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- Scanning through the morning papers today, there hasn't been any news of the summoning of Danish, Dutch and British diplomats over the Ahwaz terrorist attacks; the summoning took place yesterday evening which was already late to make it to the morning papers
- Also, today the official and semi-official local news websites did not cover the news until later in the day 11
What is covered in almost all of them 11
about this news is taken directly from the Foreign Ministry Spokesman's remarks that was released on the Ministry's website yesterday late evening, and it says:

Iranian Foreign Ministry summoned the ambassadors of the Netherlands and Denmark and British charge d'affaires over Saturday morning terror attack on a military parade in the southwestern Iranian city of Ahvaz. The Dutch and Danish ambassadors and British charge d'affaires (who was summoned in the absence of the British ambassador) were informed of Iran's strong protests over their respective countries' hosting of some members of the terrorist group perpetrating the terrorist attack in Ahvaz, Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said.

Qasemi said that the Danish and Dutch ambassadors were told that the Islamic Republic of Iran had already warned their respective governments against the staying of these terrorists in those countries and called for their arrest and trial.

'It is not acceptable that the European Union does not blacklist members of these terrorist groups

as long as they do not perpetrate a crime on the European soil,' Qasemi said.

He said the Dutch and Danish governments are expected to decisively condemn this act of terror and extradite the perpetrators and their accomplices to Iran to stand trial in a fair manner.

The ambassadors expressed deep regret over the incident and promised to reflect all matters raised at the meeting to their respective governments. They also announced their countries' readiness for cooperation with Iran in identifying the perpetrators and exchange of information on their records, Qasemi said.

- There hasn't been ¹¹ negative news about or ¹¹ negative reference to the Netherlands connecting it ¹¹ with the news of the attacks in Ahwaz except for a part of an article by the reformist daily, Sharq – the article is about the attacks in Ahwaz and the group that claimed responsibility – in a part of that article it introduces the group and its actions against the Islamic Republic of Iran from since it was founded up and until the attacks in Ahwaz – it says the group announced its existence first in 1997 in London claiming it was founded to liberate Khuzestan and claim independence – the article names a few of the leaders and founders of the group including its spiritual leader, Habib Nikan who lives in Denmark – it continues by naming a few such as Mahmood Ahmad, Abu Bashar, etc and saying that a number of them live in countries such as the UK, the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden and the CIA is backing them.
- ¹¹ negative attention is on the Saudi Arabia and UAE sponsoring the group with the US greenlight and backing. Later this afternoon the websites reported that the UAE Charge' d' Affaires was also summoned to the Foreign Ministry over the irresponsible comments of one of their government advisors about the Ahwaz attacks, saying that it wasn't considered a terrorist attack because it was an attack by militants on other militants – it is reported (both by local media and some foreign media) that Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, a former official and a current advisor to the Abu Dhabi government, justified the Ahwaz attack on Twitter, arguing that it wasn't a terrorist attack and that "moving the battle to the Iranian side is a declared option". Attacks of this kind, he ominously warned, "will increase during the next phase".
- At the same time, the UK is ¹¹ under fire, ¹¹ – it is over a Saudi-linked, Farsi-language satellite channel, Iran International, based in London, which immediately aired an interview with the Al-Ahwaz group that claimed the terrorist attack on Ahwaz yesterday