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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZdzvlhv7a8nxLjYZdaz68Q>

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The Iranian president toes the Supreme Leader's red lines (English)

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Tehran university former president: the Iranian regime acting as ISIS but the West is ignoring (Hebrew)

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May 1

Iranian Dy FMs, Helga Schmid hold 8-hour talks drafting agreement (English)

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Critics of Iran deal are guilty of 'hysteria,' Kerry tells Israeli TV (English)

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West must stop Iran supporting terrorists and abusing human rights under nuclear deal, Congressman demands (English)

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US clarifies position on nuclear-free Middle East (English)

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How will Iran, P5+1 resolve future disputes? (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/05/iran-us-p51-nuclear-dispute-mechanism.html>

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May 28

Iran's Zarif hopes for nuclear deal within 'reasonable period of time' (English)

[http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4662494,00.html?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4662494,00.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

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America's top Iran negotiator announces resignation (English)

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June 7

N-deal beneficial to Iran only within framework (English)

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June 18

Necessary Safeguards for a Final Deal with Iran (English)

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Don't Let the Deadline Drive the Deal (English)

<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/dont-let-the-deadline-drive-the-deal>

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Iran, major powers will agree on comprehensive deal this summer (English)

[http://www.irna.ir/en/News/81655696/?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.irna.ir/en/News/81655696/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

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Ex-IAEA official: P5+1 deal will keep Iran as a nuclear weapons-threshold state (English)

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France wants strong nuclear agreement with Iran (English)

[https://trove.com/a/France-wants-strong-nuclear-agreement-with-Iran.GHGRI?nocrawl=1&utm\\_medium=twitter&chid=202661&utm\\_source=sns&utm\\_campaign=hosted](https://trove.com/a/France-wants-strong-nuclear-agreement-with-Iran.GHGRI?nocrawl=1&utm_medium=twitter&chid=202661&utm_source=sns&utm_campaign=hosted)

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France: Disputes exist in Iran nuclear deal (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/nuclear/18601-france-disputes-exist-in-iran-nuclear-deal>

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Netanyahu: No reason to rush to sign Iran nuclear deal which is getting worse by the day (English)

[http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Netanyahu-No-reason-to-rush-to-sign-Iran-nuclear-deal-which-is-getting-worse-by-the-day-407368?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Netanyahu-No-reason-to-rush-to-sign-Iran-nuclear-deal-which-is-getting-worse-by-the-day-407368?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

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Major issues remain as Iran nuke deadline looms (English)

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/06/28/serious-issues-remain-as-iran-nuke-deadline-looms/>

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FPI Analysis: What U.S. officials said on Iran, what we know now (English)

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Momentum for Iran deal builds (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/06/iran-deal-momentum-builds.html>

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U.S. prisoners pawns in Iran nuke negotiations? (English)

<http://www.bignewsnetwork.com/index.php/sid/234316145>

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How Obama is Selling Out the Middle East to Iran (English)

<http://www.algemeiner.com/2015/06/30/how-obama-is-selling-out-the-middle-east-to-iran/#>

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May 8

Price impact of Iranian oil uncertain, says US official (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/05/amos-hochstein-interview-oil-energy-iran-sanctions.html#ixzz3ZoMSPp2j>

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Report: U.S. Was Informed of Sanctions-Busting Iran Airplane Deal but Did Not Stop It (English)

<http://www.thetower.org/2062-report-u-s-was-informed-of-sanctions-busting-iran-airplane-deal-but-did-not-stop-it/>

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What will happen once Iran's assets are unfrozen? (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/05/iran-import-sanctions-investment-consumer-foreign-assets.html>

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<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-06-03/shell-bp-openly-declare-iran-interest-on-potential-nuclear-deal>

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What's OPEC going to do with Iran's million barrels a day? (English)

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-06-02/iran-s-million-barrel-conundrum-brings-battle-back-inside-opec>

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Report: Clinton Foundation received money to ease Iran sanctions (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2015/06/06/Clinton-Foundation-received-money-to-ease-sanctions-on-Iran-according-to-report.html>

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June 22

For the love of Iran, keep the sanctions (English)

<https://now.mmedia.me/lb/en/commentary/565471-for-the-love-of-iran-keep-the-sanctions>

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June 25

Iran is about to become the biggest free-for-all since the Soviet collapse (English)

<http://qz.com/437840/iran-is-about-to-become-the-biggest-free-for-all-since-the-soviet-collapse/>

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Did Khamenei blur his own lines on sanctions? (English)

<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2015/06/iran-nuclear-deal-khamenei-aleppo-israel-druze-syria-egypt.html>

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June 30

Iran deal's impact on oil won't be instant: Pro (English)

<http://video.cnbc.com/gallery/?video=3000392804>

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## **Army**

May 3

Marshall Islands-flagged ship seized on financial grounds: Iran plaintiff (English)

<http://www.presstv.com/Detail/2015/05/03/409215/Iran-ship-Maersk-Tigris-US-Persian-Gulf>

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May 7

Operator of cargo ship seized by Iran says vessel released (English)

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle\\_east/iran-releases-seized-maersk-vessel/2015/05/07/657ea3e6-f48e-11e4-bca5-21b51bbdf93e\\_story.html?hpid=z3](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/iran-releases-seized-maersk-vessel/2015/05/07/657ea3e6-f48e-11e4-bca5-21b51bbdf93e_story.html?hpid=z3)

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May 24

Iran general: Army needs more funds to counter ISIS (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2015/05/24/Iran-joins-fight-against-ISIS-in-Iraq.html>

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May 25

Army commander warns of "terrorist" forces near Iranian border (English)

<http://en.radiozamaneh.com/featured/army-commander-warns-of-terrorist-forces-near-iranian-border/>

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## **IRGC**

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IRGC criticizes screening of award-winning film, Tales (English)

<http://en.radiozamaneh.com/featured/irgc-criticizes-screening-of-award-winning-film-tales/?hootPostID=ae4ddd85239059a2801954a6263aef9b>

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Interview with Mehdi Abrishamchi: IRGC's formation & its role in Iran (English)

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May 17

Despite lifestyle restrictions, Iranians find easy way around the authorities (English)

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An uphill ride for Iran's female motocross racers (English)

<http://iranfrontpage.com/news/society/sports/2015/05/an-uphill-ride-for-irans-female-motocross-racers/>

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Iran: If the Islamic dress code or "Hijab" is removed, the Islam would be destroyed; a top Iranian cleric says (English)

[http://www.mojahedin.org/newsen/34815?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.mojahedin.org/newsen/34815?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

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Unlicensed cosmetic surgery on rise in Iran (English)

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Confronting Female Genital Mutilation in Iran (English)

<http://www.meforum.org/5346/iran-fgm#.VZD-9MRq8Zw.twitter>

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Anger as Iran bars women from US volleyball game (English)

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-33205360>

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## **Social**

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Inside Iran: Millions continue to battle drug addiction (English)

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/perspective/2015/05/21/Inside-Iran-Millions-continue-battle-drug-addiction.html>

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Underground Iran: A peek into Iranian youth's stealthy pastimes (English)

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<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/06/iran-tech-startups-119506.html#.VZUhmPIVhHw>

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Iranian dissident Reza Parchi-zadeh publishes a new book "Why the Islamic regime in Iran has to be deposed?" (Persian)

<https://khodnevis.org/article/64649#.VVx4mflVhHx>

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With Matisse and Van Gogh, Tehran gets cultural makeover (English)

[http://www.yourmiddleeast.com/culture/with-matisse-and-van-gogh-tehran-gets-cultural-makeover-photos\\_32019](http://www.yourmiddleeast.com/culture/with-matisse-and-van-gogh-tehran-gets-cultural-makeover-photos_32019)

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Iranian rock band Piclavier raises awareness for Palestine (English)

<http://www.presstv.com/Detail/2015/06/07/414677/palestine-piclavier-rock-bds-concert>

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Phoenix from the Ashes: A tale of the book in Iran (English)

<http://smallmedia.org.uk/writersblock/#section1>

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Iran Wins Slovakia Boxing Tourney (English)

[http://www.tasnimnews.com/english/Home/Single/778046?utm\\_campaign=shareaholic&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_source=socialnetwork](http://www.tasnimnews.com/english/Home/Single/778046?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork)

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## **Minorities**

May 21

It is not allowed to be an Arab in Iran (English)

<http://thepeninsulaqatar.com/views/political-views/339222/it-is-not-allowed-to-be-an-arab-in-iran>

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June 22

Iran's abuse of minorities about to get much worse (English)

<http://iranpresswatch.org/post/12408/>

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## **Education**

May 7

Teacher demonstrations across Iran, despite attempted suppression (English)

<http://irannewsupdate.com/news/iranian-opposition/2135-teacher-demonstrations-across-iran-despite-attempted-suppression.html>

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## **Internet**

June 24

'Assessing the Computer Network Operation (CNO) Capabilities of The Islamic Republic Of Iran' – A Study Review (English)

<http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/8626.htm>

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## **Religion**

June 6

Iran: Khomeini's tomb, grave of Imam of miserable or the palace of kings? (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/economy/18453-iran-khomeini-s-tomb-grave-of-imam-of-miserable-or-the-palace-of-kings>

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June 24

150 men and women were arrested in Tabriz after eating during the Ramadan fast (Persian)

<http://tinyurl.com/oxth58b>

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## **Environment**

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Gov't attaches great importance to environment: Rouhani (English)

<http://theiranproject.com/blog/2015/06/07/govt-attaches-great-importance-to-environment-rouhani/>

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## **Economy**

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Iran: Smuggling of goods increases (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/economy/18311-iran-smuggling-of-goods-increases>

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May 18

Iran: Border porters victimized (English)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/human-rights/18318-iran-border-porters-victimized>

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Iran faces uphill battle to economic recovery (English)

<http://irannewsupdate.com/news/economy/2160-iran-faces-uphill-battle-to-economic-recovery.html>

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May 30

Government Policies and Banking System United against Iranian Manufacturing (English)

<http://en.radiozameh.com/articles/government-policies-and-banking-system-united-against-iranian-manufacturing/>

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May 31

Iran's Central bank cannot control inflation any longer (Arabic?)

<http://tinyurl.com/ohoxgb2>

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## **Gas and Oil**

May 4

US oil delegation to visit Iran this week (English)

<http://www.arabianbusiness.com/us-oil-delegation-visit-iran-this-week-591566.html>

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