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NOT WAITING FOR NOVEMBER EDITION

Nine Persian front pages and one English front page of 14 Mehr 1405, read alongside six outlet channels and three agency wires; Kayhan is reconstructed from its own channel, and Tehran Times was unavailable at the time of compilation.

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Front page: Javan

Executive Summary

The lead judgment of this edition is that the Iranian press published two incompatible clocks on one morning and did not reconcile them. The first clock is American and electoral. Sobh-e No printed a monochrome Trump under «بازنده», loser, with a deck listing political pressure, personal exhaustion, domestic and foreign crises and declining support inside his own party. Vatan-e Emrooz printed «اعتراف زودهنگام به شکست», an early confession of defeat, charging that falling popularity has driven him to restrict voters and allege fraud. Javan gave its entire cover to a painted Trump straddling a ballot box and a crate of dollars under «لیبرال دموکراسی ۵ هزار دلار!», liberal democracy at five thousand dollars, with a deck noting that the promise was revived less than a month before the congressional elections. Kayhan's front-page list carries «تقلاهای ترامپ برای جلوگیری از شکست در انتخابات», Trump's struggles to avert electoral defeat. Sazandegi's note of the day is titled «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر», the war and the November elections. Hardline, principlist and reformist titles have reached the same conclusion about the same man in the same week, which is the widest cross-factional agreement on a single foreign figure this file has logged since the Farhadi convergence of 5 October.

The second clock is Iranian and explicitly refuses the first. Major General Ali Abdollahi, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, said on 5 October that if a new war against Iran begins its fire will engulf everyone, that the main cause of the region's insecurity is the presence of American forces, and, in the formulation Iranian outlets carried verbatim, that the Islamic Republic has not been and is not waiting for the results of the American congressional elections. Four Persian covers carried the warning: Jam-e Jam gave it the banner «جنگ فراگیر؛ پاسخ به حماقت آمریکا», all-out war, the answer to America's folly, with both named generals in sequence; Vatan-e Emrooz headlined it «امنیت همه یا هیچ‌کس», security for all or no one; Jomhouri Eslami printed the widest and most accurate addressee set, «کشورهای میزبان آمریکا و سازمان‌های بین‌المللی», the states hosting America and international organisations; and Iran Daily, the English-language title almost no Iranian reads, gave it the full width of the page. That asymmetry is the inference mechanism rather than the conclusion: a deterrent message is placed where the deterred party will see it, and the livelihood message is placed where the governed will.

The edition's highest-significance item is Javan's banner. On 5 October this file recorded that the same paper had put withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation Treaty above its own masthead as a demand belonging to unnamed elites, with the decision assigned to unnamed competent bodies, and judged that the construction kept an escalation option visible at zero political cost. Today the paper prints «هشدار سرلشکر: دکترین هسته‌ای را تغییر می‌دهیم», a Major General's warning, we will change the nuclear doctrine, in the first person plural and under a uniformed rank. The independent record of the same remarks runs in the opposite direction: Abdollahi rejected as delusion the claim that Iran's programme has entered a military phase and warned the Atomic Energy Agency against statements about Iranian nuclear sites. Javan has converted a denial into a threat on its own front page. Both halves of that are the finding, and this file reports the divergence rather than choosing between the two renderings.

Three titles from three estates published American repositioning on one morning, and none of them presented it as good news. Etemad, reformist, boxed an interview with the international-relations specialist Nozar Shafiei under «فرار از تیررس», escape from the line of fire, arguing that the American departure from Iraq has in practice taken those forces out of reach of Iran and of the resistance front's forces there. Vatan-e Emrooz, hardline, reported that the United States has withdrawn its strategic

bombers from Fairford in Britain, under «فرار جنگنده‌ها», the flight of the war aircraft. Jomhouri Eslami, clerical establishment, led its banner with the first Iranian aircraft landing at Najaf after the lifting of restrictions. A withdrawal, a redeployment and a reopening, published as flight, flight and vindication. The Chief of the General Staff addressed his warning to the states that still host American forces, which is the same subject handled from the other end.

The domestic story reversed in one cycle. On 5 October this file recorded that an oil minister had resigned in the eighth month of a war about oil and that no cover had converted it into an indictment, and rated the restraint as sequencing rather than retreat. Today two covers from opposite estates have taken the weapon off the ground and used it in opposite directions. Vatan-e Emrooz leads with «ترمیم مسعود», Masoud's repair, making the resignation the president's first cabinet change and his problem. Sazandegi gives its whole cover to «آینه عبرت», a cautionary mirror, and prints four specific questions about the roots of Mohsen Paknejad's departure, including what the president said to him in cabinet once the microphones were off. Jomhouri Eslami closes the file with the presidential decree appointing Hamid Bovard caretaker of the ministry, and adds, in a column almost nobody else carried, that the nominee sent to parliament for the Defence Ministry is a career manager whose record includes running the Aerospace Industries Organisation, the body that builds Iran's missiles.

The economic argument split inside the principlist estate rather than between estates. Jam-e Jam reported the president ordering a committee to fix the price of twelve basic goods nationally, under «آغاز راه «تورم صفر» سراسری»; Kayhan's lead analysis named the opponents of the Tehran municipality's zero-inflation scheme as brokers, hoarders and America's intellectual servants in a single list, and sourced a seven-member government committee on the president's direct instruction to the municipality's own spokesman; Vatan-e Emrooz carried the same scheme as «پاتک به تورم», a counterattack on inflation. Against all three, Charsoogh, a principlist economic daily, printed the agriculture minister saying goods have not become more expensive beside two official inflation series that contradict him, and then put the technical objection on the record: that the scheme is the preferential exchange rate returning under a new name, after a government confession that removing the 28,500-toman rate was a mistake. The two economic dailies also split on one official, with Charsoogh drawing the central bank governor fleeing reporters and Ta'adol printing him defending the currency policy.

Net assessment: this is a deterrence edition with a domestic argument running underneath it, and it is notably thin where the previous edition was thick. The negotiation that occupied four covers on 5 October survives today in a single line, the president telling an Armenian visitor that negotiating with an enemy that assassinates and sanctions is meaningless. The Strait of Hormuz, argued across three covers yesterday, appears on no cover at all today, on the morning a projectile struck a tanker in it and started a fire. Israel reaches the Persian press only as a European petition about settlements. Lebanon reaches it not at all, for the fifth consecutive cycle. What the Iranian reader got this morning instead was a general officer promising that any new war becomes everyone's war, a cartoon of an American president buying votes, and an argument about the price of bread. That combination is what a government publishes when it wants its public braced rather than mobilised, and it is not what a government publishes on the morning it expects to sign something.

BOTTOM LINE On a morning when five Iranian covers across every faction published Donald Trump as a president running out of time before the November midterms, the Chief of the General Staff told the states that host American forces that Iran has not been and is not waiting for that result, and the Guard-affiliated daily rendered his remarks as a first-person promise to change the nuclear doctrine.

CRITICAL SOURCING NOTE Nine Persian front pages of 14 Mehr 1405 were taken from the NewspaperTasnim album posted at 02:57 UTC on 6 October 2026 (t.me/NewspaperTasnim/44996) and one English front page from the Newspapers_Iran album posted at 04:30 UTC (t.me/newspapers_iran/3578); the batch's own printed Jalali date matched the target date, so no fallback discovery was used and nothing in this edition is carried over from a previous day. Kayhan is reconstructed from its own channel, which posted the paper's front-page headline list at 03:30 UTC and the full text of its lead analysis at 04:51 UTC (t.me/s/kayhan_online, items 85994 and 86006); no Kayhan scan reached this batch. Tehran Times could not be reached at any point during the compilation window and contributes nothing, which removes this file's usual second English-language check on the diplomatic track. Three agency wires were read for corroboration only and are not treated as front pages: Defa Press, Fars News and Nour News. Where an item reached a wire and no cover, this file says so. Two accuracy notes are baked in. First, Javan's banner rendering of the Chief of the General Staff's nuclear remarks diverges from the independent record of the same remarks, and this edition reports the divergence rather than adopting either version. Second, the Riyadh airport strike, the Hormuz tanker fire, the Yemeni casualty claims, the CENTCOM blockade figures, Charsoogh's 263 percent and Vatan-e Emrooz's Fairford report are each carried as the claims of their publishers and are not adopted as fact.

Macro Trend Analysis

1 Five covers across every faction wrote Trump off before the midterms, and the armed forces said Iran is not watching that calendar

Sobh-e No printed «بازنده», loser. Vatan-e Emrooz printed «اعتراف زودهنگام به شکست», an early confession of defeat. Javan gave its cover to «لیبرال دموکراسی ۵ هزار دلار!» with a deck dating the payment promise to less than a month before the congressional elections. Kayhan listed «تقلاهای ترامپ برای جلوگیری از شکست در انتخابات». Sazandegi's note of the day is «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر», behind the curtain of America's war formation against Iran, by the former envoy Seyed Jalal Sadatian. Against all five, the Chief of the General Staff said on 5 October that the Islamic Republic has not been and is not waiting for the results of the American congressional elections. The press is telling its readers the American clock is running; the armed forces are telling the Americans that Iran is not reading it. Both statements cannot be operative, and the gap between them is the most useful thing in this edition.

2 The nuclear escalation lever acquired an owner in uniform

On 5 October Javan put «نخبگان خروج از NPT را می‌خواهند» above its masthead, with the demand belonging to unnamed elites and the decision to unnamed competent bodies, and this file noted that no office was exposed. Today the same paper prints «هشدار سرلشکر: دکترین هسته‌ای را تغییر می‌دهیم», a Major General's warning in the first person plural. The independent record of the same remarks has the Chief of the General Staff rejecting as delusion the claim that Iran's programme has entered a military phase and warning the Atomic Energy Agency against statements about Iranian nuclear sites. A denial has been published as a threat on the Guard-affiliated daily's banner. The discriminating test is whether a second title, or any named office, repeats the doctrine-change formulation within the week; if none does, this is one editor's rendering rather than a line.

3 American repositioning reached three covers from three estates, and all three called it flight

Etemad boxed Nozar Shafiei under «فرار از تیررس» arguing that the American departure from Iraq has taken those forces out of reach of Iran and of the Iraqi resistance front. Vatan-e Emrooz reported American strategic bombers withdrawn from Fairford in Britain under «فرار جنگنده‌ها». Jomhouri Eslami led with the first Iranian aircraft landing at Najaf after restrictions were lifted. The vocabulary is uniform

across the factional range, فرار, flight, which is how a press reports an adversary's movement it cannot otherwise claim credit for. The analytically interesting part is Etemad's, because a reformist daily is simultaneously reporting de-escalation and complaining about the loss of targets within reach, and because the Chief of the General Staff spent the same cycle addressing the states that still host the forces that remain.

4 The oil minister's resignation became a weapon in one cycle, and both estates picked it up

This file recorded on 5 October that the resignation had been handled everywhere as administration and that the campaign against the president had not been renewed. Vatan-e Emrooz now leads with «ترمیم مسعود», making the departure the president's first cabinet change and his responsibility. Sazandegi gives its whole cover to «آینه عبرت» and asks four pointed questions, including what the president said to Mohsen Paknejad in cabinet after the microphones were switched off and what the role of the Niko trading company was. Jomhouri Eslami prints the decree appointing Hamid Bovard caretaker. One hardline and one reformist title converting the same administrative fact into opposite indictments on the same morning is a sharper domestic signal than either would be alone: the resignation is now usable by anyone, which is what happens when a government's protection lapses rather than when a single faction attacks.

5 The price-control line split the principlist estate against itself

Jam-e Jam printed the president ordering a committee on twelve basic goods under «آغاز راه «تورم» سراسری «صفر»». Kayhan's analysis sourced a seven-member government committee to the Tehran municipality's spokesman and sorted the scheme's critics into brokers, hoarders and America's intellectual servants. Vatan-e Emrooz carried it as «پاتک به تورم». Charsoogh, principlist and economic, printed the agriculture minister Gholamreza Nouri Ghezeljeh saying goods have not become more expensive, set two official inflation series beside him showing food inflation running from the mid-thirties to seventy and from the mid-twenties to sixty-seven, and then made the technical charge that the scheme is the preferential exchange rate returning under a new name. The dissent is inside the estate, not between estates, which is where economic policy disputes in Iran become politically consequential.

6 Yemen stayed on the covers as doctrine and left the covers as event

Sobh-e No led with «معادله جدید ساخته شد», a new equation has been built, and tied Ansar Allah's advances to a strait that carries Yemen's equations beyond its own borders, with Saeed Shavardi naming Taiz as the axis of battle and Saadollah Zarei calling the Saudi effort to revive a regional coalition fruitless. Kayhan's front page carried «یمن: حتی یکی از تاسیسات نفتی عربستان را هم سالم نخواهیم گذاشت». Sazandegi carried the Houthi advance only as a page-three referral. What no cover carried is what actually happened overnight: Iranian channels reported a fire at Riyadh international airport after a Yemeni ballistic missile strike, with Etemad's channel adding that most flights were halted because landing and take-off were impossible, and Defa Press reporting loud explosions in the Saudi capital. The strike arrived after the presses closed, so the lag is mechanical rather than editorial, but it means the Iranian reader got the doctrine this morning and will get the event tomorrow.

7 The Strait of Hormuz went kinetic on the wires and vanished from the covers

This file has run a standing thread, from 4 and 5 October, that the chokepoint was argued everywhere and enforced nowhere. Half of that has now changed and the other half has hardened. Defa Press carried, at 18:57 UTC on 5 October, the British maritime trade operations authority reporting that an unidentified projectile struck a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz and started a fire, with vessels advised to transit with caution. Kayhan's channel carried the Wall Street Journal on Hormuz disruption turning an

energy crisis into a global food crisis through fertiliser supply. Across ten front pages there is no Hormuz item at all, not a condition, not a claim and not the tanker. Ta'adol, which on 5 October was the only title to ask «در تنگه هرمز چه می‌گذرد؟», dropped the question. The pattern logged on 4 October holds in its strongest form yet: maritime events reach the Iranian reading public only when they can be captioned as something done to Iran.

8 The negotiation left the front pages in a single cycle

On 5 October four covers published the Iran-United States sequencing problem, and this file judged that the press was preparing its readership for a settlement rather than a victory. Today the only negotiation reference on any Persian cover is Sobh-e No's «مذاکره با دشمنی که ترور و تحریم می‌کند، معنا ندارد», the president telling the visiting Armenian foreign minister that negotiating with an enemy that assassinates and sanctions is meaningless. The mediation track itself is live on the wires: three outlet channels carried the United Nations Secretary-General arriving in Islamabad for a three-day visit whose stated agenda includes diplomatic efforts and mediation between Tehran and Washington. None of the ten covers carried it. This file does not read one cycle as a reversal, and notes that the absence of Tehran Times removes the check that would usually settle the question; but a diplomacy thread that filled four covers and now fills one line is a change worth logging at the time it happens.

9 Lebanon is absent for a fifth consecutive cycle, and Israel reaches the covers only as a European petition

Across ten front pages of 14 Mehr there is no Lebanon item of any kind. This file rated the northern front a live flashpoint and has now recorded five consecutive cycles in which no Iranian cover addresses it, which is past the point where a print-deadline artefact or a one-cycle propagation lag can account for it. Israel fares little better: the single reference on any Persian cover is Jomhouri Eslami's rail item that five hundred former European military officers and diplomats have called for European Union action against the Israeli regime's settlement construction, which treats Israel as a diplomatic defendant rather than as an active adversary. Vatan-e Emrooz's channel separately carried the arrest of a Fatah official in Salfit during a West Bank raid, and no cover took it. On a morning when the armed forces published a regional war warning, the two fronts a regional war would most obviously open on were given to the Iranian reader as nothing at all.

Key Judgments

KJ-1 [HIGH] **The Iranian press and the Iranian armed forces published two incompatible timetables on the same morning, and neither reconciled them.** The evidence is five covers against one statement. Sobh-e No printed Trump as «بازنده», loser, with a deck itemising political pressure, personal exhaustion and declining Republican support; Vatan-e Emrooz printed «اعتراف زودهنگام به شکست» and charged voter restriction and fraud allegations; Javan gave its entire cover to «لیبرال دموکراسی ۵ هزار دلار!» with the payment promise dated to less than a month before the congressional elections; Kayhan's front-page list carried «تقلاهای ترامپ برای جلوگیری از شکست در انتخابات»; Sazandegi's note of the day, by the former envoy Seyed Jalal Sadatian, is titled «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر». Against that, Major General Ali Abdollahi, Chief of the General Staff, is recorded on 5 October saying the Islamic Republic has not been and is not waiting for the results of the American congressional elections. The significance is that a press which has spent the week telling its readers the war is on an American electoral clock has been publicly contradicted by the officer who would have to fight the next round, and the contradiction was printed rather than edited out. Confidence is high on the documentary fact of both positions; it is not extended to any judgment about which one

reflects Iranian planning, and reading the convergence as instructed would overstate it, since an argument about Trump's weakness requires no instruction to be popular across Iranian newsrooms.

KJ-2 [HIGH] **The nuclear escalation lever, floated on 5 October with no owner, was published today under a uniformed rank and in the first person, and this is the edition's highest-significance finding.** The evidence is Javan's banner, set above its cover art: «هشدار سرلشکر: دکترین هسته‌ای را تغییر می‌دهیم», a Major General's warning, we will change the nuclear doctrine, with a page-two referral, over the headline «تهدید اتمی دامن همه را می‌گیرد!». Yesterday the same paper printed «نخبگان را می‌خواهند خروج از NPT» with the demand assigned to unnamed elites and the decision to unnamed competent bodies, and this file judged that the construction kept the option visible at zero political cost. The countervailing evidence is the independent record of the same 5 October remarks, in which Abdollahi rejected as delusion the claim that Iran's nuclear programme has entered a military phase and warned the International Atomic Energy Agency against statements about Iranian nuclear facilities. The significance is in the mechanism rather than the content: the Guard-affiliated daily has converted its commander's denial into a first-person threat on its own front page, which is how an escalation option is kept alive in print after the official line has disowned it. Confidence is high on the publication and on the divergence, and none is placed in the doctrine-change claim itself. The discriminating test is whether a second title or a named office repeats the formulation inside a week.

KJ-3 [HIGH] **The warning that any new war becomes a regional war was issued by name, carried by four Persian covers and given the full page width of the English-language daily, which identifies the intended audience as foreign rather than domestic.** The evidence is the distribution. Iran Daily, Vol. 8231, led with «Top commander warns new war will 'engulf everyone in its flames' in region» across the full page. Jam-e Jam banded both named generals under «جنگ فراگیر؛ پاسخ به حماقت آمریکا» and printed Abdollahi's sentence in full. Vatan-e Emrooz headlined «امنیت همه یا هیچ‌کس» over the Chief of the General Staff's warning to America and the regional states. Jomhouri Eslami printed the widest addressee set, «کشورهای میزبان آمریکا و سازمان‌های بین‌المللی», the states hosting America and international organisations, which matches the independent record in which the remarks also carried a warning to the Atomic Energy Agency. The significance is that the only title that made the warning its lead is the one printed in English for embassies and foreign newsrooms, while every Persian title led on something domestic and carried the warning in a rail or a band. That is message targeting, not editorial coincidence. Confidence is high: the asymmetry is documentary and is visible in the page architecture itself.

KJ-4 [MODERATE-HIGH] **Three titles from three estates published American force repositioning on one morning, and the reformist version of it is a complaint about lost reach rather than a report of de-escalation.** The evidence is three covers. Etemad boxed an interview with the international-relations specialist Nozar Shafiei under «فرار از تیررس», escape from the line of fire, with the deck «خروج آمریکایی‌ها از عراق عملاً این نیروها را از دسترس ایران و نیروهای جبهه مقاومت در عراق خارج کرد», the Americans' departure from Iraq has in practice taken those forces out of reach of Iran and of the resistance front's forces in Iraq. Vatan-e Emrooz's rail reported «آمریکا بمب‌افکن‌های راهبردی خود را از فرفورد انگلیس خارج کرد» under «فرار جنگنده‌ها». Jomhouri Eslami led with the first Iranian aircraft landing at Najaf after restrictions were lifted. The significance is twofold: three estates reached for the same word, فرار, flight, to describe adversary movement they cannot claim credit for, and the one analytic treatment in the batch frames an American withdrawal as a reduction in Iranian leverage, on the same morning the Chief of the General Staff addressed his warning to the states

that still host American forces. Confidence is moderate-high on the convergence, which is documentary, and none is placed in the Fairford report, which no other title in the batch carries.

KJ-5 [MODERATE-HIGH] **Negative evidence, filed as a finding: the Leader published nothing for a third consecutive cycle, and the only Leader content on any cover is a hardline daily's exegesis of a nine-day-old message.** The evidence is the absence across ten front pages of 14 Mehr, and its single exception. Vatan-e Emrooz carries a boxed special, «خوانشی از پیام اخیر رهبر انقلاب به مناسبت هفته دفاع مقدس», a reading of the Leader's recent Sacred Defence Week message, under «از ایام‌الله» تا افق پیروزی». The message it reads was issued on 6 Mehr 1405, nine days before this edition. No other cover carries a message, a photograph, a citation or a signature, and Kayhan's channel carried only a commemorative reposting of an image of «حضرت آیت‌الله سیدمجتبی خامنه‌ای» from a sermon of 13 Mehr 1403. The significance is specific: a Chief of the General Staff has spent the week issuing war warnings that four covers carried, a nuclear-doctrine line has been printed in the first person on a Guard-affiliated daily, and the office that would have to endorse either has said nothing in public that any Iranian newspaper reader saw this morning. Confidence is moderate-high on the absence, which is documentary across three cycles, and no inference is drawn about the Leader's own position or condition, which this batch does not support.

KJ-6 [MODERATE-HIGH] **The oil minister's resignation was converted into an indictment by both estates in the cycle immediately after this file judged it had been left alone, and the revision is explicit.** The evidence is two covers and a decree. Vatan-e Emrooz leads with «ترمیم مسعود», Masoud's repair, over the deck «گزارش «وطن امروز» از جایگزینی سکان‌دار وزارت نفت به عنوان اولین تغییر پزشکیان در کابینه و پیام‌های آن». Sazandegi gives its full cover to «آینه عبرت» and prints four questions, naming Mohsen Paknejad, an exchange in cabinet after the microphones were switched off, and the role of the Niko trading company. Jomhouri Eslami prints the presidential decree appointing Hamid Bovard caretaker of the ministry. On 5 October this file recorded that every title had handled the resignation as administration and rated the restraint as sequencing rather than retreat. The significance is that an administrative fact usable by only one faction is a factional weapon, while one usable by both is a sign that executive protection has lapsed. Confidence is moderate-high; the revision is explicit, and the alternative reading, that two editors independently found the same story newsworthy a day late, is live and would not change the conclusion much.

KJ-7 [MODERATE-HIGH] **The nominee sent to parliament for the Defence Ministry is a former managing director of the missile-industry organisation, and exactly one Iranian cover carried it.** The evidence is Jomhouri Eslami's left column, «وزیر پیشنهادی وزارت دفاع معرفی شد», with the note that the nominee is a long-serving Defence Ministry manager whose record includes the managing directorship of the Aerospace Industries Organisation. The independent record names him as Mehrdad Akhlaghi Ketabchi, submitted by the president under Article 133, and notes that his known career is in the ministry's industrial structures and that his name has long been tied to the Aerospace Industries Organisation, the body responsible for Iran's missile production. No other title in the batch carried the nomination. The significance is in the pairing and in the silence: a missile-industry manager was put forward to run the Defence Ministry in the same news cycle in which a Guard-affiliated daily published a nuclear-doctrine threat, and the Iranian press gave the appointment one column on the batch's least commercial title. Confidence is moderate-high on the facts, which are verified; this file draws no causal line between the nomination and the doctrine language, and notes that a caretaker-ministry appointment has its own ordinary explanation.

KJ-8 [MODERATE-HIGH] **The principlist estate split against itself on the price-control programme, and the dissent came from a principlist economic daily rather than from the reformists.** The evidence is four titles on one scheme. Jam-e Jam printed «آغاز راه «تورم صفر» سراسری» with the president ordering a committee to fix the price of twelve basic goods nationally. Kayhan's lead analysis described the Tehran municipality entering «جبهه جنگ اقتصادی», sourced a seven-member government committee including the interior minister and the mayor to the municipality's spokesman Abdolmotahhar Mohammadkhani, and sorted the scheme's opponents into brokers, overchargers and «غرب‌زدگان و نوکران فکری آمریکا». Vatan-e Emrooz carried it as «پاتک به تورم». Charsoogh printed the agriculture minister Gholamreza Nouri Ghezeljeh saying «کالاها گران نشده‌اند» beside two official food-inflation series running from 34.6 to 70.4 and from 24 to 67, and charged that the scheme is the preferential exchange rate returning under a new name after «اعتراف دولت: حذف ارز ۲۸۵۰۰ تومانی خطا بود». The significance is that an economic dispute has been given a loyalty framing by the Leader's own newspaper and rejected on technical grounds by a paper of the same estate on the same morning. Confidence is moderate-high; Charsoogh's 263 percent headline figure is the paper's own arithmetic and is attributed to neither agency on its page.

KJ-9 [MODERATE] **Negative evidence, filed as a finding: the first kinetic event in the Strait of Hormuz on this file's record reached the wires and no front page, on the morning after three covers had argued about the chokepoint's conditions.** The evidence is a wire item and a complete silence. Defa Press carried, at 18:57 UTC on 5 October, that the British maritime trade operations authority had received a report of an unidentified projectile striking a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz and starting a fire, with vessels advised to transit with caution and authorities investigating. Kayhan's channel separately carried the Wall Street Journal citing the International Chamber of Commerce on Hormuz disruption turning an energy crisis into a global food crisis. Across all ten covers there is no Hormuz item of any kind, and Ta'adol, which on 5 October was the only title to ask what was happening in the Strait, dropped the question. The significance is that the pattern this file logged on 4 October now has its strongest instance: the Iranian press publishes the Strait as a condition it imposes and withholds it as an event that occurs. Confidence is moderate. The event arrived roughly eight hours before the Persian batch was posted, so a print-deadline explanation is available and is not excluded; the discriminating test is whether the tanker reaches any cover on 7 October.

KJ-10 [MODERATE] **The negotiation thread that occupied four covers on 5 October survives today as a single refusal, and the live mediation track reached three channels and no cover.** The evidence is the contraction. The only negotiation reference on any Persian cover is Sobh-e No's «مذاکره با دشمنی که ترور و تحریم می‌کند، معنا ندارد», attributed to the president in his meeting with the Armenian foreign minister. Meanwhile three outlet channels, Vatan-e Emrooz, Jam-e Jam and Iran, carried the United Nations Secretary-General arriving in Islamabad for a three-day official visit whose stated agenda includes diplomatic and mediation efforts between Tehran and Washington, and none of the ten covers took it. On 5 October this file judged that the press was preparing its readership for a settlement rather than a victory, and named the sequencing question as the remaining obstacle. The significance is that the same press spent this morning on deterrence, electoral schadenfreude and bread prices instead. Confidence is moderate and deliberately held low: one cycle is not a reversal, the batch is missing Tehran Times, which is the title that would normally carry the Foreign Ministry's handling of the track, and the Foreign Ministry spokesman's comments on complicity in the aggression reached only Sobh-e No's channel. The thread stays open at reduced weight.

KJ-11 [MODERATE] **Negative evidence, filed as a finding: Lebanon reached no Iranian front page for a fifth consecutive cycle, and Israel reached one as a European petition.** The evidence is the absence across ten covers, with two exceptions that prove the shape of it. Jomhouri Eslami's rail carries «۵۰۰ نظامی و دیپلمات سابق اروپا خواستار اقدام اتحادیه اروپا علیه شهرک‌سازی رژیم اسرائیل شدند», which treats Israel as the subject of a European legal complaint about settlements rather than as an active military adversary. Vatan-e Emrooz's channel separately carried an Israeli raid on Salfit in the West Bank and the arrest of the local Fatah secretary, and no cover took it. Of Lebanon there is nothing at all, on the covers or in the batch's own channels. The significance compounds with the edition's lead: a Chief of the General Staff published a warning that any new war becomes everyone's war, and the Iranian reading public was given no information this morning about either of the two fronts on which such a war would most obviously open. Confidence is moderate. Five cycles establish a practice, and this file still cannot distinguish between a decision not to publicise the northern front and an absence of Iranian-attributable activity on it.

KJ-12 [MODERATE] **The Yemen file advanced on the wires from claimed territory to a claimed strike on a Saudi capital's airport, and the covers carried only the doctrine.** The evidence is a split between print and channel. On the covers, Sobh-e No led with «معادله جدید ساخته شد» and tied Ansar Allah's advances to a strait that carries Yemen's equations beyond its borders, with Taiz named as the axis of battle; Kayhan's front page carried «یمن: حتی یکی از تاسیسات نفتی عربستان را هم سالم نخواهیم گذاشت». On the channels overnight, Fars News, Sobh-e No and Etemad each posted footage described as a fire at Riyadh international airport after a Yemeni ballistic missile strike, Etemad adding that most flights were halted because landing and take-off had become impossible; Defa Press reported loud explosions in Riyadh without prior warning, citing Al-Masirah and Agence France-Presse; and an adviser to the Yemeni defence minister told Defa Press that Sanaa would not hesitate to close Bab al-Mandab if it served the resistance axis and would strike Aramco facilities, refineries, power stations and decision-making centres. Kayhan separately carried Senator Chris Murphy saying he had personally seen damage to the United States embassy in Riyadh. The significance is that the reciprocal-targeting doctrine this file logged on 4 October has now produced a claimed strike on a Gulf capital's civil aviation infrastructure. Confidence is moderate on the convergence of reporting and none at all on the strike itself, which rests entirely on Iranian and Yemeni sources and had no independent confirmation at compile time.

Named-Figure Tracker

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Major General Ali Abdollahi	Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, in post since Mordad 1405	Carried by name on four Persian covers and given the English-language daily's full-width banner, warning the states hosting American forces and international organisations that any new war against Iran will engulf everyone, and stating that Iran has not been and is not waiting for the American congressional election results	COERCION SPOKESMAN

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
Donald Trump	President of the United States	Published across five titles from every faction as a president heading for electoral defeat: «بازنده» on Sobh-e No, «اعتراف زودهنگام به شکست» on Vatan-e Emrooz, a full-cover caricature buying votes at five thousand dollars on Javan, «تقلاهای ترامپ» on Kayhan's list, and the organising subject of Sazandegi's note of the day	TARGET FRAMING
Mehrdad Akhlaghi Ketabchi	Nominee for Minister of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics, former managing director of the Aerospace Industries Organisation	Introduced to parliament under Article 133 and carried on exactly one cover, Jomhouri Eslami, which printed his Aerospace Industries record without printing his name legibly	NEW NAMED FIGURE
Masoud Pezeshkian	President of the Islamic Republic of Iran	Attacked from both estates over the oil ministry on the same morning, «ترمیم مسعود» on Vatan-e Emrooz and «آینه عبرت» on Sazandegi, while Etemad and Ta'adol carried his unity appeal to deputies and Jam-e Jam carried his instruction to fix the price of twelve basic goods	WATCH
Mohsen Paknejad and Hamid Bovard	Resigned Minister of Petroleum and his caretaker successor	Paknejad given a full reformist cover as the subject of four unanswered questions; Bovard's appointment confirmed by presidential decree on Jomhouri Eslami's cover, closing the appointment this file logged as pending on 5 October	WATCH
Seyed Jalal Sadatian	Former Iranian envoy in London, author of Sazandegi's note of the day	Bylined on «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر», arguing that American war preparation is scheduled around the 3 November midterms, and separately recorded saying that an attack which darkens Iran will darken the whole region	NEW NAMED FIGURE
Gholamreza Nouri Ghezeljeh	Minister of Agricultural Jihad	Put on Charsoogh's cover saying goods have not become more expensive, directly beside two official inflation series contradicting him	TARGET FRAMING
Abdolnaser Hemmati	Central Bank governor	Drawn fleeing reporters on Charsoogh's cartoon under a demand that he answer for the	WATCH

Figure	Role / relevance	Today's framing	Flag
		exchange rate, and printed defending the currency policy on Ta'adol's banner, on the same morning	
Yahya Saree	Spokesman of the Yemeni armed forces	Carried by Kayhan and Vatan-e Emrooz claiming more than two hundred Saudi-backed fighters killed or wounded at Ras al-Arah and al-Saqia, with losses described as unprecedented; carried as a claim	COERCION SPOKESMAN
Ayatollah Seyed Mojtaba Khamenei	Leader of the Islamic Revolution	Absent from nine of ten covers for a third consecutive cycle; the sole appearance is Vatan-e Emrooz's boxed reading of his Sacred Defence Week message of 6 Mehr, nine days old	absence noted
Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf	Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly	The most-published figure in the 5 October batch, fronting seven conditions for reopening the Strait of Hormuz; absent from every cover in this batch, with his conditions and the Islamabad memorandum carried nowhere	absence noted
Hassan Nasrallah and the Lebanese file	The northern front	No Lebanon item on any cover for a fifth consecutive cycle, and none on any of the batch's six outlet channels or three agency wires	absence noted

Headline Summary Table

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
Iran Daily	Top commander warns new war will 'engulf everyone in its flames' in region	English-language state daily, IRNA	The general staff's warning given the full page width in the only title written for foreign readers; Pezeshkian's unity and livelihood appeal below it	HIGH: regional war warning placed where the deterred party will read it
Javan	The nuclear threat will engulf everyone!	Hardline, IRGC-affiliated	A Major General's warning rendered as a first-person promise to change the nuclear doctrine; a full-cover caricature of American democracy priced at five thousand dollars	SEVERE: nuclear doctrine change published under a uniformed rank
Jam-e Jam	All-out war: the answer to America's folly	State broadcaster daily, IRIB	Both named generals under one banner, addressed to Washington and its regional	HIGH: two general officers published

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
			accomplices; the zero-inflation scheme taken national by presidential order	together under an all-out-war banner
Vatan-e Emrooz	Masoud's repair	Hardline principlist	The oil ministry change made the president's problem; the general staff's warning banded above it; American strategic bombers reported out of Britain	HIGH: the regional warning in banner position beside a named base withdrawal
Jomhouri Eslami	Judiciary chief: in issuing rulings we do not fear manufactured atmospherics	Traditional clerical establishment	The widest version of the general staff's warning, to host states and international organisations; a missile-industry manager nominated for the defence ministry; the first Iranian aircraft into Najaf	MODERATE-HIGH: the warning in full, alongside a defence nomination from the missile industry
Kayhan	The government's welcome and the Westernisers' anger at the Tehran municipality's effort to rein in prices	Hardline, published under the Supreme Leader's office	Price control framed as a loyalty test with America's intellectual servants listed among its opponents; Yemen threatening every Saudi oil facility; no chokepoint item for a sixth cycle	MODERATE-HIGH: a Yemeni threat to all Saudi oil facilities carried on the front page
Sobh-e No	A new equation has been built	Principlist	Ansar Allah's advances and a strait that carries Yemen's equations beyond its borders; Trump as a loser; the batch's only negotiation reference, which is a refusal	HIGH: a Yemeni chokepoint claimed as a regional instrument
Etemad	Currency transparency	Reformist	The American departure from Iraq reported as the loss of targets within reach of Iran and the Iraqi resistance front; foreign-exchange access framed as fairness	MODERATE: American withdrawal reported as a reduction in Iranian leverage
Sazandegi	A cautionary mirror	Reformist, Executives of Construction party	Four unanswered questions about the oil minister's resignation; the note of the day arguing the next war is scheduled around the November midterms	MODERATE: the war enters only through the American electoral calendar
Charsoogh	Nouri Ghezeljeh: goods have not become more expensive / The statistics: they rose 263 percent	Economic daily, principlist editorial line	A minister's denial set against two official inflation series; the price-stabilisation scheme called a preferential exchange rate under a new name	LOW-MODERATE: economic dissent inside the principlist estate

Outlet	Lead Headline (English)	Orientation	Theme	Threat signal
Ta'adol	Hemmati's defence of the currency policies	Economic daily	The central bank governor given space to answer the question Charsoogh says he is fleeing; long-term drought; the Hormuz question dropped	LOW: no military or chokepoint content
Tehran Times	Not available this cycle	English-language state daily	The paper could not be reached during the compilation window, which removes this file's usual second English-language check on the diplomatic track	LOW: no content retrieved

Per-Paper Front-Page Analysis

Iran Daily

English-language state daily published by the Islamic Republic News Agency; the batch's outward-facing voice, read abroad rather than at home

“Top commander warns new war will 'engulf everyone in its flames' in region”

HIGH - the regional war warning given the English-language daily's full-width banner



- Banner, across the full page width: the Chief of the General Staff's warning given the English-language state daily's lead, with the key phrase set in single quotation marks. The decision to lead the outward-facing title with the warning rather than with the president's domestic appeal is the day's clearest message-targeting signal.
- Main: «Pezeshkian calls for practical measures, national unity to improve livelihoods, economy», over a photograph of the president at the head of a meeting table beneath the national emblem, with two framed portraits on the wall behind. The caption dates the meeting to 5 October 2026.
- Left column, INTERVIEW: «Military power holds key to Yemen's balance of power», a signed interview arguing that Western media and Saudi-backed forces have overstated their position, that the balance of power has shifted, and that Saudi Arabia would find no sustainable coalition; it links Yemeni leverage explicitly to a strait.
- Bottom strip, OPINION: «Trump's Greenland deal: A triumph of optics?», carried beside a map graphic on a phone screen, the batch's only Western-hemisphere policy item.
- Bottom strip: «Iran's campaign summed up by historic highs, reality checks», on the Prix Italia awards, and «'One City, One Museum' initiative to safeguard local heritage».

ANALYST NOTE Iran Daily settles the question of who the warning was for. Of the ten front pages gathered for this morning, the one printed in English, distributed to embassies and foreign newsrooms and read by almost no Iranian, is the one that gives the Chief of the General Staff the full width of the page and translates دامن همه را می‌گیرد into the quotable English phrase engulf everyone in its flames. The Persian titles distributed the same statement across their inside rails and led on domestic matter. That asymmetry is the inference mechanism: a deterrent message is placed where the deterred party will see it, and the livelihood message is placed where the governed will. The Yemen interview in the same issue does the matching work, translating a battlefield claim into an argument about regional balance for a foreign reader.

Jam-e Jam

State broadcaster daily, published by the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), whose head is appointed directly by the Leader; the closest thing in the batch to a broadcast-establishment voice

"All-out war: the answer to America's folly" «جنگ فراگیر؛ پاسخ به حماقت آمریکا»

HIGH - two named general officers published under one all-out-war banner



- Kicker: «فرماندهان نظامی و امنیتی کشور به واشنگتن و همدستان این دولت تروریستی هشدار دادند», the country's military and security commanders issued a warning to Washington and to the accomplices of this terrorist government. The construction matters: the addressee is not only the United States but the regional states described as its همدستان, accomplices, which is the same audience the Chief of the General Staff named by title.
- Main: the banner «جنگ فراگیر» renders the warning as a condition of the whole region rather than a bilateral exchange: فراگیر means all-encompassing, and the paper pairs it with حماقت, folly, so that the escalation is attributed to American stupidity rather than to an Iranian decision.
- Sub-item: «سرلشکر رضایی تاکید کرد خطای محاسباتی دوباره دشمن، غافلگیری‌های بزرگ‌تر و باز شدن جبهه‌های تازه نبرد را در پی خواهد داشت», Major General Rezaei emphasised that a renewed enemy miscalculation would bring larger surprises and the opening of fresh fronts of battle. The operative phrase is جبهه‌های تازه, new fronts, which is a geographic threat and not a capability claim.
- Sub-item: «سرلشکر عبداللهی با هشدار به کشورهای منطقه گفت اگر جنگ جدیدی علیه ایران آغاز شود، آتش آن دامن همه را خواهد گرفت», Major General Abdollahi, warning the countries of the region, said that if a new war against Iran begins its fire will engulf everyone. This is the sentence that four other covers in the batch carry in their own words.
- Right rail: «تحریم هوایی هم شکست خورد», the air embargo too has failed, over «رئیس سازمان هواپیمایی کشوری تاکید کرد آمریکایی‌ها آرزوی خاموش شدن چراغ پروازها را به گور خواهند برد», the head of the Civil Aviation Organisation saying the Americans will take to their graves the wish of seeing the flight lights go out. Carried as the official's claim.
- Right rail: «آغاز راه «تورم صفر» سراسری», the start of the nationwide zero-inflation road, over «رئیس‌جمهور دستور داد کمیته‌ای برای تثبیت قیمت ۱۲ قلم کالای اساسی در کشور تشکیل شود», the president ordered a committee formed to fix the price of twelve basic goods nationally. The Tehran municipality's scheme is being published here as national policy.
- Sub-item: «آتش بر خرمن سعودی», fire on the Saudi harvest, the only Yemen reference on this cover and placed below the fold.

> **ANALYST NOTE** Jam-e Jam is the clearest single demonstration that the warning published across this batch was issued from one place and distributed: the state broadcaster's daily prints both named

> generals in sequence under one banner, which no newsroom assembles independently. Its second contribution is the price-fixing item, which converts a Tehran municipality scheme into a presidential instruction covering twelve basic goods, and so places the broadcast establishment behind the municipal plan rather than behind the government's own economic team. Track whether IRIB keeps the deterrent warning and the livelihood scheme on the same page, which is the pairing a mobilisation line needs.

Vatan-e Emrooz

Hardline principlist morning daily, the title this file has logged repeatedly as the first mover on naming new belligerents

HIGH - the Chief of the General Staff's warning given banner position, paired with a named American base withdrawal

"Masoud's repair" «ترمیم مسعود»



- Main: «ترمیم مسعود» plays on the president's given name, Masoud Pezeshkian, and on ترمیم, the standard term for a partial cabinet repair. The deck reads «گزارش «وطن امروز» از جایگزینی سکان‌دار وزارت نفت به عنوان اولین تغییر پزشکیان در کابینه و پیام‌های آن», the paper's report on replacing the helmsman of the Oil Ministry as Pezeshkian's first cabinet change and the messages it carries. A hardline daily has taken the oil minister's departure, which the whole batch handled as administration yesterday, and made it the president's problem.
- Banner, top right: «رئیس ستادکل نیروهای مسلح به آمریکا و کشورهای منطقه هشدار داد: آتش هر جنگ جدیدی علیه ایران دامن همه را می‌گیرد», the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces warned America and the countries of the region that the fire of any new war against Iran will engulf everyone, under the headline «امنیت همه یا هیچ‌کس», security for all or no one.
- Banner, top left: «اعتراف زودهنگام به شکست», an early confession of defeat, over «رئیس‌جمهور تروریست آمریکا همزمان با افت محبوبیت به محدود کردن رأی‌دهندگان و ادعای تقلب رو آورده است», the terrorist president of America, amid falling popularity, has turned to restricting voters and alleging fraud. Carried as the paper's characterisation; no source is printed on the page.
- Right rail: «فرار جنگنده‌ها», the flight of the war aircraft, over «آمریکا بمب‌افکن‌های راهبردی خود را از فرفورد انگلیس خارج کرد», America withdrew its strategic bombers from Fairford in Britain, with a photograph of an aircraft on departure. This is the only American force-posture item on any cover in the batch that names a specific base.
- Right rail: «پاتک به تورم», counterattack on inflation, over «گزارش «وطن امروز» از تصمیم شهرداری تهران برای تثبیت قیمت اقلام خوراکی», the paper's report on the Tehran municipality's decision to fix food prices.
- Special box: «خوانشی از پیام اخیر رهبر انقلاب به مناسبت هفته دفاع مقدس از «ایام‌الله» تا افق پیروزی», a reading of the Leader of the Revolution's recent message for Sacred Defence Week, under «از «ایام‌الله» تا افق پیروزی», from the Days of God to the horizon of victory. The message being read is the one issued on 6 Mehr, nine days before this edition; nothing newer is printed.

ANALYST NOTE Two reversals in one cover. First, this file recorded on 5 October that an oil minister had resigned in the eighth month of a war about oil and that no title had converted it into an indictment of the president: Vatan-e Emrooz has now done exactly that, and the reformist Sazandegi did it on the same morning from the opposite direction, so the one-cycle restraint logged yesterday is over. Second, the Europe-as-belligerent thread opened here on 5 October returns in an inverted register: Britain appears

> not as a participant in the air campaign but as a platform the bombers have left, which is a de-escalation fact published under an escalation word, فرار, flight. The paper is also the only title to put the Leader on its cover, and it does so by exegesis of a nine-day-old text rather than anything new.

Javan

Hardline daily affiliated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the title this file watches for escalation instruments published before any office owns them

SEVERE - a nuclear-doctrine change published in the first person on the Guard-affiliated daily's banner

"The nuclear threat will engulf everyone!" «تهدید اتمی دامن همه را می‌گیرد!»



- Banner, above the cover art and set in yellow on black: «هشدار سرلشکر: دکترین هسته‌ای را تغییر می‌دهیم», a Major General's warning, we will change the nuclear doctrine, referred to page 2. The headline beneath it, «تهدید اتمی دامن همه را می‌گیرد!», takes the Chief of the General Staff's regional formula, دامن همه را می‌گیرد, and substitutes تهدید اتمی, the nuclear threat, for جنگ, war.
- Main: the full-page cover illustration is a Trump caricature in a stars-and-stripes suit, straddling a ballot box marked VOTE and a crate marked DOLLARS, with banknotes pouring out and crowds below holding ballots and cash. The painted headline reads «لیبرال دموکراسی ۵ هزار دلار!», liberal democracy: five thousand dollars.
- Main deck, inset in the artwork: «دونالد ترامپ بار دیگر در فاصله کمتر از یک ماه تا انتخابات کنگره، وعده پرداخت ۵ هزار دلار به شهروندان آمریکایی را زنده کرد», Donald Trump, less than a month from the congressional elections, has again revived the promise of paying five thousand dollars to American citizens, which critics call a plain example of electoral populism in a country that calls itself the world's most powerful democracy. The payment promise is reported second-hand and is not corroborated elsewhere in this batch.
- Op-ed, right column: «دو سرمقاله در یک ستون!», two editorials in one column, the paper's own signed commentary slot.
- Right rail, below the fold: a numbered item set under «سال مهر ۱۲» with a list of referred inside pages, carrying the paper's Sacred Defence and student-martyr commemorative material.

ANALYST NOTE This is the edition's highest-significance finding and the clean continuation of the thread this file opened on 5 October. Yesterday Javan put «را می‌خواهند NPT نخبگان خروج از» above its masthead, with the demand belonging to unnamed elites and the decision to unnamed competent bodies, and this file noted that no office was exposed. Today the same paper prints a nuclear escalation line with a uniformed owner: سرلشکر, a Major General, in the first person plural, می‌دهیم, we will change it. The independent record of the same remarks runs the other way, with the Chief of the General Staff rejecting as delusion the claim that Iran's programme has entered a military phase and warning the Atomic Energy Agency against statements about Iranian nuclear sites, so Javan's banner is a reading of a denial rather than a quotation of a threat. Both facts are the finding. Track whether a second title, or any named office, repeats the doctrine-change formulation within the week.

Trump in a stars-and-stripes suit straddling a VOTE ballot box and a DOLLARS crate, banknotes cascading onto a crowd of voters reaching up with ballots; the Capitol dome and torn American flags behind, under a storm sky

Sobh-e No

Principlist daily, the batch's most consistent carrier of the Yemen file

HIGH - a Yemeni chokepoint claimed as a regional instrument, alongside the batch's only negotiation reference, which is a refusal

"A new equation has been built" «معادله جدید ساخته شد»



- Main: a photograph of Ansar Allah fighters riding a pickup under a Yemeni flag, with the deck «گزارش «صبح نو» از پیشروی‌های انصارالله و تنگه‌ای که معادلات یمن را فراتر از مرزهای این کشور برده است», the paper's report on Ansar Allah's advances and the strait that has carried Yemen's equations beyond this country's borders. The strait in question is Bab al-Mandab, not Hormuz, and the paper's claim is that a Yemeni chokepoint now sets regional terms.
- Sub-item: «سعید شاوردی: محور نبرد، تعز است», Saeed Shavardi: the axis of the battle is Taiz. This continues the Taiz claim this file logged on 4 and 5 October and keeps it at the level of a battle axis rather than, as Kayhan had it yesterday, an accomplished entry into the city.
- Sub-item: «سعدالله زارعی: تلاش عربستان برای احیای ائتلاف منطقه‌ای، بی‌حاصل است», Saadollah Zarei: Saudi Arabia's effort to revive a regional coalition is fruitless. Zarei is a Kayhan columnist and a regular regional-security voice; the judgment is his, not the paper's reporting.
- Banner: «در جریان سرکوب دانش‌آموزان در فرانسه دست یک دانش‌آموز نوجوان «بازداشت پنج هزار دانش‌آموز فرانسوی» over «قطع شد», during the suppression of students in France a teenage student's hand was severed, five thousand French students arrested. The casualty detail and the arrest figure are the paper's claims and are uncorroborated anywhere in this batch.
- Lower centre: «مذاکره با دشمنی که ترور و تحریم می‌کند، معنا ندارد», negotiating with an enemy that assassinates and sanctions makes no sense, attributed to «پزشکیان در دیدار با وزیر امور خارجه ارمنستان», the president in his meeting with the Armenian foreign minister. This is the only negotiation reference on any Persian cover in the batch, and it is a refusal.
- Lower left: «بازنده», loser, over a monochrome Trump portrait and the deck «فشارهای سیاسی، فرسودگی شخصی، بحران‌های داخلی و خارجی و کاهش حمایت درون حزب جمهوری‌خواه از چالش‌های ترامپ است», political pressures, personal exhaustion, domestic and foreign crises and declining support inside the Republican Party are among Trump's challenges.
- Bottom right: «سینماگران ضد ترامپ؛ از دنیرو تا فرهادی», anti-Trump filmmakers from De Niro to Farhadi, over «وقتی حتی اسکارگرفته‌ها هم علیه آمریکای جنگ‌طلب می‌ایستند», when even Oscar winners stand against warmongering America, with portraits of Mark Ruffalo, Asghar Farhadi and Robert De Niro.

ANALYST NOTE Sobh-e No is where the day's two largest threads meet on one page: the Yemen file is promoted from provincial advances to a claim about a chokepoint that sets terms beyond Yemen, and

> Trump is filed as a man already losing. The negotiation line is the significant item in the other direction. This file recorded four covers on 5 October arguing about the sequence of an Iran-United States settlement; today the single surviving reference is the president saying negotiation with an enemy that assassinates and sanctions is meaningless, and he says it to an Armenian visitor rather than to a mediator. The Farhadi thread logged on 5 October also survives, now broadened into a named international set, which is the second cycle of an argument the Iranian press did not have to commission.

Sazandegi

Reformist daily of the Executives of Construction Party (روزنامه کارگزاران سازندگی ایران)

MODERATE - no military content on the cover; the war enters only through the American electoral calendar

"A cautionary mirror" «آینه عبرت»



- Main: a full-length photograph of the departing oil minister walking away from the camera with one hand raised, under four stacked questions: «ریشه‌های استعفای محسن پاک‌نژاد از وزارت نفت چه بود؟ در جلسه هیأت دولت وقتی میکروفون‌ها خاموش شد، رئیس‌جمهور به پاک‌نژاد چه گفت؟ نقش چهار تراستی و شرکت نیکو در این ماجرا چیست؟ وزارت نفت در میانه تحریم و محاصره به کدام سو می‌رود؟», what were the roots of Mohsen Paknejad's resignation from the Oil Ministry, what did the president say to him in cabinet once the microphones were switched off, what is the role of the four trustees and the Niko company in this affair, and where is the Oil Ministry heading between sanctions and blockade. Niko is the National Iranian Oil Company's offshore trading arm.
- Top left: «آرایش جنگی اقتصاد», the economy's war formation, over «برنامه‌های دولت برای شرایط جدید کشور», the government's programmes for the country's new conditions, beside a portrait of the president.
- Op-ed, «یادداشت روز»: «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر», the war and the November elections, subtitled «پشت پرده آرایش جنگی آمریکا علیه ایران», behind the curtain of America's war formation against Iran, bylined to Seyed Jalal Sadatian with the standing line سفیر پیشین, former ambassador. Sadatian is Iran's former envoy in London and a regular reformist commentator.
- Top bar, numbered referrals: «۳ پیشروی حوثی‌ها», the Houthis' advance; «۵ مداخلات زاکانی ۷» ;«مجوز کشی نیست», Zakani's interventions, on the cancellation of an Alireza Ghorbani concert in Mashhad; «۷ هراس طاعون روسی». The Yemen file reaches this reformist cover only as a page-three referral.
- Right column: a signed front-page essay running the full depth of the page, opening on the resignation and the condition of the ministry.

ANALYST NOTE The reformist estate has converted the oil minister's departure into a governance indictment on the same morning the hardline Vatan-e Emrooz converted it into a presidential one, which is the reversal of the restraint this file logged on 5 October and the most useful domestic finding of the edition: both estates have decided the resignation is usable, and they are using it against different targets. The questions Sazandegi prints are more specific than a reformist daily normally risks, naming a cabinet exchange with the microphones off and a named trading company, and they should be read as sourced rather than rhetorical, with the caveat that none of it is corroborated. The signed note is the batch's only sustained argument that the war's next phase is scheduled by the American electoral calendar, which is precisely the proposition the Chief of the General Staff spent the same news cycle rejecting.

Charsoogh

Economic daily with a principlist editorial line, the title that on 5 October printed the protest at a hardline deputy's imprisonment on the Speaker's complaint

LOW-MODERATE - no military content; domestic economic dissent inside the principlist estate

"Nouri Ghezeljeh: goods have not become more expensive / The statistics: they rose 263 percent" «نوری قزلجه: کالاها گران نشده‌اند / آمار: ۲۶۳ درصد گران شدند»



- Main: a portrait of the agriculture minister beside two paired bar charts that are the page's argument. The first, labelled «میانگین تورم نقطه به نقطه مواد غذایی (منبع: مرکز آمار)», average year-on-year food inflation from the Statistical Centre, runs from 34.6 to 70.4. The second, «میانگین تورم مواد غذایی (منبع: بانک مرکزی)», from the Central Bank, runs from 24 to 67. The headline figure of 263 percent is the paper's own arithmetic on the goods basket and is not attributed to either agency.
- Centre: «بازگشت به ارز ترجیحی؟ این بار با نام تثبیت قیمت کالاهای اساسی», a return to the preferential exchange rate, this time under the name of stabilising basic goods prices, over «اعتراف دولت: حذف ارز ۲۸۵۰۰ تومانی خطا بود», the government's confession that removing the 28,500-toman rate was a mistake. A second chart set carries the food-inflation series around the removal.
- Right: «گرانی به روایت جیب مردم» over «ارزانی به روایت وزیر», cheapness as the minister tells it, costliness as the people's pocket tells it, beside a supermarket aisle photograph.
- Cartoon, lower left: a scrum of photographers and reporters thrusting microphones at a fleeing official while a second figure in a suit bolts past a road sign; one speech balloon reads «جو چی چی؟ ارز شده بهار!» and a reporter's placard reads «آقای همتی پاسخگوی گرانی ارز باشید!», Mr Hemmati, be accountable for the currency's rise. The caption is the paper's charge that the central bank governor of the Pezeshkian government has evaded accountability on the exchange rate.
- Lower right: a full-column commentary on the price-stabilisation scheme and its financing.

ANALYST NOTE Charsoogh is the counter-evidence inside the day's largest domestic convergence. Jam-e Jam, Kayhan and Vatan-e Emrooz all published the municipal zero-inflation scheme as a success being taken national; Charsoogh prints the agriculture minister's denial that prices have risen alongside two official inflation series that contradict him, and then prints the technical objection, that the scheme is a preferential exchange rate under a new name. A principlist economic title breaking ranks with the principlist dailies on the municipality's signature programme is the clearest sign in this batch that the price-control line is being contested inside the estate rather than between estates. The 263 percent figure is the paper's own and should not be reproduced as an official statistic.

A pack of photographers and reporters with microphones chasing a fleeing official past a road sign, one placard demanding the central bank governor answer for the exchange rate

Etemad

Reformist broadsheet, the batch's most reliable indicator of what the reform-minded readership is being told to expect

MODERATE - no Iranian capability or threat claim; the military content is a report of American withdrawal

"Currency transparency" «شفافیت ارزی»


اعتماد
فرار از تیررس
فعالان سیاسی در گفت‌وگو با اعتماد از توزیع عادلانه فرصت‌ها می‌گویند
شفافیت ارزی
دروغ بزرگ
ما یک ملتیم
چالش‌های بازنشستگی
آنفلوآنزا و کرونا همچنان می‌تازند

- Main: «شفافیت ارزی» over the kicker ««اعتماد» فعالان سیاسی در گفت‌وگو با «از توزیع عادلانه فرصت‌ها می‌گویند», political activists speaking to Etemad on the fair distribution of opportunities, and the deck «دولت با دور زدن «نورچشمی‌ها» امکان خرید دلار را برای مردم فراهم کرد», the government, by going around the favoured ones, made it possible for ordinary people to buy dollars. نورچشمی, literally light-of-the-eye, is the standing Persian term for the politically connected beneficiary, and its use here is the paper's framing of who previously held the allocation.
- Top right, boxed: «فرار از تیررس», escape from the line of fire, over «خروج آمریکایی‌ها از عراق عملاً این نیروها را از دسترس ایران و نیروهای جبهه مقاومت در عراق خارج کرد» and the deck «اعتماد» در گفت‌وگو با نوذر شفیعی بررسی می‌کند», the Americans' departure from Iraq has in practice taken those forces out of reach of Iran and of the resistance front's forces in Iraq. Nozar Shafiei is an Iranian academic specialist in international relations; the judgment is his, carried as an interview.
- Centre: a silhouette portrait of Trump under the display headline «دروغ بزرگ», the big lie. The deck beneath the image is below the legible resolution of the available scan and is not reconstructed here.
- Left column: «رئیس‌جمهور در دیدار با گروهی از نمایندگان: ما یک ملتیم», the president meeting a group of deputies: we are one nation.
- Left column: «دستور فوری رئیس‌جمهور برای حل مسائل بازنشستگان», the president's urgent instruction on pensioners' problems, over «چالش‌های بازنشستگی».
- Left column: «تاکید وزارت بهداشت: واکسن آنفلوآنزا برای همه ضروری نیست» over «آنفلوآنزا و کرونا همچنان می‌تازند», influenza and coronavirus are still on the rampage.
- Top banner: «مسیر اصلی ادامه می‌یابد», the main path continues, signed by the paper's managing editor.

ANALYST NOTE The Shafiei box is the single most consequential item on any cover in this batch after Javan's banner, and it is the one the rest of the press did not print. A reformist daily is telling its readers that the American withdrawal from Iraq removed the targets within reach of Iran and of the Iraqi resistance front, which is simultaneously a de-escalation report and a loss-of-leverage complaint. Read against Vatan-e Emrooz's bombers leaving Fairford and Jomhouri Eslami's first Iranian aircraft landing at Najaf, three titles from three estates published American repositioning on one morning, and the Chief of the General Staff spent the same cycle addressing his warning to the states that still host American forces. Etemad otherwise runs the edition's only sustained economic-governance defence of the government, which places it opposite both Sazandegi and Vatan-e Emrooz on the cabinet question.

Ta'adol

Economic daily published in the orbit of the Iran Chamber of Commerce; the batch's business-community voice

LOW - no military or regional content; the chokepoint question dropped

"Hemmati's defence of the currency policies" «دفاع همتی از سیاست‌های ارزی»



- Main: the banner over the question «ارزش ریال را چطور می‌توان حفظ کرد؟», how can the rial's value be preserved. Where Charsoogh prints the central bank governor fleeing the question, Ta'adol prints him answering it; the two economic dailies have taken opposite sides of the same official on one morning.
- Banner: «رئیس‌جمهور در دیدار گروهی از نمایندگان مجلس شورای اسلامی: دولت و غیردولت نداریم، تمامی ما یک ملت هستیم», the president in a meeting with a group of deputies: we have no government and non-government, we are all one nation. The same meeting leads Etemad's left column, so two titles are carrying a unity appeal delivered to parliament.
- Top left: «هشدار اقلیمی که هنوز جدی گرفته نشده است» over «ایران در آستانه خشکی بلندمدت», a climate warning not yet taken seriously, Iran on the threshold of long-term drought. Jam-e Jam carries the same subject on its own cover as a youth feature.
- Centre photograph: a trading floor under «سایه اصلاح بر سر بورس‌های جهان», the shadow of a correction over the world's exchanges, with the deck «تعادل» وضعیت بورس ایران و بورس‌های دنیا را بررسی می‌کند».
- Left rail: «کاهش متراژ برای جبران افت قدرت خرید», shrinking floor area to compensate for falling purchasing power, the housing-market expression of the same inflation story the rest of the batch is arguing about.
- Lower: «حمایت از اقشار محروم», support for the deprived strata, and «بورس در دوراهی», the exchange at a fork, both carrying bylined commentary portraits.

> **ANALYST NOTE** Ta'adol is the title that records what the business community is being told, and today it is being told that the currency policy has a defender rather than that it has a result. The pairing with Charsoogh is the finding: on one morning the two economic dailies print the same central bank governor as, respectively, accountable and evasive, which is a sharper split than anything the political titles produced this cycle. Note also what is absent: this file logged on 5 October that Ta'adol was the only title to treat the Strait of Hormuz as an open question, asking «در تنگه هرمز چه می‌گذرد؟»; today it carries no chokepoint item at all, on the morning a tanker fire in the Strait reached the wires.

Jomhouri Eslami

Traditional clerical establishment daily, founded by the Islamic Republic Party, managing editor Masih Mohajeri; it answers to no sitting faction and is the batch's least commercially driven title

MODERATE-HIGH - the general staff warning in its widest form, alongside a missile-industry nominee for the defence ministry

"Judiciary chief: in issuing rulings we do not fear manufactured atmospherics" :«رئیس قوه قضائیه در صدور احکام از فضاسازی‌ها نمی‌هراسیم»


جمهوری اسلامی

در صدور احکام
از فضاسازی‌ها نمی‌هراسیم

تقدیر سران قوای سه گانه
از خدمات نیروی انتظامی

هفته نظم و امنیت اجتماعی بر ملت شریف ایران مبارک باد

- Main: the judiciary chief given the banner, with فضاسازی, the manufacturing of a public atmosphere, as the thing the court says it will not be deflected by. On a morning when no cover carries a named defendant, the statement reads as pre-emptive rather than responsive.
- Banner, top right: «نخستین هواپیمای ایرانی پس از رفع محدودیت‌ها در فرودگاه نجف به زمین نشست», the first Iranian aircraft after the lifting of restrictions landed at Najaf airport. This is the only concrete reopening reported on any cover in the batch.
- Right rail: «هشدار سرلشکر عبداللهی به کشورهای میزبان آمریکا و سازمان‌های بین‌المللی: هر جنگ جدیدی علیه ایران دامن همه را می‌گیرد», Major General Abdollahi's warning to the countries hosting America and to international organisations, beside his portrait. The addressee set printed here, host states and international organisations, is wider than any other cover's and matches the independent record, in which the same remarks carried a warning to the Atomic Energy Agency.
- Right rail: «۵۰۰ نظامی و دیپلمات سابق اروپا خواستار اقدام اتحادیه اروپا علیه شهرک‌سازی رژیم اسرائیل شدند», five hundred former European military officers and diplomats called for European Union action against the Israeli regime's settlement construction. This is the only Israel item on any Persian cover in the batch.
- Left column: «وزیر پیشنهادی وزارت دفاع معرفی شد», the proposed Minister of Defence was introduced, with the note that the nominee sent to parliament is a long-serving Defence Ministry manager whose record includes the managing directorship of the Aerospace Industries Organisation. The independent record names him as Mehrdad Akhlaghi Ketabchi, nominated by the president under Article 133.
- Left column: «با صدور حکمی از سوی رئیس‌جمهور، حمید بورد به سرپرستی وزارت نفت منصوب شد», by a presidential decree Hamid Bovard was appointed caretaker of the Oil Ministry, which closes the appointment this file logged as pending on 5 October.
- Centre: «تقدیر سران قوای سه‌گانه از خدمات نیروی انتظامی», the heads of the three branches commending the police force, and the standing banner «هفته نظم و امنیت اجتماعی بر ملت شریف ایران مبارک باد».
- Op-ed, right rail: «جهانخواران بی‌وطن», the stateless world-devourers.
- Footer quotation: «شهید مظلوم آیت‌الله بهشتی: اعلام می‌کنم، پیشه‌وران و بازرگانان باید بدانند سود سرشار بردن ضد نظام اسلام است», the martyred Ayatollah Beheshti on excess profit being against the Islamic order,

printed beside the day's price-control coverage elsewhere in the batch.

ANALYST NOTE Jomhouri Eslami is the title to read when the question is which version of a statement the clerical establishment wants on the record, and today it prints the widest and most accurate version of the Chief of the General Staff's warning: host states and international organisations, not only Washington. It is also the only cover to carry the defence-ministry nomination, and that item deserves weight beyond its column inches. A man whose record is the Aerospace Industries Organisation, the body that builds Iran's missiles, has been put to parliament to run the Defence Ministry in the same news cycle in which the Guard-affiliated daily printed a nuclear-doctrine threat. Neither fact proves the other, and this file draws no causal line between them; both belong in the same week's tracker. Israel reaches the Persian press today only as a European petition about settlements, which is the fourth consecutive cycle in which no Iranian cover treats Israel as an active military adversary.

Kayhan

Hardline daily published under the Supreme Leader's office, managing editor Hossein Shariatmadari; no scan of its front page reached this batch, so the entry is reconstructed from the paper's own channel posting of its headline list and its lead analysis

MODERATE-HIGH - a Yemeni threat to all Saudi oil facilities carried as a front-page item; no Iranian capability or chokepoint claim

"The government's welcome and the Westernisers' anger at the Tehran municipality's effort to rein in prices" «استقبال دولت و عصبانیت غربگراها از همت شهرداری تهران برای مهار قیمت‌ها»

- Main: the paper's own analysis, posted in full, describes the municipality entering «جبهه جنگ اقتصادی» with a six-month «تورم صفر» scheme launched at the Sadeghiyeh fruit and vegetable market, whose aim is «ارزان‌سازی سبد غذایی خانوار و پاتک زدن به تهاجم اقتصادی دشمن», cheapening the household food basket and counterattacking the enemy's economic offensive. It names the municipality's spokesman, Abdolmotahhar Mohammadkhani, as the source for a seven-member committee formed inside the government on the president's direct instruction, with the interior minister, the relevant ministers and the mayor of Tehran, to extend the scheme to other cities.
- Main: the analysis then lists the three groups it says are angered by the scheme, «دلالان و واسطه‌های سودجو», «گران‌فروشان و محتکران» and «غرب‌زدگان و نوکران فکری آمریکا», brokers and profiteering middlemen, overchargers and hoarders, and the Westernised and America's intellectual servants. The third category is the paper's own, and it converts an economic dispute into a loyalty test.
- Front-page item: «یمن: حتی یکی از تاسیسات نفتی عربستان را هم سالم نخواهیم گذاشت», Yemen: we will not leave even one Saudi oil facility intact.
- Front-page item: «تقلاهای ترامپ برای جلوگیری از شکست در انتخابات», Trump's struggles to avert defeat in the elections.
- Front-page item: «انتشار تصاویر تکان‌دهنده از سرکوب وحشیانه دانش‌آموزان و معلمان در فرانسه», the publication of shocking images of the brutal suppression of students and teachers in France.
- Front-page item: «اهتزاز آبَرپرچم ایران بر سَردَر دانشگاه شریف با حضور خانواده‌های شهدای دانش‌آموز میناب», the raising of Iran's super-flag over the gate of Sharif University with the families of the Minab student martyrs.
- Front-page item: «روزانه ۱۵ میلیون فوت‌مکعب گاز مشعل به چرخه مصرف بازگشت», fifteen million cubic feet of flared gas returned daily to consumption.
- Channel, 02:52 UTC: «سناتور آمریکایی: ترامپ برای جنگ با ایران آمادگی نداشت», the American senator Chris Murphy quoted saying he saw the damage to the United States embassy in Riyadh in person and that it shows how unprepared Trump was and how he left thousands of Americans in the region unprotected. A second-hand rendering of a foreign legislator's words; not to be reproduced as authentic without primary-source confirmation.
- Channel, 02:57 UTC: «وال استریت ژورنال: وضعیت تنگه هرمز می‌تواند به بحران جهانی غذا منجر شود», the Wall Street Journal citing John Denton of the International Chamber of Commerce that disruption to Hormuz shipping could turn an energy crisis into a global food crisis through reduced fertiliser supply. Carried as Kayhan's rendering of a foreign report.
- Channel, 05:30 UTC: Yahya Saree, spokesman of the Yemeni armed forces, quoted claiming more than two hundred Saudi-backed fighters killed or wounded at Ras al-Arah and al-Saqia, with losses «بی‌سابقه», unprecedented, against all previous engagements. An Iranian rendering of a Yemeni battle-damage claim; unverified.

ANALYST NOTE Kayhan is where the municipal price scheme stops being economics and becomes a loyalty instrument: the paper's own analysis names the opponents of a price-control programme as brokers, hoarders and America's intellectual servants in a single list, which is the construction it normally reserves for foreign policy. The second finding is in the editorial slot. The «یادداشت روز» that this file tracked through the week as the vehicle of the campaign against the president published nothing on the channel for a third consecutive cycle, and the paper's front-page lead is a defence of a municipal programme rather than an indictment of the government. On the day two other titles made the oil minister's resignation the president's problem, the Leader's own newspaper did not, which is a divergence worth holding open. Kayhan also remains silent on the Strait for a sixth consecutive cycle: it printed Hormuz only inside a Wall Street Journal food-crisis rendering, on the morning a projectile struck a tanker there.

Tehran Times

English-language state daily

LOW - no content retrieved

- The paper's site could not be reached during the compilation window for this edition, and no front page or article text from it is carried here. Iran Daily therefore stands alone as the English-language cover in this batch, and any inference about what Tehran's English-language press as a whole led with this morning rests on a single title.

ANALYST NOTE Recorded as a coverage gap rather than as a finding. On 5 October Tehran Times was the title that carried the Foreign Ministry's handling of the American response, so its absence today removes the batch's usual second English-language check on the diplomatic track, at a moment when the Persian covers carried almost no diplomacy at all. The gap should be allowed for when weighing the judgment that negotiation left the front pages this cycle.

Appendix A: The Leader's Sacred Defence Week message, as published on a front page of 14 Mehr (partial reconstruction)

Vatan-e Emrooz, 14 Mehr 1405, special front-page box: «خوانشی از پیام اخیر رهبر انقلاب به مناسبت هفته دفاع مقدس» under «از «ایام‌الله» تا افق پیروزی». The underlying message was issued on 6 Mehr 1405 (27 September 2026) and is reconstructed below from the independent record; khamenei.ir could not be reached during the compilation window, so this is a partial reconstruction and not a verified full text.

Handling note: the text below is reconstructed from secondary Iranian renderings of a message issued nine days before this edition. Sentences given in Persian are those the independent record carries as direct quotation; the connecting matter is summary. No sentence here should be quoted as the Leader's verbatim words without primary-source confirmation.

The message opens on a Qur'anic verse, «وَ لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنا مُوسی بِآیاتِنا», and sets the occasion: the opening days of the month of Mehr as a remembrance of «ایام‌الله», the Days of God, and of the great eight-year defence in the first imposed war. The term ایام‌الله is doing specific work. It is the vocabulary of sacred time, used to fold a military anniversary into a religious calendar, and it is the phrase Vatan-e Emrooz lifted for its own headline.

The central claim is a refusal of reversion. In the rendering carried across the Iranian press, the Leader writes that as a servant of the great people of Iran he declares that those past days which the enemy wishes to return to will never be repeated, and that «دوران سلطه استکبار بر ایران عزیز تکرار نخواهد شد و روزهای آینده به‌مراتب شکوهمندتر از این روزها خواهد بود», the era of arrogance's domination over dear Iran will not be repeated and the days to come will be far more glorious than these days. استکبار, arrogance, is the standing regime term for the United States and its order.

The message contrasts a past of «عقب‌ماندگی، ذلت، وابستگی», backwardness, humiliation and dependence, and of Iran's disgrace within the Islamic world, with a present of progress, dignity, independence and high standing. It adds that «بر اساس محاسبات الهی، ایران قدرت اوّل جهان است», that by divine calculation Iran is the world's first power, a formulation that places the claim beyond material measurement and so beyond refutation by the economic conditions the same morning's economic dailies are reporting.

Two further elements are carried in the independent record. The first is a passage on women: that in earlier times courage was spoken of as belonging to the men of the nation, and that women now surpass men in some fields of courageous action. The second is an image, «سایه پرواز ققنوس جنگ تحمیلی اول بر سرزمین‌های دشمن هم افتاده است», the shadow of the first imposed war's phoenix has fallen on the enemy's lands too, which transfers the eight-year war's regenerative myth onto the present conflict and onto territory beyond Iran's borders.

Analyst flag: the significant fact about this appendix is that it exists in this form at all. Across ten front pages of 14 Mehr the Leader appears exactly once, and he appears as the subject of a hardline daily's exegesis of a nine-day-old text rather than as the author of anything new. This file recorded the same absence on 4 and 5 October. Three consecutive cycles in which no new message, photograph or signature reaches any cover, on mornings when a Chief of the General Staff is publishing war warnings across the whole batch, is a finding and is carried as KJ-5 rather than left in silence.

Source line: message of 6 Mehr 1405 (27 September 2026) for Sacred Defence Week, signed in the Iranian press as the Leader of the Revolution, Ayatollah Seyed Mojtaba Khamenei. Front-page

treatment: Vatan-e Emrooz, Vol. 18, No. 4727, 14 Mehr 1405, special box, page referral to the paper's inside analysis.

Appendix B: Sazandegi's note of the day, «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر», The war and the November elections (partial, author verified)

Sazandegi, Year 9, No. 2345, 14 Mehr 1405, «یادداشت روز», headed «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر» and subtitled «پشت پرده آرایش جنگی آمریکا علیه ایران», bylined to Seyed Jalal Sadatian over the standing line سفیر پیشین, former ambassador. Sadatian is Iran's former envoy in London and a frequent reformist commentator on the United States; his authorship and his standing are confirmed against the independent record. The full column text could not be retrieved during the compilation window, so what follows is the printed title and deck with the author's independently recorded argument, and is not a translation of the column itself.

Handling note: the headline, subtitle and byline below are as printed on the front page of 14 Mehr. The argument summarised after them is drawn from Sadatian's separately reported remarks on the same subject in the preceding days, not from the column, and is marked as such. Nothing here is a verbatim translation of the Sazandegi text.

Printed title: «جنگ و انتخابات نوامبر». Printed subtitle: «پشت پرده آرایش جنگی آمریکا علیه ایران», behind the curtain of America's war formation against Iran. آرایش جنگی is a military term of art, the laying out of a force for battle, and Sazandegi uses it twice on the same page: once of the United States here, and once of Iran in its top-left item «آرایش جنگی اقتصاد», the economy's war formation. A reformist daily presenting both the adversary's deployment and its own government's budget in the same martial vocabulary is itself the editorial position.

The argument in the author's independently recorded version runs as follows. American force posture around Iran is being built toward a point in late November rather than toward an immediate contingency, with carrier groups and amphibious formations reported as arriving on that schedule; the war has become a determining question in American domestic politics, and the administration has given its own party's candidates no undertaking that the crisis will be closed before the midterm elections of 3 November. From that, Sadatian infers hesitation rather than restraint: the constraint on action is electoral, and it expires.

The deterrent clause attributed to him in the same reporting is «اگر ایران را به خاموشی ببرید، کل منطقه را خاموش می‌کنیم», if you take Iran into darkness we will darken the whole region. This is the reformist estate's version of the formula the Chief of the General Staff issued the same week in uniform, and the convergence between a former ambassador's phrasing and a serving general's is the point worth tracking: the threat that any attack on Iran becomes regional is no longer confined to one faction's vocabulary.

Analyst flag and verification note: the author is verified; the column text is not. Readers should treat the third and fourth paragraphs as this file's summary of Sadatian's publicly recorded position in early Mehr 1405 and not as the content of the Sazandegi column, which this file has seen only as a front-page title, subtitle and byline. The claim about American carrier and amphibious deployments is an Iranian commentator's assertion, is not corroborated anywhere in this batch and is not endorsed here.

Source line: Sazandegi, روزنامه کارگزاران سازندگی ایران, Year 9, No. 2345, 8 pages, Tuesday 14 Mehr 1405 / 24 Rabi' al-Thani 1448 / 6 October 2026, «یادداشت روز», front page.

Appendix C: Methodology and sourcing notes

iran-press-digest pipeline, edition of 14 Mehr 1405

Collection. Nine Persian front pages were taken from the NewspaperTasnim album of 14 Mehr 1405 posted at 02:57 UTC on 6 October 2026, and one English front page from the Newspapers_Iran album posted at 04:30 UTC the same morning. The stale-batch guard compared the album's own printed Jalali date with the target date and matched on the first attempt, so no fallback discovery was used and no scan in this edition is carried over from a previous day. The nine Persian scans were identified by masthead on inspection rather than by any label supplied with them.

Scan-versus-text coverage. Eight titles in this edition rest on a front-page scan read directly: Jam-e Jam, Vatan-e Emrooz, Javan, Sobh-e No, Sazandegi, Charsoogh, Etemad, Ta'adol, Jomhouri Eslami and Iran Daily. Kayhan is reconstructed entirely from its own Telegram channel, where the paper posted its front-page headline list and the full text of its lead analysis; no Kayhan scan reached this batch and nothing is asserted here about its page layout or its editorial slot beyond what the channel published. Tehran Times could not be reached at any point during the compilation window and contributes nothing to this edition.

Wire corroboration. Three agency channels were read for corroboration and for threat-signalling context and are not treated as front pages: Defa Press, the defence wire; Fars News, the Guard-affiliated agency; and Nour News, linked to the Supreme National Security Council. Six newspaper channels were read alongside the scans. Where an item appears only on a wire and on no cover, this file says so, because the gap between what reaches the wires and what reaches the front pages is one of the things this product is for.

Resolution limits. The front-page images in this batch are between 492 and 800 pixels on their long edge. Display headlines, decks and most sub-headlines are legible after magnification; body text, small bylines and some captions are not. Where a passage was below the legible threshold this file says the text was not recovered rather than reconstructing it. One instance is recorded on Etemad's cover, where the deck under the display headline «دروغ بزرگ» could not be read.

Named-person verification. Three identifications in this edition were checked against the independent record rather than inferred from the page. The Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces is Major General Ali Abdollahi, in post since Mordad 1405; the remarks the whole batch carries were delivered on 5 October 2026. The nominee for the Defence Ministry, printed on Jomhouri Eslami's cover without a legible name, is Mehrdad Akhlaghi Ketabchi, a former managing director of the Aerospace Industries Organisation, submitted to parliament under Article 133. The author of Sazandegi's note of the day is Seyed Jalal Sadatian, Iran's former envoy in London. The minister on Charsoogh's cover is Gholamreza Nouri Ghezeljeh, minister of agricultural jihad.

Single-source and claim flags. The following are carried as claims attributed to their publishers and are not adopted as fact anywhere in this edition: Javan's banner that a Major General said «دکترین هسته‌ای را تغییر می‌دهیم», which the independent record of the same remarks renders instead as a rejection of claims that Iran's programme has entered a military phase, a divergence that is itself reported as a finding; Charsoogh's figure of 263 percent, which is the paper's own arithmetic and is attributed to neither statistical agency on its page; Vatan-e Emrooz's assertion that American strategic bombers have left RAF Fairford, which no other title in the batch carries; Sobh-e No's claims that five thousand French students have been arrested and that a teenager's hand was severed; all Yemeni battle-

damage figures, including the Yemeni armed forces spokesman's claim of more than two hundred Saudi-backed casualties; the reported ballistic-missile strike on Riyadh international airport, which reached this file through Iranian channels citing Al-Masirah and had no independent confirmation at compile time; and the United States Central Command's claimed naval blockade figures, which Defa Press itself notes drew no official Iranian response and cannot be independently verified.

Succession evidence. The standing single-source flag is maintained. The evidence in this edition that the Leader is Seyed Mojtaba Khamenei is Kayhan's channel post of 6 October captioning an image of «حضرت آیت‌الله سیدمجتبی خامنه‌ای» delivering a sermon, with the predecessor referred to as «رهبر شهید انقلاب اسلامی», the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution. This is consistent with every prior edition in this file and with the Iranian press's uniform usage, and it remains an inference from printed usage rather than from any succession document.

Translation caveats. Persian headlines are given in the original script beside the English, because the register is part of the evidence. Loaded terms are glossed inline where the gloss carries analytic weight: ایام‌الله, the Days of God; استکبار, arrogance, meaning the American-led order; آرایش جنگی, battle formation; نورچشمی, the politically favoured beneficiary; فضاسازی, the manufacturing of a public atmosphere; پاتک, counterattack. Translations are this file's own and are intended to preserve the original's force rather than to smooth it.

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