

Leader: US directly involved in masterminding Gaza war



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said the United States is directly involved in masterminding the Israeli war on Gaza, stressing that the Tel Aviv regime is the real loser of the aggression against the besieged strip.

He made the remarks in a meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani in Tehran on Monday. The Leader expressed confidence that the Americans are definitely complicit in the Israeli regime's crimes in Gaza.

"Since the very first days of the Zionist regime's attacks, all the evidence and indications show the direct involvement of the Americans

in running the war," he said. As the war goes on, Ayatollah Khamenei added, the reasons behind the US's direct role in leading Israel's crimes would become more explicit.

The Leader stated that the Israeli regime cannot continue the war if the US does not provide it with military and political aid.

Despite the massacre of Palestinians in Gaza, the Israeli regime is the "main loser" of

the ongoing war because it has failed to restore its lost reputation and would be unable to gain it in the future, he asserted.

Ayatollah Khamenei also hailed the "good and strong" stance of the Iraqi government in supporting the Palestinian people in Gaza and urged the Muslim world to exert political pressure on the US and Israel to end the killing of the civilians in the besieged strip.

As an important country in the region, Iraq can play a special role in this regard and form a new front in the Arab and Muslim world, he said.

The Iraqi prime minister, for his part, said Hamas' Operation Al-Aqsa Storm was a heroic operation that brought happiness to all the free people of the world. Sudani lamented Israel's brutal attacks in Gaza which he described as a "collective

revenge" against the people of the small area.

The Iraqi government has made great political efforts to put an end to Israel's crimes in Gaza and send food and medicine to its people, he said.

Sudani-Raisi meeting

Earlier in the day, the Iraqi prime minister held separate talks with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi. Raisi said the Israeli re-

Gaza death toll surpasses 10,000



A Palestinian child sits next to the wrapped bodies of those killed in Israeli bombardment, prior to the corpses being taken from the Shuhada Al-Aqsa hospital for burial, in Deir el-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip on November 6, 2023.

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