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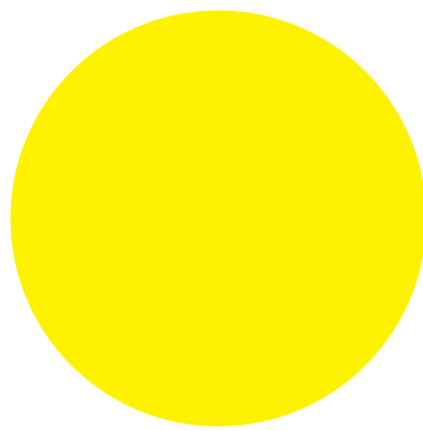
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## Flexibility in foreign policy doesn't conflict with principles: Leader

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said expediency in foreign policy means knowing how to stay flexible, as flexibility does not conflict with fundamentals and principles.

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks in a meeting with a group of Iranian Foreign Ministry officials and Iranian ambassadors to other countries in Tehran on Saturday.

He stressed the need for Iranian officials to pursue negotiations with international sides from a position of dignity, noting that leniency in foreign policy does not conflict with fundamentals and principles.

"Dignity in foreign policy means negation of the diplomacy of imploring," the Leader said.

The Leader underlined that Iranian diplomats and envoys should never pin their hopes on a specific political figure, and get carried away by others' comments and actions.

"Dignity means we should not put absolute trust in others, but rather rely on our own principles," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

The Leader said wisdom means taking landmark decisions within the course of international interactions.

"Wisdom means acting prudently, sensibly and considerately in all bilateral and multilateral interactions, and steering clear of derogatory, scathing and disparaging comments. Wisdom means every move is anchored in reasonableness, and carefully thought out and calculated," the Leader of the Islamic Revolution highlighted.

Ayatollah Khamenei also warned of the enemies' efforts to stoke tensions between Iran and its neighbors.

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Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses a group of Iranian Foreign Ministry officials and ambassadors to other countries in Tehran on May 20, 2023. [khamenei.ir](#)

## Palestinian Islamic Jihad ready for long war with Israel: Envoy

International Desk

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad's (PIJ) representative in Iran said Saturday the resistance movement had the capability to face the Israeli military in an all-out war.

The Islamic Jihad is "capable of fighting a major and long war with the Israeli army," Nasser Abu Sharif said at a press conference in Tehran, more than a week after a series of Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip prompted resistance fighters in the besieged enclave to fire hundreds of rockets in retaliation.

During the five-day Israeli aggression, three Islamic Jihad leaders



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as well as over a dozen more Palestinians were killed.

Abu Sharif told reporters that the Gaza-based PIJ would never "make peace" with Israel.

He said Israel had been seeking to take out the PIJ since 1995, and had intensified it measures to do so, but to no avail.

"The Islamic Jihad has been a thorn in the eye of the Zionist regime," the envoy added.

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## JCPOA revival still possible

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The leaders of the Group of Seven (G7), in a communiqué issued during a summit in Hiroshima, Japan, have put forth claims on Iran's nuclear program and have voiced concern over what they call an "unabated escalation" of Iran's nuclear work. They have branded the 2015 nuclear deal, or the JCPOA, as a useful avenue toward achieving a diplomatic resolution to a long-running standoff over Iran's peaceful nuclear program. In light of these developments, we have talked to political analyst, Mostafa Khoshcheshm, who maintains that there remains a potential opportunity to bring back the multilateral deal to life.

IRAN DAILY: The G7 leaders have underscored in a statement that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) provides a "useful reference," and that a "diplomatic solution remains the best way" to address Iran's nuclear program. Do you believe there is a possibility to rejuvenate the troubled nuclear accord?

**KHOSHCHESHM:** In the coming months, there remains a viable prospect of reviving the JCPOA. The negotiations had reached a critical juncture, namely, the assurance that Iran would sustainably receive economic benefits under the JCPOA with the lifting of sanctions. That's why the two sides are flexing their muscles, given the gravity of the matter.

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## Iran, Vietnam sign MoU on fighting cybercrimes, drug-trafficking

National Desk

Iran and Vietnam signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation on fighting organized cybercrimes and drug-trafficking. The document was signed during a meeting between Iran's Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi and visiting Vietnamese Minister of Public Security, General To Lam, in Tehran on Saturday.

In a press conference after the meeting, Vahidi said that the purpose of Vietnamese minister's visit to Iran is to develop and strengthen bilateral ties. He also said that both sides dis-



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cussed economic, political, scientific and security issues. Referring to the cooperation document signed between the two countries, the Iranian official said that Tehran envisages a better future for relations with Hanoi.

## Iran urges Iraq to honor commitment on expulsion of terrorists

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Ground Force warned that its strikes against the KRG-based terrorist groups will resume if the Iraqi government fails to meet its commitment to disarm and expel the terrorists.

Speaking to Tasnim news agency in Iran's western city of Sanandaj on Saturday, IRGC Ground Force Commander Brigadier General Mohammad Pakpour said the Iraqi government has undertaken, under an agreement, to disarm and expel the terrorist groups that act against Iran along the border. "We are waiting for the government of Iraq to honor its commitments

and have given them some time (to evict the terrorists). Otherwise, if nothing happens, the IRGC's attacks will go on," the commander warned.

The IRGC launched several rounds of military strikes on the positions of separatist groups in Iraq's Kurdistan Region in 2022.

The first stage of the attacks began on September 24, after terrorists' move to ignite riots and unrest along border cities west of Iran. The move by IRGC Ground Force to hit Iraqi-based terrorist groups came after the illegal entry by these groups' armed teams into Iranian border cities.