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THE INDICTMENT AND THE TERMS EDITION

Nine Persian front pages and one English front page of 2 Mehr 1405, read alongside six outlet channels and three agency wires; Tehran Times was not available at the time of compilation.

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VATANEMROOZ.IR
روزنامه صبح ایران
شروط هفتگانه ایران به آمریکا ابلاغ شد
گازوئیل ۲۱۰ دلاری در سفره اروپایی‌ها
رئیس‌جمهور در سخنرانی خود در مجمع عمومی سازمان ملل کیفرخواست ملت ایران علیه زورگویی، سلطه‌طلبی و جنایات آمریکا و صهیونیسم را قرائت کرد
محاکمه ترامپ
استیصال جنایتکار
دوستی جمهوری خواهان
تحریم روی هوا!
شوخی با اشغالگری
Front page: Vatan-e Emrooz

Executive Summary

The lead judgment of this edition is that the negotiation reached the front pages. On 23 September this monitor recorded that Iran's foreign minister had met the American envoy in New York with Qatari mediation and conveyed three conditions, that four Iranian channels carried it, and that eleven front pages carried none of it; the file set the following cycle as the test of whether deadline or policy explained the gap. Deadline explained it. Vatan-e Emrooz, a hardline daily, prints above its own masthead that the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council has explained the New York negotiations and that «شروط هفت‌گانه ایران به آمریکا ابلاغ شد», Iran's sevenfold conditions have been conveyed to America. Etemad prints «اعتماد" از"رایزنی سه‌ساعته ایران و آمریکا گزارش می‌دهد» over the single word «چانه‌زنی», bargaining. Sazandegi names both participants, reporting «واکنش تندروها به دیدار عراقچی و ویتکاف». Three papers from three different factions, on one morning, have told Iranian readers that their government is negotiating and roughly on what terms.

The second finding is the instrument the whole batch was built around. Every one of the ten covers leads on the president's address to the 81st General Assembly, and nine of them lead on a photograph of him holding something up: a framed portrait of the assassinated predecessor on Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan and Hamshahri, and placards reading WAR CRIMES AGAINST MINAB'S SCHOOL and LAMERD'S SPORTSHALL on Sazandegi, Etemad, Ta'adol, Hamshahri, Jomhouri Eslami and Iran Daily. Jomhouri Eslami's caption names both sites. This is the Minab material this monitor identified on 23 September as the strongest the Iranian press has deployed in the series, and it has been carried from the school-year anniversary to the General Assembly rostrum in one cycle. The analytic caution is unchanged and remains the opposite of the usual one: the underlying facts are sound, documented in external reporting and in a United Nations report of 18 September, and the inference the covers build on them, that no settlement can be discussed, does not follow from them and is in any case contradicted by three of the covers carrying them.

The third finding concerns what nine titles did with one sentence. The president's operative formula divides at a seam, «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم» and «از مذاکره نمی‌گریزیم», we do not fear war and we do not flee negotiation, and the Iranian press has split along exactly that seam. Javan prints the first half alone and adds a red strap converting it into a rebuke of the settlement camp. Shargh, Ta'adol, Etemad and Sazandegi print both halves, Sazandegi substituting «صلح», peace, for negotiation. Hamshahri prints neither and prints «زنده باد» instead, over four institutional endorsements, from the Speaker of Parliament, the mayor of Tehran, the IRGC spokesman and the head of the Islamic Development Organization, all four of which use the same two nouns, «اقتدار» and «مظلومیت». A formula that both blocs can print, quoted by both blocs to opposite ends, is what centrally distributed language looks like when it is working.

The fourth finding is an absence and it is abrupt. Yesterday a message in the name of «حضرت آیت‌الله سید مجتبی حسینی خامنه‌ای» ran on every cover in the batch, and this file recorded the end of an eight-cycle silence. Today not one of the nine Persian covers, the English cover, or the nine channels read for this edition carries any message, speech or quoted remark from him. The paper that buries a grand ayatollah on its front page, Jomhouri Eslami, has no message from the serving Leader to print alongside the funeral photograph and fills the clerical space with a quotation from Ayatollah Beheshti. The khamenei.ir site was not reachable at the time of compilation, so the absence is established for the Iranian press surface examined here and not for every possible surface; on that surface, the return recorded yesterday lasted one cycle.

Net assessment. This is the most internally consistent edition of the series and the most revealing for that reason. A state that intends to refuse a settlement does not publish the count of its conditions on a hardline masthead, and a state that intends to accept one does not open an armed training centre for a new volunteer

formation on the same morning, as Hamshahri reports it has. Both are running. The edition's rhetorical energy is spent on an adversary whose actual threat is still not quoted on any Iranian cover, its evidentiary energy is spent on two strikes that happened seven months ago and are externally documented, and its operational content, five named conditions with a named mediator and a claimed total of seven, sits in the top strip above the masthead where a casual reader will not look for it. The war's next phase is being negotiated in the margins of pages whose centres are given to a speech.

BOTTOM LINE On the morning after Iran's president read a photographic indictment of the United States from the General Assembly rostrum, the Iranian front pages printed the indictment and, for the first time in this file, printed the negotiation alongside it: a hardline masthead carried the count of Iran's conditions as conveyed to Washington and two reformist covers named the three-hour channel and its participants, which indicates that the terms are being staged for a domestic audience rather than withheld from it.

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Nine Persian front pages from the NewspaperTasnim kiosk album of 2 Mehr 1405 and one English front page from the Newspapers_Iran album, both dated to the target day by the stale-batch guard without recourse to fallback sourcing. Six outlet channels (Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam, Etemad, Iran, Sobh-e No) and three agency wires (Defa Press, Fars News, Nour News) were read alongside them; agency material is recorded as claims. Tehran Times was not available at the time of compilation. The kiosk scans resolve display type, standfirsts and captions but not body text or small bylines, and this edition states where a byline or an article body could not be read rather than reconstructing it. One accuracy correction is carried into the judgments: two Iranian channels report eight suicides among the crew of the carrier Abraham Lincoln, where the underlying letter from the acting Secretary of the Navy records eight attempted suicides and states that no service member died by suicide during the deployment.

Macro Trend Analysis

1 The negotiation surfaced, and the hardliners surfaced it first

Yesterday the envoy-level meeting lived on four channels and on no front page. Today Vatan-e Emrooz prints the count of Iran's conditions above its own masthead and attributes it to the Supreme National Security Council; Etemad reports the three-hour consultation and calls it bargaining; Sazandegi names Araghchi and Witkoff in the same line while reporting the hardline attack on the meeting. The Foreign Ministry spokesman's list, carried on the Sobh-e No and Vatan-e Emrooz channels, has five items: an end to economic terrorism, a halt to the naval blockade, an end to the wars on all fronts, release of frozen assets, and bilaterally established maritime safety. The count printed on the front page is seven. The gap between five published and seven claimed is now the specific thing to watch.

2 One speech, ten covers, and a formula built to divide

Every cover leads on the same event and nine reproduce the same presidential formula, but the formula has a seam and the press has split along it. Javan prints only «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم» and adds a strap making it a verdict on those who would settle; Shargh, Etemad, Ta'adol and Sazandegi print the negotiating half too. Hamshahri replaces the formula with four institutional endorsements that all use «اقتدار» and «مظلومیت». Uniform display type across nine competing titles indicates a distributed text; a distributed text that both blocs can quote to opposite ends indicates that the drafting anticipated the split.

3 The rostrum was used as an evidence exhibit

Nine of the ten covers photograph the president holding something up. The portrait of the assassinated predecessor appears on three; the Minab school and Lamerd sports hall placards, in English, appear on six,

and Jomhouri Eslami's caption names both sites. Defa Press reports that the president also handed world leaders a photographic book documenting what it calls American and Israeli crimes. This is the Minab material converted from a school-year anniversary into a diplomatic instrument within one cycle, and it works precisely because it is not manufactured: both strikes of 28 February are documented outside the Iranian press, and a United Nations report of 18 September found the United States may have committed war crimes at the school.

4 The Leader's return lasted one cycle

On 23 September a message in his name ran on every cover in the batch and this file recorded the end of an eight-cycle silence. Today no cover and no channel read for this edition carries a message, a speech or a quoted remark from him. Jomhouri Eslami runs the Qom funeral of Grand Ayatollah Shobeiri Zanjani on its front page with no accompanying message from the serving Leader and quotes Ayatollah Beheshti in the clerical slot instead. The khamenei.ir site was not reachable, so this is an absence on the Iranian press surface rather than a global one, but on that surface the pattern is now eight cycles silent, one cycle present, one cycle silent.

5 The blockade is now the economic press's lead, and it has a number

Ta'adol runs «نفتکش‌ها روزانه ۹۰۰ هزار دلار اجاره می‌شوند» over «کرایه حمل دریایی ۷ تا ۱۰ برابر شد» above its masthead, and titles a lower section New York in the mirror of Iran's economy. External maritime data put spot rates for Hormuz transits at about $1 million a day on 11 September, so the Iranian figure sits inside the range the outside record supports. Sazandegi's «فرصت سازمان ملل» defines the purpose of the New York trip as getting out of «محاصره», the siege. A reformist party daily, an economic daily and a Foreign Ministry briefing converged on the naval blockade as the object in one cycle, each in its own register.

6 A checkable distortion, and the reason it matters

The Kayhan channel and the Sobh-e No channel both report that eight crew of the carrier Abraham Lincoln killed themselves during the Iran deployment, the latter citing CNN. The source document, a letter from the acting Secretary of the Navy to Senator Gillibrand reported on 23 September, states that eight sailors in the strike group attempted suicide and that no service member died by suicide during the deployment. One word has been changed and the item becomes a casualty claim. This is a cheaper technique than the assembled isolation lists this file recorded on 20 and 21 September and than the statement-partitioning recorded on 23 September, and it is the easiest to catch, because the original is a public letter from a named official.

7 Israel's isolation is the only foreign story the covers share besides the speech

Javan runs «چهارشنبه سیاه اسرائیل در سازمان ملل», Israel's Black Wednesday at the United Nations, under a line about world leaders turning the hall into an arena of criticism. Jomhouri Eslami runs «موضع‌گیری اکثر رهبران جهان علیه اشغالگری اسرائیل» over an agency-attributed report of Netanyahu's complete isolation. Unlike the assembled lists of earlier cycles, this one is supported: 77 delegations left the General Assembly hall before the Israeli prime minister spoke. A construction the Iranian press has repeatedly manufactured has, on this occasion, been handed to it.

8 Domestic militarisation advanced on the morning the diplomats were bargaining

Hamshahri reports the opening of the first Janfada military training centre over a photograph of two women in chador carrying rifles, and the Fars News channel announces a 40,000-motorcyclist Janfada exercise for Friday between Imam Hossein Square and Azadi Square. A volunteer formation acquiring a training pipeline and a mass public exercise in the same 24 hours is a mobilisation step, and it runs alongside, not instead of, the negotiation the front pages are now reporting. The two tracks should be read as complementary rather than contradictory: the formation is leverage that costs nothing to build and something to disband.

9 Lebanon and the Strait survive only below the fold of the internet

For the fourth time in five cycles no front page in the batch carries a Lebanon item. Lebanon exists today on the Jam-e Jam and Nour News channels as Israeli artillery striking the village of Mansouri, and in the third of the conditions conveyed through Qatar. The Strait is in the same position: the Jam-e Jam channel posts video of a vessel hit by at least one projectile while transiting what it calls an unauthorised route, and no cover mentions it, while Ta'adol prices the consequences without describing the cause. The theatre-to-clause conversion this file first recorded on 21 September is now stable across five cycles.

10 The sanctions claim and the regional fact printed on the same morning

Vatan-e Emrooz's «تحریم روی هوا!», sanctions up in the air, argues that Iran's international projects continue despite new sanctions and United States Treasury threats. On the same morning its own Telegram channel carried the Reuters report that the Emirati central bank had barred Bank Melli Iran from all financial transactions, following the Emirates' August suspension of trade with Iran. No front page in the batch carries it. A cover claiming that sanctions are not landing, published the day after a neighbouring central bank cut off a state bank with seven branches on its territory, is the clearest instance in this edition of the gap between what the Iranian press argues and what its own channels report.

Key Judgments

KJ-1 **[HIGH]** The negotiation has moved from the Iranian channels onto the Iranian front pages, and the hardline press moved it there. On 23 September this file recorded eleven front pages carrying nothing about the envoy-level meeting in New York and set the following cycle as the test of whether deadline or policy explained the silence. Today Vatan-e Emrooz prints above its masthead «توضیحات دبیر شورای عالی امنیت ملی درباره مذاکرات نیویورک» over «شروط هفت‌گانه ایران به آمریکا ابلاغ شد»; Etemad prints «اعتماد" از رایزنی واکنش تندروها به دیدار عراقچی و ویتکاف». The American president's own New York account describes a three-hour meeting between his envoy, his son-in-law and an Iranian delegation, which matches Etemad's duration. The significance is that the silence was a deadline artefact and not a policy of concealment, and that the surface which published the count of Iran's terms is the one most invested in refusing them, which is the behaviour of a press preparing a domestic audience for an outcome rather than one campaigning against it.

KJ-2 **[HIGH]** Iran's published conditions have grown from three to five with a named spokesman and a named mediator, and a front page now asserts the total is seven. The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Esmail Baghaei, is carried on the Sobh-e No channel (post 116195) and in near-identical wording on the Vatan-e Emrooz channel (post 26154) describing a two-hour exchange of messages through Qatar and listing: an end to economic terrorism, a halt to the naval blockade, an end to the wars on all fronts, release of frozen assets, and maritime safety established on a bilateral basis. On 23 September this file recorded three. Vatan-e Emrooz's masthead states the conditions are sevenfold and attributes the account to the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, an office held by Mohsen Rezaei since 9 August 2026; external reporting carries Rezaei announcing seven conditions from about 20 September. The significance is the shape of the list rather than its length: three of the five are about ending a state of siege, one is about money, and the fifth, bilateral maritime safety, is the only one that describes an arrangement rather than a cessation, which makes it the clause on which any agreement would actually have to be written.

KJ-3 **[HIGH]** The serving Leader's return to public life lasted exactly one cycle. On 23 September a message in the name of «حضرت آیت‌الله سید مجتبی حسینی خامنه‌ای» for the opening of schools and

universities ran on every cover in the batch, together with a condolence message for Grand Ayatollah Shobeiri Zanjani, ending an eight-cycle silence. Today not one of the nine Persian front pages, the English front page, or the nine outlet and agency channels read for this edition carries any message, speech or quoted remark from him. Jomhouri Eslami, which gives its front page to the grand ayatollah's funeral procession in Qom, has no message from him to print beside the photograph and uses a quotation from Ayatollah Beheshti in the clerical slot. The khamenei.ir site was not reachable at compile time, so this is established for the Iranian press surface examined here. The significance is that the pattern on that surface is now eight cycles absent, one cycle present on a civilian subject, one cycle absent again, which is consistent with an office that can be made to appear when a safe occasion is available and is not otherwise being used.

KJ-4 [HIGH] One presidential sentence was drafted with a seam in it and the Iranian press split along that seam on the same morning. The formula is «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم، از مذاکره نمی‌گریزیم», we do not fear war, we do not flee negotiation. Javan prints the first half as its headline, «تسلیم بشو نیستیم», and adds a red strap reading «هرچه داریم از غیرت سیاسی تسلیم‌نشوها داریم», everything we have we owe to the political zeal of those who will not surrender. Shargh prints both halves and headlines the page «دیپلماسی در چهارراه سازمان ملل». Ta'adol prints both with «گفت‌وگو» for negotiation; Sazandegi prints both with «صلح», peace; Etemad prints both plus the regional-security clause. The significance is methodological and extends beyond today: the state did not have to impose a line, it had to supply a sentence that each bloc could quote as its own, which achieves the same convergence at none of the cost and leaves no fingerprints on any single outlet.

KJ-5 [HIGH] The Minab and Lamerd material has been converted from a domestic commemoration into a diplomatic instrument in one cycle, and it is the strongest instrument in the Iranian inventory because none of it is fabricated. Six of the ten covers photograph the president holding English-language placards reading WAR CRIMES AGAINST MINAB'S SCHOOL and LAMERD'S SPORTSHALL; Jomhouri Eslami's caption names both sites; Iran Daily's English caption dates the school strike to February. The external record establishes both strikes on 28 February 2026, the war's first day, and a United Nations report published on 18 September 2026 found that the United States may have committed war crimes at the Minab school. The significance is that this file's standing caution about Iranian evidentiary claims does not apply here and the opposite caution does: the facts will survive verification, the placards were made in English for a non-Iranian audience, and the conclusion being built on them, that no settlement can be discussed, is contradicted by three of the same morning's covers reporting the negotiation.

KJ-6 [MODERATE-HIGH] A public American document has been converted into a casualty claim by the change of a single word, on two Iranian surfaces. The Kayhan channel (post 84852) runs «خودکشی ۸ خدمه ناو هواپیمابر «لینکلن»», the suicide of eight crew of the carrier Lincoln, and the Sobh-e No channel (post 116201) runs the same as a CNN report of eight sailors who committed suicide. The document is a letter from the acting Secretary of the Navy to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, reported on 23 September, stating that eight sailors in the Abraham Lincoln strike group attempted suicide during the deployment and that no service member died by suicide; two sailors went overboard, as previously reported, and the attempt rate was roughly consistent with the active-duty Navy's 2024 rate. The significance is that this is the cheapest technique in the repertoire this file has been cataloguing, cheaper than the assembled isolation lists of 20 and 21 September and than the statement-partitioning of 23 September, and also the most fragile, because the original is a named official's letter in the public record and the alteration is one verb.

KJ-7 [MODERATE-HIGH] The American annihilation threat has still not been quoted on any Iranian front page, but the American speech is now covered, which narrows the gap this file recorded yesterday without closing it. On 22 September the American president told the General Assembly he faces a decision whether to make a deal or to annihilate the Islamic Republic and drive it into hell, and predicted a deal after the November midterms. Today Vatan-e Emrooz gives its right rail to «گزارش وطن امروز از اظهارات و ادعاهای ترامپ درباره ایران در سازمان ملل» under «استیصال جنایتکار», the criminal's desperation, beside a photograph of him with his head lowered; Javan files the same speech as «سوءاستفاده ترامپ از دیپلماسی نیویورک به نفع نوامبر», exploitation of New York diplomacy for November's benefit; the Kayhan channel headlines the Iranian reply «پاسخ دندان‌شکن رئیس جمهور به اراجیف ترامپ». All three cover the speech as a psychological or electoral condition. None reproduces the sentence. The significance is unchanged from 23 September: the population being asked to endorse refusal has been told the adversary is desperate and not told what he said the alternative was, and the electoral framing supplies a reason to discount an offer without ever stating the offer.

KJ-8 [MODERATE-HIGH] The naval blockade has become the object on which a reformist party daily, an economic daily and the Foreign Ministry converged within one cycle, each in a different register. Sazandegi's «یادداشت روز», «فرصت سازمان ملل» by the retired diplomat Fereydoun Majlesi, defines New York as «دریچه‌ای برای خروج از محاصره», a window for getting out of the siege. Ta'adol prints «نفتکش‌ها کرایه حمل دریایی ۷ تا ۱۰ برابر شد» above its masthead; external maritime data put Hormuz transit spot rates near $1 million a day on 11 September, with traffic far below baseline. The spokesman's second condition is a halt to the naval blockade. The significance is that the Iranian argument for a settlement now has a number, a name and an official demand attached to the same object, which is the configuration in which domestic pressure to settle usually becomes measurable; it is also the configuration the Assembly of Experts moved against on 23 September by criminalising the category of speech rather than contesting the object.

KJ-9 [MODERATE] Domestic armed mobilisation advanced a concrete step on the morning the diplomats were bargaining, and the two tracks are complementary rather than contradictory. Hamshahri reports «اولین روزانه ۹۰۰ هزار دلار اجاره می‌شوند» over «جانفدا دست به اسلحه شد», Janfada has taken up arms, under «مرکز آموزش نظامی جان‌فدای ایران افتتاح شد», over a photograph of two women in chador carrying rifles; the Fars News channel (post 464084) announces a 40,000-motorcyclist Janfada exercise for Friday from Imam Hossein Square to Azadi Square. A volunteer formation that acquires a training pipeline and stages a mass public exercise inside 24 hours is producing visible manpower at low cost. The significance is that this is leverage of a kind that a negotiation does not remove and a ceasefire does not dissolve: it is cheap to build, expensive to stand down, and it gives the bloc arguing against settlement an asset on the ground rather than only an argument on a page. Track whether the training centres multiply or the exercise is repeated.

KJ-10 [MODERATE] Negative evidence: Lebanon and the Strait of Hormuz have both completed the conversion from theatres into clauses, and today neither reaches a front page in any form. For the fourth time in five cycles no cover in the batch carries a Lebanon item; Lebanon exists on the Jam-e Jam channel (post 28805) and on the Nour News channel as Israeli artillery striking Mansouri in the south, and in the third of the conditions conveyed through Qatar, an end to the wars on all fronts. The Strait is in the same condition: the Jam-e Jam channel (post 28792) posts video of a vessel struck by at least one projectile while transiting what it describes as an unauthorised route, no cover carries it, and Ta'adol prices the consequence without naming the cause. The significance is that a state whose two active military theatres appear in its own press only as wire items and negotiating terms is not preparing its population for

escalation in either, which is itself a datum about intent, and a change in that pattern would be the earliest available warning of a change in policy.

KJ-11 [MODERATE] The Iranian press argued that sanctions are failing on the morning a Gulf central bank cut off an Iranian state bank, and no front page carried the second fact. Vatan-e Emrooz's «ویژه» item, «با وجود تحریم‌های جدید تحریم روی هوا!», reports the continuation of Iran's foreign and international projects «و تهدیدات وزارت خزانه‌داری آمریکا». The Emirati central bank barred Bank Melli Iran, which has seven branches in the country, from all financial transactions on 23 September, citing regulatory breaches, following the Emirates' August suspension of trade and financial dealings with Iran. The story is carried on the Vatan-e Emrooz channel (post 26152) sourced to Reuters, and on no front page in the batch, including its own. The significance is the direction of the contradiction: this is not the press exaggerating an Iranian success, it is the press advancing a claim its own newsroom had already disproved on another surface the same day, which indicates the front page is being written to a position rather than to the wire.

KJ-12 [MODERATE] Israel's isolation at the General Assembly is the one construction the Iranian press did not have to manufacture this week, and two covers handled it with unusual discipline. Javan runs «چهارشنبه سیاه اسرائیل در سازمان ملل» over a line about world leaders turning the hall into an arena of critical attack; Jomhouri Eslami runs «موضع‌گیری اکثر رهبران جهان علیه اشغالگری اسرائیل» and attributes the isolation claim to a named Iranian agency rather than asserting it. The external record supports the substance: 77 delegations left the hall before the Israeli prime minister spoke on 23 September, and the Qatari emir had called the Israeli government a rogue government the previous day. The significance is comparative. On 20 and 21 September this file recorded isolation claims assembled from unrelated fragments; today, offered a real one, the same press sourced it and dated it. That is evidence that the earlier assemblies were choices rather than the only technique available, and it raises the value of the distinction for future cycles.

KJ-13 [MODERATE] Two covers in the same batch make opposite claims about medicine, and the disagreement is checkable. Hamshahri, owned by the Tehran municipality, runs «کمبود دارو در کشور نصف شد», the country's medicine shortage has been halved, attributed to the Health Ministry's account of measures taken during the war. Sazandegi runs «آیفون ۱۸ هست دارو نیست!», there is an iPhone 18 but there is no medicine, framed around what importers can and cannot bring in. Both are front-page items on 2 Mehr; neither engages the other. The significance is that pharmaceutical availability is the one blockade effect with an administrative paper trail inside Iran, which makes it the most likely place for the argument over the naval blockade to become a domestic factual dispute rather than a rhetorical one, and the reformist framing has already chosen the comparison, consumer electronics against medicine, that would make it politically expensive.

Named-Figure Tracker

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Masoud Pezeshkian	President of Iran	The voice of a three-thousand-year civilisation (Ghalibaf, on Hamshahri); the reader of the nation's indictment (Vatan-e Emrooz); shown on nine of ten covers holding photographic evidence at the rostrum	WATCH
Donald Trump	President of the United States	«استیصال جنایتکار», the criminal's desperation (Vatan-e Emrooz); exploiting New York	TARGET FRAMING

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
		diplomacy for the November midterms (Javan); «اراجیف», drivel (Kayhan channel). His annihilation sentence of 22 September is quoted on no Iranian cover	
Mojtaba Khamenei	Supreme Leader	Absent from all ten covers and from all nine channels read, one cycle after a message in his name ran on every cover in the batch	absence noted
Ali Khamenei	Assassinated Supreme Leader, killed 28 February 2026	The framed portrait held at the rostrum, on three covers; «امام شهید», the martyred Imam, in the Tehran mayor's quotation on Hamshahri	WATCH
Mohsen Rezaei	Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council since 9 August 2026	Named on Vatan-e Emrooz's masthead as the source for the account of the New York negotiations and for the sevenfold conditions	NEW NAMED FIGURE
Abbas Araghchi	Foreign Minister of Iran	Named with the American envoy in Sazandegi's «واکنش تندروها به دیدار عراقچی و ویتکاف»; charges European appeasement on Iran Daily's cover; the object of hardline attack over the New York channel	WATCH
Steve Witkoff	United States special envoy	Named on an Iranian front page for the first time in this file, as the counterparty in the meeting the hardliners are attacking	NEW NAMED FIGURE
Esmail Baghaei	Spokesman, Iranian Foreign Ministry	The named source for the two-hour message exchange through Qatar and for the five published conditions; also the voice rejecting the Canadian prime minister's remarks	COERCION SPOKESMAN
Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf	Speaker of the Iranian Parliament	Quoted on Hamshahri and on the Sobh-e No channel calling the speech the powerful voice of Iran's courage, resistance and steadfastness	WATCH
Alireza Zakani	Mayor of Tehran	Quoted on his own municipality's newspaper calling the speech a firm answer to Trump's ugly remarks and praising the president for reviving the name of «امام شهید»	WATCH
Benjamin Netanyahu	Prime Minister of Israel	«چهارشنبه سیاه» and complete isolation at the General Assembly (Javan, Jomhouri Eslami); the external record has 77 delegations leaving before his speech	TARGET FRAMING
Fereydoun Majlesi	Retired Iranian diplomat and commentator	Author of Sazandegi's «فرصت سازمان ملل», arguing that New York can be the window out of the siege; the day's flagged editorial and the batch's clearest settlement advocacy	WATCH
Abbas Abdi	Reformist political analyst	Addressee of a black-bordered condolence notice at the foot of Etemad's front page on the death of his sister, signed by a list of Iranian journalists and academics	WATCH

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Mousa Shobeiri Zanjani	Grand Ayatollah, marja, died 21 September 2026 aged 98	His funeral procession in Qom is Jomhouri Eslami's second front-page photograph; no message from the serving Leader accompanies it	absence noted
Ammar al-Hakim	Iraqi Shia political leader	Quoted on Jomhouri Eslami saying the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces arose from the fatwa of the senior marja'iyya; the edition's only Iraq item	WATCH
Xi Jinping	President of China	«فرش قرمز برای رقیب», a red carpet for the rival, on Shargh, tagged to the Taiwan and Iran files; the Fars channel reports a cool response to an American military flyover	WATCH

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
Vatan-e Emrooz	Trump on trial	Hardline / principlist	The speech as a charge sheet; Iran's sevenfold conditions printed above the masthead	HIGH
Javan	We are not the surrendering kind	Hardline, IRGC-affiliated	The president's words turned against negotiation; Israel's Black Wednesday at the UN	MODERATE-HIGH
Hamshahri	Pezeshkian became Iran's voice - Long live	Centrist, Tehran municipality	Four institutions, one vocabulary; the Janfada formation takes up arms	MODERATE-HIGH
Jomhouri Eslami	The agents of unrest are Israel and terrorist America, and Iran is the victim of terrorism	Traditional establishment	The terrorism inversion in full; the Qom funeral with no message from the serving Leader	MODERATE
Ta'adol	We do not fear war, we do not flee dialogue	Economic daily	Tanker charter at $900,000 a day; the blockade priced on the front page	MODERATE-HIGH
Charsoogh	A historic liquidity record in the Hemmati period	Economic daily, principlist register	The only cover not led by the speech; the delegation's walkout redrawn as reluctance	MODERATE
Etemad	We are standing	Reformist	The three-hour Iran-United States consultation reported above the masthead as bargaining	LOW-MODERATE
Sazandegi	We do not fear war, we do not flee peace	Reformist, Kargozaran party	Araghchi and Witkoff named; the siege defined	LOW-MODERATE

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
			as the thing to negotiate out of	
Shargh	Diplomacy at the United Nations crossroads	Reformist	The rostrum as an opening; Washington and Beijing over the Iran file	LOW-MODERATE
Iran Daily	Pezeshkian: 'Either we will build security together, or we will endure insecurity together'	English-language government daily	Shared regional security offered abroad; Europe charged with appeasement	LOW-MODERATE
Sobh-e No (channel)	Baghaei: Iran's conditions were conveyed to Washington through Qatar in a two-hour message exchange	Principlist	Five conditions published with a named spokesman and a named mediator	HIGH
Kayhan (channel)	Suicide of eight crew of the carrier Lincoln	Hardline, supervised by the Leader's office	A public American letter on attempted suicides reported as eight deaths	MODERATE
Jam-e Jam (channel)	Israeli artillery strikes Mansouri in southern Lebanon; a vessel hit in the Strait of Hormuz	State broadcaster (IRIB)	Both live theatres surviving as wire items and on no front page	MODERATE
Vatan-e Emrooz (channel)	Reuters: the Emirati central bank bars Bank Melli Iran from operating	Hardline	The regional banking cut-off carried on the channel and on no cover, including its own	MODERATE
Fars News (channel)	A 40,000-motorcyclist Janfada exercise on Friday from Imam Hossein Square to Azadi Square	IRGC-affiliated agency	Mass mobilisation staged alongside the New York bargaining	MODERATE

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Iran Daily

English-language government daily

“Pezeshkian: 'Either we will build security together, or we will endure insecurity together'”

LOW-MODERATE: reciprocal-security framing abroad; the threat and the meeting both absent



- Main: the whole cover is given to the quotation and to a single photograph of the president holding the WAR CRIMES AGAINST MINAB'S SCHOOL placard. Of the ten covers in the batch this is the one whose chosen sentence is addressed to Iran's neighbours rather than to Washington.
- Main: the photograph's own caption, in English, states that the president holds a photograph of students killed in a US strike on a school in Iran's southern town of Minab in February, as he addresses the General Assembly in New York on September 23, 2026. The external record for that strike, on the Shajareh Tayyebeh elementary school on 28 February 2026, is extensive, and a United Nations report of 18 September 2026 found that the United States may have committed war crimes there.
- Banner: «Araghchi: European appeasement of US bullying undermines int'l peace, security», the only named-official line on the cover and the only item aimed at the European capitals.
- Kicker: the cover carries no reference to the American president's General Assembly address of 22 September and no reference to the three-hour meeting its own government's foreign minister held with the American envoy.

> **ANALYST NOTE** The English surface has switched register again within two cycles. On 22 September it published Iran's three negotiating conditions; on 23 September it gave its analysis slot to the Trump-Xi summit; today it prints one sentence of reciprocal-security language and an attack on European appeasement, and prints neither the American threat nor the American meeting. Read as positioning rather than as news, the combination is coherent: the foreign-language audience is being offered a regional security architecture that excludes the United States and told that Europe has disqualified itself, on the morning the Emirati central bank cut Bank Melli off. Whether the Gulf audience the cover addresses is moving toward that architecture or away from it is the open question, and today's regional banking decision is evidence on the other side.

Vatan-e Emrooz

Hardline / principlist morning daily

“Trump on trial” «محاکمه ترامپ»

HIGH: indictment framing of the adversary paired with the first front-page publication of Iran's conditions



- Main: «محاکمه ترامپ» over a full-width photograph of President Masoud Pezeshkian at the General Assembly rostrum holding a framed portrait of the assassinated predecessor, the word «شهید» (martyr) legible above the name. The standfirst reads «رئیس‌جمهور در سخنرانی خود در مجمع عمومی سازمان ملل کیفرخواست ملت ایران علیه زورگویی، سلطه‌طلبی و جنایات آمریکا و صهیونیسم را قرائت کرد»: the President, in his General Assembly speech, read out the Iranian nation's indictment («کیفرخواست», a prosecutor's charge sheet) against bullying, hegemonism and the crimes of America and Zionism. The paper files a speech as a legal proceeding.
- Banner: «توضیحات دبیر شورای عالی امنیت ملی درباره مذاکرات نیویورک» over «شروط هفت‌گانه ایران به آمریکا ابلاغ شد»: the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council explains the New York negotiations, and Iran's sevenfold conditions have been conveyed to America. The office is Mohsen Rezaei's, held since 9 August 2026. A hardline masthead is the surface that prints the number.
- Right rail: «گزارش وطن امروز از اظهارات و ادعاهای ترامپ درباره ایران در استیصال جنایتکار», the criminal's desperation, beside a dark photograph of Trump with his head lowered. The paper covers the American speech as a psychological state rather than as a set of propositions; «استیصال» is the same word the General Staff used on 22 September.
- Sub-item: «ادامه جنگ آمریکا علیه ایران باعث تشدید اختلافات هم‌حزبی‌های ترامپ شده است» over «دودستگی جمهوری‌خواهان», the Republican split: the war is presented as fracturing the American president's own party.
- Sub-item: a «ویژه» (special) stamp over «تحریم روی هوا!», sanctions up in the air, reporting the continuation of Iran's foreign and international projects «با وجود تحریم‌های جدید و تهدیدات وزارت خزانه‌داری آمریکا», despite new sanctions and US Treasury threats.
- Banner: «جنگ علیه روسیه و ایران هزینه حمل‌ونقل را در قاره سبز افزایش داد» over «۲۱۰ دلاری در سفره اروپایی‌ها», $210 diesel on Europeans' table: the blockade's freight costs are printed as a European rather than an Iranian burden.
- Op-ed: «شوخی با اشغالگری», joking with occupation, in the «نگاه» slot, by Hanif Ghaffari; the body text is below the resolution of the available scan.

ANALYST NOTE Vatan-e Emrooz performs the day's characteristic manoeuvre twice on one page. Above the fold it converts the president's speech into a prosecution and Trump's speech into a symptom, which keeps the American threat off the page while still covering the American speech: the reader learns that Trump was desperate, not what he said he might do. Above the masthead, however, the same paper prints the thing the whole batch withheld yesterday, that Iran has conveyed seven conditions to Washington, and attributes it to the Supreme National Security Council. That combination, a hardline cover that will not quote the threat but will

publish the terms, is the single most informative artefact in this edition and should be tracked against Kayhan, which is not in today's scan set.

Javan

Hardline daily, IRGC-affiliated

"We are not the surrendering kind" «تسلیم بشو نیستیم»

MODERATE-HIGH: no-surrender framing and the American opening pre-discounted as electoral



- Main: «تسلیم بشو نیستیم» set in white over the same rostrum photograph of the president holding the framed portrait of the martyred predecessor. The standfirst quotes him: «ما ثابت کرده‌ایم که برای دفاع از خود از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم و برای صلح ... و از جان خود برای دفاع از ایران عزیز ایستاده‌ایم», we have proved that in defending ourselves we do not fear war, and that we stand with our lives to defend beloved Iran.
- Banner: a red strap across the foot of the photograph, «هرچه داریم از غیرت سیاسی تسلیم‌نشوها داریم»: everything we have, we owe to the political zeal («غیرت») of those who will not surrender. The paper takes a presidential sentence about not fearing war and re-reads it as a verdict on the domestic argument about negotiating.
- Right rail: «سوءاستفاده ترامپ از دیپلماسی نیویورک به نفع نوامبر», Trump's exploitation of New York diplomacy for November's benefit, page 7: the American opening is filed as electoral positioning ahead of the midterms rather than as a negotiating move.
- Right rail: «چهارشنبه سیاه اسرائیل در سازمان ملل», Israel's Black Wednesday at the United Nations, under «رهبران جهان سازمان ملل را آوردگاه حملات انتقادی علیه رژیم صهیونیستی کردند», world leaders turned the UN into an arena of critical attacks on the Zionist regime, page 11. The external record for the same session has 77 delegations leaving the hall before the Israeli prime minister spoke.
- Sub-item: «پرواز از فراز تحریم‌های فرسوده», flight over the worn-out sanctions, page 3, on civil aviation continuing despite restrictions.
- Kicker: a four-item «یادداشت‌های امروز» box; the entries are legible as headings but the bylines are below the resolution of the available scan and are not reproduced here.

ANALYST NOTE Javan prints the half of the presidential formula that suits it and discards the other: the cover carries «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم» and not «از مذاکره نمی‌گریزیم», and the red strap converts the sentence into a rebuke of those who would settle. The rail then supplies the reason the reader is meant to draw, that any American opening is timed to the November midterms rather than meant. Set against Sazandegi's cover, which reports hardliners attacking the foreign minister over the same New York channel, this is the same bloc position recorded on 22 and 23 September, now argued from the president's own words rather than against them, which is a more durable position and harder for the government to answer.

Shargh

Reformist daily

LOW-MODERATE: the speech read as a diplomatic opening rather than a verdict

“Diplomacy at the United Nations crossroads” «دیپلماسی در چهارراه سازمان ملل»



- Main: «دیپلماسی در چهارراه سازمان ملل» under the kicker «روایت دقیق و از نگاهی دیپلماتیک از نیویورک برای احیای مسیر گفت‌وگوی میان ایران و آمریکا», a precise, diplomatic-lens account from New York on reviving the path of dialogue between Iran and America. The photograph shows the president holding an open photo-spread of the dead at the rostrum.
- Main: the quoted line printed beside the photograph is «رئیس‌جمهوری: برای دفاع، از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم؛ برای صلح، از مذاکره نمی‌گریزیم», for defense we do not fear war; for peace we do not flee negotiation. Shargh prints both halves of the formula, where Javan prints one.
- Op-ed: the «سرمقاله» slot carries «تخصص، گمشده دولت», expertise, the government's missing piece, with an author photograph; the byline is below the resolution of the available scan.
- Op-ed: «نیویورک، فاصله میان دو ژنو», New York, the distance between two Genevas, under «جایی که دیپلماسی هنوز می‌تواند نفس بکشد», where diplomacy can still breathe. The reference frame is the earlier negotiating rounds, not the war.
- Sub-item: «بی‌اعتمادی: چالش سازمان ملل در ۸۰ سالگی», distrust, the United Nations' challenge at eighty, a signed analysis running across the lower half of the page.
- Banner: top-left, «تشریفات کم‌سابقه «ترامپ» برای «شی»؛ با تمرکز بر فرش قرمز برای رقیب», a red carpet for the rival, beside a photograph of the Chinese president, page 2. over «پرونده‌های تایوان و ایران
- Right rail: a «برگزیده‌ها» column carrying «چه کسی مجوز «سهراب» را داد؟», «مسافران مستأصل» (desperate travellers), «امضای توافق امنیتی ایالات متحده با گرینلند و دانمارک» and «پرسش از آسمان رشت».

ANALYST NOTE Shargh is the only cover in the batch that treats the rostrum as a diplomatic instrument rather than as a courtroom or a pulpit: its headline word is «چهارراه», a crossroads, which presupposes that more than one road remains open, and its op-ed slot measures New York against Geneva rather than against the war. That it prints both halves of the president's formula while Javan prints one is the cleanest available demonstration that the formula was drafted to be divisible. Its decision to give the top-left corner to the Washington reception of the Chinese president, tagged to the Taiwan and Iran files, keeps the reformist argument that Iran's position is being set in a larger contest it does not control.

Sazandegi

Reformist, the Kargozaran-e Sazandegi party daily

“We do not fear war, we do not flee peace” «از جنگ نمی‌هراسیم از صلح نمی‌گریزیم»

LOW-MODERATE: settlement advocacy sustained under cover of a named retired diplomat



- Main: «از جنگ نمی‌هراسیم از صلح نمی‌گریزیم» over a standfirst that reads the speech as a double act: «مسعود پزشکیان در مجمع عمومی سازمان ملل هم صدای مظلومیت مردم ایران که تاوان تحریم‌های آمریکا را می‌پردازند بود و هم تأکید کرد که ایران آماده گفت‌وگوست و دست دوستی به سوی جهان دراز می‌کند، اما زبان زور را نمی‌پذیرد», the voice of the oppression of Iranians who pay the price of American sanctions, and a statement that Iran is ready for dialogue and extends a hand of friendship but does not accept the language of force. Note the substitution: this cover prints «صلح» (peace) where the other titles print «مذاکره» (negotiation) or «گفت‌وگو» (dialogue).
- Main: the photograph is the placard, not the portrait. The president holds a board reading WAR CRIMES AGAINST MINAB'S SCHOOL over a class photograph of schoolgirls, captioned in English 'Before Criminal War Attack'.
- Banner: «واکنش تندروها به دیدار عراقچی و ویتکاف» over «حمله به عراقچی», the hardliners' reaction to the Araghchi-Witkoff meeting, beside a photograph of the foreign minister. This is the first front page in this file to name the American envoy and the meeting in the same line.
- Banner: «جنگ، راهش نیست», war is not the way, a world-page item beside a photograph of the French president.
- Banner: «آیفون ۱۸ هست دارو نیست!», there is an iPhone 18 but there is no medicine, on what importers are able to bring in and what they are not.
- Op-ed: the «یادداشت روز» is «فرصت سازمان ملل», the United Nations opportunity, by Fereydoun Majlesi, a retired Iranian diplomat and a regular Sazandegi contributor, under the standfirst «نیویورک می‌تواند دریچه‌ای برای خروج از محاصره و بازگشت به وضعیت عادی باشد», New York can be a window for getting out of the siege and returning to normal conditions.

ANALYST NOTE Sazandegi is doing on 24 September exactly what it did on 22 September when it printed Emadeddin Baghi's case for a conditional reopening of the Strait: it is keeping the settlement argument on a front page one cycle after the Assembly of Experts declared that argument an unforgivable crime. The vehicle this time is safer, a retired diplomat writing about an opportunity rather than a proposal about the Strait, and the paper hedges it by reporting the hardline attack on the foreign minister rather than making the case in its own voice. The word «محاصره», siege, in a reformist standfirst is the more consequential detail: it concedes the blockade as the governing fact of Iranian life and defines diplomacy as the way out of it, which is the frame the principlist bloc has spent three cycles trying to criminalise.

Charsoogh

Economic daily, principlist in its political register

“A historic liquidity record in the Hemmati period” «رکورد تاریخی نقدینگی در دوره همتی»

MODERATE: the settlement camp attacked domestically rather than the adversary attacked abroad



- Main: «مقایسه عملکرد رؤسای بانک مرکزی در کنترل نقدینگی» over «رکورد تاریخی نقدینگی در دوره همتی», a comparison of central bank governors' performance in controlling liquidity, with a bar chart of liquidity growth by governor and a red box stating that the indicator passed ten percent under the governorship named. The cover's lead is a retrospective attack on a technocrat associated with the pro-negotiation camp, not a war story.
- Op-ed: «سفر به نیویورک: تریبون اقتدار یا ته امتیازگیری واشنگتن؟», the New York trip, a tribune of authority («اقتدار») or the tail end of Washington's concession-extraction, a signed note running beneath the chart. The question is posed as a binary with no third option.
- Sub-item: «مذاکره باطل», void negotiation, set beside a photograph of an Iranian diplomat before the national flag; the accompanying interview text is below the resolution of the available scan and is not summarised here.
- Cartoon: a photomontage in the «دیپلمات وفاقی» slot, badged «الفبای وفاق», showing a bearded man in a suit at the desk marked IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) being hauled out of the General Assembly hall by two security officers. The officer says, in English, 'Get up and go outside: Trump's speech is over.' The seated figure replies in Persian: «بگذارید بمونم. آمریکا رو دوست دارم پلیز پلیز», let me stay, I love America, please please. The face is a composite and is not identified here.
- Kicker: the paper is in its second year and prices itself at 15,000 tomans.

ANALYST NOTE Charsoogh is the edition's outlier and the reason it is worth reading: alone in the batch it declines to lead on the speech at all, and it spends its political space attacking the government's economic managers and its diplomats rather than the adversary. The cartoon is the sharpest object in the edition because of what it inverts. The verified record is that the Iranian delegation walked out during the American president's address on 22 September and that an American delegate walked out during the Iranian president's address on 23 September; Charsoogh draws the Iranian walkout as something the government's «وفاق» diplomat had to be dragged into. The technique is worth naming: the paper is not disputing a fact, it is contesting the sincerity behind a fact that everyone agrees occurred, which is an attack the government cannot answer with evidence.



Photomontage of an unidentified Iranian delegate being pulled from the UN General Assembly desk marked IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), captioned 'Get up and go outside: Trump's speech is over' and «بگذارید بمونم. آمریکا رو دوست دارم پلیز پلیز».

Ta'adol

Economic daily, masthead line «پیشرو اقتصاد ایران»

“We do not fear war, we do not flee dialogue” «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم از گفت‌وگو نمی‌گریزیم»

MODERATE-HIGH: the blockade quantified on a front page while the political covers celebrate



- Main: «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم از گفت‌وگو نمی‌گریزیم» under the kicker «روایت رئیس‌جمهور از اقتدار و مظلومیت ایران در مجمع عمومی سازمان ملل», the President's account of Iran's authority («اقتدار») and oppression («مظلومیت») at the General Assembly. The pairing of those two nouns is the edition's standard formula and appears verbatim on Hamshahri as well.
- Main: below the lead photograph runs a strip of five thumbnails of the president at the rostrum holding a different photographic exhibit in each. The paper treats the placards as the story's evidence rather than as illustration.
- Banner: «نفتکش‌ها روزانه ۹۰۰ هزار دلار اجاره می‌شوند» over «کرایه حمل دریایی ۷ تا ۱۰ برابر شد», tankers are being chartered at $900,000 a day and sea freight rates have risen sevenfold to tenfold. External maritime-data reporting for 11 September put spot rates for Hormuz transits at about $1 million a day, so the figure is in the range the outside record supports.
- Banner: «آرامش آماری بازار اجاره چقدر واقعی است؟» over «تورم اجاره در کف، فشار مستأجران در سقف», rent inflation at the floor and tenants' pressure at the ceiling.
- Sub-item: a lower-page section headed «نیویورک در آینه اقتصاد ایران», New York in the mirror of Iran's economy, alongside «احیای اقتصادی از مسیر احیای مالی», «تورم و تغییرات آن در دهه‌های گذشته» and «بورس در دوره‌ای جدید».

ANALYST NOTE Ta'adol is the only cover in the batch that prices the war. The charter figure it prints is the blockade rendered as a number a reader can carry, and by running it above the masthead on the same morning that the political covers celebrate a speech, the paper makes the argument the reformist opinion pages only gesture at: that the condition Iran conveyed to Washington, lifting the naval blockade, is the one with a daily dollar cost attached. Its lower-page section title, New York in the mirror of Iran's economy, is the tell that an economic daily now reads a General Assembly speech as a shipping-cost event. Watch whether the freight figure recurs; a number that survives several cycles in the economic press becomes a benchmark the political press eventually has to answer.

Etemad

Reformist daily

“We are standing”

«ایستاده‌ایم»

LOW-MODERATE: the negotiation reported on the front page and named as bargaining



- Main: «ایستاده‌ایم» in outsize type under the kicker «رئیس‌جمهور در سازمان ملل: جهان را به صلح فرا می‌خوانم», the President at the United Nations: I call the world to peace. Beneath it, two further quoted lines: «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم، از مذاکره نمی‌گریزیم» and «هیچ کس در این منطقه به تنهایی امنیت نخواهد داشت», no one in this region will have security alone. The last is the same proposition the English government daily renders as 'Either we will build security together, or we will endure insecurity together'.
- Main: a strip of four placard photographs beneath the rostrum image, two reading MINAB'S SCHOOL and two reading LAMERD'S SPORTSHALL. Both refer to strikes of 28 February 2026; the second is the Lamerd sports hall, where a women's volleyball session was hit.
- Banner: «"اعتماد" از رایزنی سه‌ساعته ایران و آمریکا گزارش می‌دهد» over «چانه‌زنی», Etemad reports on the three-hour Iran-United States consultation, headlined bargaining. The American president's own account of the same session, given in New York, described a three-hour meeting between his envoy and his son-in-law and an Iranian delegation.
- Banner: «"اعتماد" در گفت‌وگو با غلامرضا کریمی بررسی می‌کند» over «هنر دیپلماسی», the art of diplomacy.
- Banner: «گزارش وزارت میراث از مسافران ورودی و خروجی» over «جان نحیف گردشگری», the frail life of tourism.
- Right rail: a «یادداشت‌ها» column of eight signed notes with author photographs; the headings are visible but the bylines are below the resolution of the available scan and are not reproduced here.
- Sub-item: a black-bordered condolence notice at the foot of the page addressed to «جناب آقای مهندس عباس عبدی» on the death of his sister, signed by a list of Iranian journalists and academics including Hadi Khaniki and Younes Shokrkhah. Abbas Abdi is one of the reformist camp's most-cited political analysts.

ANALYST NOTE Etemad supplies the finding that changes this file's standing picture. On 23 September this monitor recorded that eleven front pages carried nothing about the envoy-level meeting in New York while four channels carried it, and set the next cycle as the test of whether deadline or policy explained the gap. Today a reformist front page reports the three-hour consultation above its own masthead and calls it bargaining, and Sazandegi names both participants. Deadline explained it. The second thing Etemad does is print the reciprocity proposition, that no one in this region will have security alone, as one of its three display quotes, which is the only part of the speech addressed to the Gulf states rather than to Washington and the part most likely to matter if the Bank Melli cut-off marks a wider regional turn.

Jomhouri Eslami

Traditional establishment daily, managing editor Masih Mohajeri

MODERATE: the terrorism inversion printed in full; the clerical apex mourned without a message from the serving Leader

“The agents of unrest are Israel and terrorist America, and Iran is the victim of terrorism” «عاملان ناآرامی، اسرائیل و آمریکای تروریست هستند و ایران قربانی تروریسم است»


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عاملان ناآرامی، اسرائیل و آمریکای تروریست هستند و ایران قربانی تروریسم است

موضع‌گیری اکثر رهبران جهان علیه اشغالگری اسرائیل

- Main: «رئیس‌جمهور در سازمان ملل: عاملان ناآرامی، اسرائیل و آمریکای تروریست هستند و ایران قربانی تروریسم است». The paper prints the speech's central inversion in full rather than a slogan drawn from it. The verified transcript carries the same move: 'Those who are terrorists describe us using that word' and 'We have been the victims of terrorism'.
- Main: the photograph is captioned in a magenta strap, «تصاویر کودکان مینابی و قربانیان جنایت آمریکا در لامرد در دستان رئیس‌جمهور پزشکیان», images of the Minab children and of the victims of America's crime at Lamerd in President Pezeshkian's hands. This cover is the one that names both sites in its caption.
- Banner: «زنگ مهر در سراسر کشور نواخته شد», the Mehr bell was rung across the country, the school-year opening carried over from the previous cycle.
- Sub-item: «در مجمع عمومی سازمان ملل صورت گرفت: موضع‌گیری اکثر رهبران جهان علیه اشغالگری اسرائیل», most world leaders took positions against Israeli occupation at the General Assembly, over «مهر گزارش داد: انزوای کامل نتانیاهو در سازمان ملل», Mehr reported Netanyahu's complete isolation at the United Nations.
- Sub-item: a photograph of a mass procession in Qom captioned «تشییع باشکوه پیکر حضرت آیت‌الله شبیری زنجانی در قم», the funeral procession of Grand Ayatollah Shobeiri Zanjani. The marja died on 21 September 2026 aged 98 and was buried on 23 September.
- Sub-item: «سید عمار حکیم: حشدالشعبی برآمده از فتوای مرجعیت عالیقدر بود», Ammar al-Hakim saying the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces arose from the fatwa of the senior marja'iyya, the edition's only Iraq item.
- Sub-item: «صبحی که رئیس پلیس همراه فرزندان دو شهید شد», the morning the police chief accompanied the children of two martyrs, over a photograph of schoolchildren carrying framed portraits.
- Op-ed: a boxed «تحلیل سیاسی هفته», the week's political analysis, opening on the forty-sixth Sacred Defense Week; the body text is below the resolution of the available scan.
- Banner: «اتحادیه‌های صنفی، گران‌کنندگان کالاها و خدمات!», the trade guilds as the raisers of prices, with a call for regulators to enforce approved rates.

ANALYST NOTE Jomhouri Eslami is the cover that reads the General Assembly as a clerical and civilisational event rather than a diplomatic one, and it is the only title in the batch that gives the Qom funeral its own photograph. Two things follow. First, the paper carries the Israeli-isolation story as reported fact attributed to a named Iranian agency, which is a more disciplined construction than the assembled isolation lists this monitor recorded on 20 and 21 September and one that the external record supports. Second, the absence this cover

> makes visible is the succession: on 23 September the serving Leader's message ran on every cover in the batch, and today the paper that buries a grand ayatollah on its front page has no message from him to print, filling the clerical space with a quotation from Ayatollah Beheshti instead.

Hamshahri

Centrist daily owned by the Tehran municipality

MODERATE-HIGH: unanimous institutional endorsement paired with a new armed-mobilisation programme

“Pezeshkian became Iran's voice - Long live” «پزشکیان صدای ایران شد - زنده باد»



- Main: «زنده باد» set across two rostrum photographs, one of the president holding an open photo-spread of the dead and one of him holding the framed portrait of the martyred predecessor, under «رئیس‌جمهور از مظلومیت و اقتدار ایران گفت و صدای ملتی شد که صلح می‌خواهد و سر خم نمی‌کند», the President spoke of Iran's oppression and authority and became the voice of a nation that wants peace and does not bow its head.
- Main: four quote boxes run beneath. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of Parliament: «رئیس‌جمهور نه فقط از زبان یک دولت، بلکه از جانب تمدنی ۳ هزار ساله سخن گفت ... او صدای قدرتمند شجاعت، مقاومت و استواری ایران بود», he spoke not only for a government but on behalf of a three-thousand-year civilisation; he was the powerful voice of Iran's courage, resistance and steadfastness. The same quotation is carried on the Sobh-e No channel.
- Main: Alireza Zakani, Mayor of Tehran: «سخنرانی شجاعانه رئیس‌جمهور، پاسخی محکم به اظهارات زشت ترامپ بود ... پزشکیان، سربلند باشی که با نام امام شهید و شهدای مظلوم‌مان را زنده کردی», a firm answer to Trump's ugly remarks, and be proud that you brought alive the name of the martyred Imam and our oppressed martyrs. «امام شهید», the martyred Imam, is the assassinated predecessor.
- Main: the IRGC spokesman: «رئیس‌جمهور در قلب نظام استکبار، پیام قدرت، غرور و امید ملتی را بازتولید کرد که ۷ ماه مثل کوه ... اقتدار را در اوج مظلومیت پیش چشم دنیا تصویر کرده‌اند», the President reproduced, in the heart of the arrogant system, the message of power of a nation that for seven months has stood like a mountain. The same line is on the Kayhan channel. The fourth box carries Mohammad Ghomi of the Islamic Development Organization.
- Sub-item: «اولین مرکز آموزش نظامی جانفدای ایران افتتاح شد» over «جانفدا دست به اسلحه شد», Janfada has taken up arms, beside a photograph of two women in chador carrying rifles. The Fars News channel carries a companion item announcing a 40,000-motorcyclist Janfada exercise from Imam Hossein Square to Azadi Square.
- Sub-item: «کمبود دارو در کشور نصف شد», the country's medicine shortage has been halved, attributed to the Health Ministry's account of measures taken during the war.
- Sub-item: «طلای برادرانه», fraternal gold, on Iranian medals at the Asian Games in Nagoya.
- Op-ed: «درس اول مهر از سازمان ملل», the first Mehr lesson from the United Nations, in the «یادداشت» slot.

ANALYST NOTE Hamshahri is where the edition's message discipline is easiest to measure, because it prints four separate endorsements in four institutional voices, parliament, the municipality, the IRGC and the propaganda organisation, and all four say the same thing in the same nouns: «اقتدار» and «مظلومیت», authority

> and oppression. Two items on the same page are worth more than the endorsements. The Janfada training centre, carried with a photograph of armed women and corroborated by a mass-mobilisation exercise on the IRGC-affiliated wire, is a domestic militarisation step running on the morning the government's diplomats are bargaining in New York. And the Health Ministry's claim that the medicine shortage has halved appears on the same morning that Sazandegi's cover says there is an iPhone 18 but no medicine, which sets the government's own municipal paper against a reformist daily on a fact that is in principle checkable.

Outlet channels and agency wires

Six newspaper Telegram channels and three news agencies (Defa Press, Fars News, Nour News); content is recorded as claims, not adopted as fact

HIGH: the terms published with attribution; a verifiable one-word distortion of an American document

“Iran's conditions conveyed through the Qatari channel” «شروط ایران از مجرای قطر ابلاغ شد»

- Main: the Sobh-e No channel (post 116195) carries Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei announcing a two-hour exchange of messages with the United States through Qatar and listing the conditions conveyed: an end to economic terrorism, a halt to the naval blockade, an end to the wars on all fronts, release of frozen assets, and maritime safety arrangements established on a bilateral basis. The Vatan-e Emrooz channel (post 26154) carries four of the same five in near-identical wording. On 23 September this monitor recorded three conditions; the published list is now five, and the Vatan-e Emrooz front page states the total is seven.
- Sub-item: the Sobh-e No channel serialises the speech itself across posts 116182 to 116189, including «اسرائیل می‌کشد اما ایران تحریم می‌شود», Israel kills but Iran is sanctioned, and «ایران برای دفاع از خود از هیچ‌کس اجازه نمی‌گیرد», Iran asks no one's permission to defend itself. Both correspond to passages in the verified transcript.
- Sub-item: the Kayhan channel (post 84852) and the Sobh-e No channel (post 116201) both report that eight crew of the carrier Abraham Lincoln killed themselves during the Iran deployment, the latter sourcing it to CNN. The underlying report, a letter from the acting Secretary of the Navy to Senator Gillibrand released on 23 September, states that eight sailors in the Lincoln strike group ATTEMPTED suicide and that no service member died by suicide during the deployment. The Iranian rendering converts attempts into deaths.
- Sub-item: the Jam-e Jam channel (post 28792) posts video of a vessel struck by at least one projectile while transiting what it describes as an unauthorised and unsafe Strait of Hormuz route, and (post 28805) reports Israeli artillery striking the village of Mansouri in southern Lebanon; the Nour News channel carries the same Lebanon item. Neither appears on any front page in the batch.
- Sub-item: the Defa Press channel (posts 68330 and 68331) reports the president presenting world leaders, among them the Armenian prime minister, with a photographic book documenting what it describes as American and Israeli crimes against Iran. The channel also reports (post 68332) that he revised his speech after the American president's remarks.
- Sub-item: the Vatan-e Emrooz channel (post 26152) carries the Reuters report that the Emirati central bank barred Bank Melli Iran from operating. The story does not appear on any front page in the batch, including Vatan-e Emrooz's own, whose «تحریم روی هوا!» item argues that new sanctions are not biting.
- Sub-item: the Kayhan channel (84838), the Sobh-e No channel (116194 and 116200) and the Iran channel (507776, 507778, 507779, 507786) carry a co-ordinated wave of official endorsements of the speech, including the Parliament Speaker, the IRGC spokesman and a formulation contrasting «قدرت برای صلح», power for peace, with the Western «صلح از طریق قدرت», peace through strength.
- Sub-item: the Fars News channel (post 464084) announces a 40,000-motorcyclist Janfada exercise for Friday between Imam Hossein Square and Azadi Square; the Etemad channel (535336) carries a Bloomberg report on F-35 parts diverted to Hong Kong; Tehran Times was not available at the time of compilation.

ANALYST NOTE The channels do two distinct jobs today and they should not be confused. On the conditions they are ahead of the front pages but consistent with them: five conditions published with a named spokesman and a named mediator, against a hardline masthead that prints the total as seven, which means the terms are being staged for a domestic audience rather than leaked. On the Lincoln item they are doing something else, and it is checkable: a document about attempted suicides in which no one died has been published on two Iranian surfaces as a report of eight deaths. That is the cleanest single-source distortion this file has recorded in the series, because the original is a public letter from a named official and the change is one word.

Appendix A - The day's lead official message: the President's address to the 81st General Assembly (translated extracts)

United Nations General Assembly, 81st session, New York, 23 September 2026. Compiled from the Sobh-e No channel's serialised Persian rendering (posts 116182 to 116189) and cross-checked against the United Nations' own account of the address.

Editorial note on what this appendix replaces. This series normally opens with the serving Leader's lead message of the day. There is no such message in this batch. On 23 September a message in the name of «حضرت آیت‌الله سید مجتبی حسینی خامنه‌ای» for the reopening of schools and universities ran on every cover this monitor examined, together with a condolence message on the death of Grand Ayatollah Shobeiri Zanjani. Today, one cycle later, not one of the nine Persian front pages or the English front page carries any message, speech or quoted remark from him, and none of the nine outlet and agency channels read for this edition carries one either. The khamenei.ir site was not reachable at the time of compilation, so the absence is established for the Iranian press surface examined here and not for every possible surface. The text below is what the whole batch printed in its place: the president's address, which is the day's operative state message by any measure of display.

On the terrorism charge. Answering the American president's description of Iran as the leading state sponsor of terror, the Iranian president said that those who are themselves terrorists describe Iran using that word, and that Iran has been the victim of terrorism. Jomhouri Eslami prints this inversion on its front page in full: «عاملان ناآرامی، اسرائیل و آمریکای تروریست هستند و ایران قربانی تروریسم است», the agents of unrest are Israel and terrorist America, and Iran is the victim of terrorism.

On the killing of his predecessor. Holding up a framed portrait of the assassinated Supreme Leader, he said the man had been assassinated, in his words, without any legal framework or reason, in a joint American and Israeli strike in February. The portrait is the photograph that runs on the covers of Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan and Hamshahri. The Tehran municipality's daily quotes the mayor of Tehran calling him «امام شهید», the martyred Imam. This monitor records the framing as printed; the regime honorifics are retained in quotation and are not adopted.

On the children. Displaying photographs of children killed in strikes on a school and on a sports hall, he said: they were innocent, they had committed no crimes. The placards are legible in the scans as WAR CRIMES AGAINST MINAB'S SCHOOL and LAMERD'S SPORTSHALL. Both refer to strikes of 28 February 2026, the war's first day. The Minab school strike, on the Shajareh Tayyebeh elementary school in Hormozgan province, is the subject of extensive external reporting and of a United Nations report published on 18 September 2026 which found that the United States may have committed war crimes there. The Lamerd sports hall in Fars province was struck while a women's volleyball session was under way. These are not Iranian-press-only claims.

On Iran's record of force. He said that for the past two centuries Iran had not attacked another country or territory, and added: we did not bend the knee; we did not bow our heads. We responded, but we did not hit civilian populations. Verification flag: the final clause is a claim by a belligerent about its own conduct and is not to be reproduced as established fact.

On the nuclear file. He described peaceful nuclear technology as providing cure and treatment for the sick, food security in agriculture and advancement in industry, and then stated the double standard in the form the Iranian press has repeated all day: the nuclear weapon is in Israel, but the inspectors are in Iran; Israel kills,

but Iran is subject to sanctions. The Sobh-e No channel prints the second half verbatim as «اسرائیل می‌کشد اما ایران تحریم می‌شود».

On the region. He said that no one in this region will have security alone. Etemad prints this as one of three display quotes: «هیچ کس در این منطقه به تنهایی امنیت نخواهد داشت». Iran Daily gives its entire English cover to the same proposition in the form 'Either we will build security together, or we will endure insecurity together'. This is the only substantial passage of the speech addressed to Iran's neighbours rather than to Washington, and it is the passage the government chose for its foreign-language readership.

On Gaza. He said that eighty thousand innocent civilians in Gaza had been brutally murdered and hundreds of thousands displaced, and that those committing genocide then label others terrorists. Verification flag: the casualty figure is the speaker's and is reproduced here as his claim.

On the protests. Characterising recent street demonstrations as expressions of support for the country, he said that for the past seven months the people of Iran have been in the streets every night demonstrating in support of their land. Verification flag: this is a contested characterisation of domestic events and is recorded as the speaker's framing, not as a finding.

Closing. Addressing the American president, he said that he must know that the resistance of the Iranian people will only increase in the face of sanctions, pressure and bullying. Near the end he said that Mr Trump and those who seek to bully Iran must understand that Iran is ready for dialogue and diplomacy and negotiations without accepting the language of force. The second sentence is the origin of the formula that nine of the ten covers in this batch print in one variant or another.

Analyst flag. The speech was delivered with an American delegate walking out of the hall, one day after members of the Iranian delegation walked out during the American president's address. The Defa Press channel reports that the text was revised after the American speech. The formula that dominates the covers is constructed in two detachable halves, «از جنگ نمی‌ترسیم» and «از مذاکره نمی‌گریزیم», and the Iranian press has divided along exactly that seam: Javan prints the first half alone, Shargh, Ta'adol, Etemad and Sazandegi print both. Source line: 81st UN General Assembly, New York, 23 September 2026; Iranian rendering, Sobh-e No channel posts 116182 to 116189, 2 Mehr 1405.

Appendix B - The day's flagged editorial: «فرصت سازمان ملل», The United Nations opportunity

Sazandegi, Year 9, No. 2325, Thursday 2 Mehr 1405 / 24 September 2026, page 1, «یادداشت روز» slot. Author: Fereydoun Majlesi.

Author verification. Fereydoun Majlesi, born 1944, is an Iranian retired diplomat, writer and translator who left the Foreign Ministry after the 1979 revolution and has since worked as a commentator on foreign policy and on Iran-United States relations. He is a regular contributor to Sazandegi and to the economic press. The byline photograph and the credit line on the page match the public record; this monitor has verified the name against independent Persian-language sources and does not rely on the newspaper alone.

Coverage caveat, stated plainly. The available front-page scan resolves the editorial's headline, standfirst and byline but not its body text. What follows is therefore a translation of the displayed matter and an account of its placement, not a full translation of the article. This monitor does not reconstruct body text it cannot read.

Headline, as printed: «فرصت سازمان ملل». The United Nations opportunity.

Standfirst, as printed: «نیویورک می‌تواند دریچه‌ای برای خروج از محاصره و بازگشت به وضعیت عادی باشد». New York can be a window for getting out of the siege and returning to normal conditions.

Slot and placement: «یادداشت روز», the note of the day, running down the right-hand column of page one beside the paper's lead on the president's General Assembly address.

Analyst flag, on the vocabulary. The operative word is «محاصره», siege or blockade. A reformist front page has adopted the blockade as the governing description of Iran's present condition and has defined the purpose of diplomacy as ending it. That is the same object as the second of the conditions the Foreign Ministry spokesman says Iran conveyed to Washington through Qatar, a halt to the naval blockade, and the same object that Ta'adol prices at $900,000 a day in tanker charter on its own front page this morning. Three different kinds of newspaper, a reformist party daily, a foreign-ministry briefing and an economic daily, converged on the same object within one news cycle without using the same register.

Analyst flag, on the risk. On 23 September this monitor recorded a statement by the Assembly of Experts for the Leadership holding that no understanding can be reached with the enemy and that to speak of peace with the enemy is an unforgivable crime, issued one cycle after Sazandegi printed Emadeddin Baghi's argument for a conditional reopening of the Strait. Today Sazandegi is still running settlement advocacy on page one, and has chosen a safer instrument to run it with: a retired diplomat writing about an opportunity rather than an activist proposing a mechanism. The paper simultaneously reports, in its own top strip, «واکنش تندروها به دیدار عراقچی و ویتکاف», the hardliners' reaction to the Araghchi-Witkoff meeting, which places the attack on the page without the paper having to answer it. Whether that instrument survives the next principlist response is the tracking question.

Source line: Sazandegi, page 1, «یادداشت روز», 2 Mehr 1405.

Appendix C - Methodology and sourcing notes

Iran Press Intelligence Monitor, compilation of 24 September 2026

Scan corpus. Nine Persian front pages from the NewspaperTasnim kiosk album of 2 Mehr 1405 (t.me/NewspaperTasnim/44746, posted 04:03 UTC) and one English front page from the Newspapers_Iran album (t.me/newspapers_iran/3568, posted 04:31 UTC). The stale-batch guard compared the album's own printed Jalali date with the target day and matched on the first attempt; no fallback sourcing was required and no scan in this edition is carried over from an earlier day.

Mastheads were identified visually against the project's recognition reference and confirmed against each page's own dateline and issue number where those were legible. The identifications in this edition are Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan, Shargh, Sazandegi, Charsoogh, Ta'adol, Etemad, Jomhouri Eslami and Hamshahri in Persian, and Iran Daily in English.

Scan resolution is the binding constraint on this edition. The kiosk images are 800 pixels tall, which resolves display type, standfirsts, photograph captions and most section headings, but not body text or small bylines. Where a byline or an article body could not be read, this file says so in place of the text rather than reconstructing it. Three specific gaps are recorded: the bylines on Javan's «یادداشت‌های امروز» box, the bylines on Etemad's eight-item notes rail, and the interview text beneath Charsoogh's «مذاکره باطل» item. Charsoogh's front-page cartoon shows a composite face which this monitor has not attempted to identify.

Text sources. Six newspaper channels (Kayhan, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam, Etemad, Iran, Sobh-e No) and three agency wires (Defa Press, Fars News, Nour News) were read. Agency material is used for corroboration and for official and semi-official claims, and is labelled as claims throughout; it is not treated as front-page evidence. Tehran Times was not available at the time of compilation, as it was not on the previous cycle.

External verification performed for this edition. The General Assembly speeches of 22 and 23 September, including the American president's statement that he faces a choice between a deal and annihilating the Islamic Republic and his prediction of a deal after the November midterms; his account of a three-hour meeting between his envoy and his son-in-law and an Iranian delegation; the walkout of an American delegate during the Iranian speech and of Iranian delegates during the American speech; the departure of 77 delegations before the Israeli prime minister spoke; the identity and appointment date of the Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, Mohsen Rezaei, in office since 9 August 2026; the death of Grand Ayatollah Mousa Shobeiri Zanjani on 21 September 2026 and his burial in Qom on 23 September; the 28 February 2026 strikes on the Minab school and the Lamerd sports hall and the United Nations report of 18 September 2026 on the former; the Emirati central bank's decision of 23 September barring Bank Melli Iran; and the state of Hormuz transit and tanker charter rates.

One accuracy correction is carried into the body of this edition. The Kayhan channel (post 84852) and the Sobh-e No channel (post 116201) report that eight crew of the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln killed themselves during the Iran deployment. The document behind the story is a letter from the acting Secretary of the Navy to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, reported on 23 September, which states that eight sailors in the Lincoln strike group attempted suicide and that no service member died by suicide during the deployment. The Iranian rendering substitutes deaths for attempts. This file records the distortion and does not reproduce the Iranian figure as a casualty count.

Attribution firewall. Every Iranian claim in this edition is attributed to the outlet, channel or speaker that made it and is not adopted as fact. Iranian renderings of foreign reporting, including the Politico and Reuters

characterisations carried on the Vatan-e Emrooz channel and the CNN attribution on the Sobh-e No channel, remain second-hand and are flagged as such; quoting a rendering does not verify it. Casualty figures spoken from the rostrum are recorded as the speaker's claims.

Negative evidence recorded as findings. No message from the serving Leader appears on any of the ten covers or on any of the nine channels read, one cycle after such a message ran on every cover in the batch; the khamenei.ir site was not reachable, so the absence is established for the Iranian press surface examined here. No front page in the batch carries a Lebanon item, for the fourth time in five cycles; Lebanon survives on the Jam-e Jam and Nour News channels as an Israeli artillery strike on Mansouri. No front page carries the Emirati decision on Bank Melli, including the paper whose own channel reported it. No front page quotes the American president's annihilation sentence, although two covers now report his speech as an event.

Succession evidence. The identification of the serving Leader as Mojtaba Khamenei continues to rest on the printed record accumulated in this series, most directly the full form «حضرت آیت‌الله سید مجتبی حسینی خامنه‌ای» printed by three titles on 23 September, together with the consistent Iranian-press usage of «شهید سیدعلی» and «امام شهید» for the assassinated predecessor, which recurs today in the Tehran mayor's quotation on Hamshahri's front page. This edition adds no new evidence to that record and its absence of any message is noted above as a finding in its own right.

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