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Assad: Israeli escalation a Western attempt to save regime

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Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said that Israeli escalation in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon is a Western-led attempt to get the regime out of the impasse and save it.

Bashar al-Assad made the remarks in a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in Damascus on Sunday.

Assad said the Israeli regime and the West are currently at an impasse over the war in Gaza and that the Israeli escalation in Palestine, Syria and Lebanon is nothing but a Western-led attempt to get the illegal entity out of the impasse and save the regime.

"It is our duty to stand to the utmost of our ability alongside the Palestinian people because what these people achieved during the recent Israeli aggression on Gaza has not been achieved since the Palestinian issue arose decades ago," the Syrian president said. Israel's onslaught on Gaza has so far killed more than 28,000 Pal-

estinians since October 7, when the regime launched attacks on the Palestinian territory in response to Hamas's attack on the occupied territories.

Amir-Abdollahian said Gaza is the "main issue" not only at the regional but also at the international level. He said Syria is on the front line of supporting the

Palestinians and their cause. Pointing to the Israeli regime's planned invasion of the southern city of Rafah in Gaza, Assad said, "The Zionist entity is not satisfied with the horrific number of crimes it has committed in the current campaign against Gaza, and over the past years of bloodshed, and therefore it is preparing to bring to a head its crimes in the city of Rafah, while the relevant international institutions stand by."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently said he had told troops to prepare for an offensive into Gaza's far-southern city of Rafah, crowded with displaced Palestinians.

The United Nations, the European Union, the United States and Arab nations are warning Israel not to go ahead with the planned offensive, saying it would cause a humanitarian catastrophe. Hamas also said on Sunday that

any Israeli ground offensive on Rafah will "blow up" the captive exchange negotiations.

Talks in Lebanon

Amir-Abdollahian's meeting with Assad came a day after he held talks with Lebanon's high-ranking officials in Beirut. During his visit, Amir-Abdollahian said peace will be restored to



Syria's President Bashar al-Assad (B) talks with Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in Damascus on February 11, 2024. SYRIAN PRESIDENCY TELEGRAM PAGE/AFP

West Asia if Israel stops its genocide in Gaza.

In a joint press conference with his Lebanese counterpart Abdallah Bou Habib in Beirut, Amir-Abdollahian pointed to his "good" negotiations with the Lebanese officials on bilateral and regional issues, saying that Tehran and Beirut have always been against the expansion of war in the region and believe it is not a solution to the Palestinian issue.

The Iranian foreign minister said Iran and the US have exchanged messages throughout Israel's four-month-old onslaught on Gaza, including about Hezbollah. He said Washington had asked Tehran to request that Hezbollah "not to get widely, fully involved in this war against" Israel. Hezbollah has exchanged near-daily fire with Israeli military along the Lebanese border to support its Palestinians in Gaza, and has vowed to "fight to the end" should Israel launch a full-scare war on Lebanon. The Iranian official also held a separate meeting with the secratary general of the Lebanese

retary general of the Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. Nasrallah said he is confident

that the Palestinian nation and resistance factions will eventually emerge victorious and the Israeli regime will suffer a humiliating defeat in the Gaza Strip.

Iran most independent...

He said that the Islamic Revolution is racing forward following Page 1 the periods of establishment, stabilization and development, and that it recognizes no obstacle in its path forward.

"The enemy launched military, economic, media and psychological wars, and more recently, a hybrid war in order to stop the Iranian nation, but the people emerged victorious in all arenas and disappointed the enemy," he noted.

Support for Palestine

Ebrahim Raisi also has reaffirmed Iran's unwavering support for the Palestinian people, saying Palestine remains the number one issue of the Muslim world as the late founder of the Islamic Republic Ayatollah Rouhullah Khomeini said famously.

Addressing a massive rally in the capital, Tehran, on the 45th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, Raisi said Western powers tried very hard to dissuade Iran from supporting Palestine but failed miserably.

"The Westerners tried hard to make Iran stop defending Palestine and the ideals of the Islamic Revolution, whether through war or economic blockade and sanctions, and repeatedly sent messages saying 'stop defending Palestine," he said.

The president hastened to add that forty-five years after the victory of the revolution, it is now proven that "the Islamic Republic and our visionary Imam" were right in saying that Palestine is the first issue of the Islamic world and that Al-Quds must be freed.

He also advised people who want to know the West, the US and the Zionist regime to look at their ongoing crimes against humanity, war crimes and child-killings in Gaza.

Raisi also accused Israel of committing genocide in Gaza with the support of the United States and other Western countries.

Since October 7, Israel has waged the genocidal war on Gaza after the Palestinian Hamas resistance group carried out a historic operation against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

So far, the regime has killed more than 28,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured over 67,600 others. Raisi demanded that the "bombing of Gaza should be stopped as soon as possible" and declared that "the death of the Zionist regime has come".

He asked about Israel: "How can a regime that has violated 400 statements and resolutions of international organizations adhere to UN covenants?

"We believe that one of the important steps that should be taken is the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the United Nations."



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