in the world today, for Muslims no longer act like protectors of one another. They have fallen weak because they are in conflict with one another.

While almost all the entire world is united against them, it is by no means appropriate to fall apart and fight one another. Shias, Sunnis, who are all pure Muslims, and all other Muslims who say, **"La ilaha ill-Allah, Muhammad-ur Rasul Allah"** are, **by the provision of God, brothers (Qur'an, 49:10)**. For this reason, those who have faith must remain in close ranks with all their might, protect one another and carry out an all-out intellectual struggle against any attacks.

We are praying and hoping that the Holy Month of Ramadan draws us closer to this blessed union!

Adnan Oktar's piece in Tehran Times:

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