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November 12

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Culture

November 13

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Sports

December 15

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Religion

December 11

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November 20

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Human Rights

November 3

"The Iranian delegation who sat in front of me was basically telling the world that my cellmates and I did not exist" (English)

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Iran: threat of lashes or fine for walking the dog (English)

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November 9

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Iranian woman defies restrictive laws by dancing without her hijab on the Tehran subway (English)

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Education

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Iran: Official figures reveal persistence of high illiteracy (English)

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Foreign automakers find Iranian market has gone local (English)

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New Report Reveals State's Growing Efforts to Control Internet Access in Iran (English)

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Report: Iranian hackers hit Qatar during two-year campaign (English)

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Iran minister says all web surfers to be 'identified' (English)

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Environment

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Iran to reclaim its role as regional leader (English)

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November 5

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Iran lobbies to revoke Saudi Shiite cleric's death sentence (English)

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Iran Helped Crush Syria's Revolution (English)

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Iran – Yemen relations

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Car bomb kills three outside Iran envoy's residence in Yemen (English)

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Iran – Israel relations

November 16

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Iran – The West Bank

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Supreme Leader Reiterates Necessity for Arming West Bank (English)

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Iran – Turkey relations

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Iran takes another provocative step sparking petrol price war (English)

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Iran – Hezbollah relations

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Hezbollah: The party of Iran, not Lebanon (English)

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Iran accelerates arming of Hezbollah and Hamas for possible clash with Israel (English)

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Iran – Pakistan relations

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Roundtable: Experts say Pak-Iran gas pipeline vital for Pakistan (English)

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Iran and the Caucasus area relations

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Iran: Peacemaker in the Caucasus? (English)

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How Iran is skirting sanctions in the Southern Caucasus (English)

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Iran, Azerbaijan mull further judicial cooperation (English)

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The Arab countries of the Persian Gulf

The GCC

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GCC meet in Doha apparently postponed as Gulf tensions continue (English)

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