

# Pro-Palestinian protests held across world



erlands and Switzerland called for a cease-fire in Gaza and a halt to arms supplies to the Israeli regime. In Spain's capital, Madrid, around 4,000 protesters gathered in the center of the city to condemn the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Palestinians have been "crammed" in southern Gaza and "now they are displaced again from one place to another while there are no more safe places", said 57-year-old Jaldia Abubakra, referring to Israeli evacuation orders in the southern city of Rafah. Demonstrators demanded that their government and the international community take "urgent, concrete and effective measures against Israel, to stop arms trade with Israel and to boycott

A woman wrapped in a Palestinian flag and wearing a keffiyeh takes part in a demonstration in support of the Palestinian people in Madrid on May 11, 2024. **PIERRE-PHILIPPE MARCOU/ AFP**

campus of the University of Lisbon to show solidarity with Gaza. Hundreds also rallied in Athens to show solidarity with Palestinians and denounce the relentless Israeli attacks on Gaza, which has killed nearly 35,000 civilians – mostly women and children. In the Netherlands' capital, Amsterdam, approximately 15,000 people took part in anti-Israel's protests. Nearly 3,000 people in Germany's capital Berlin filled the streets of the city, calling for a halt to Germany's arms supply to Israel. Demonstrators demanded an end to the genocide in Gaza, chanting slogans such as "Israel is a terrorist state", "Germany finances, Israel bombs", "Freedom for Palestine" and "Long live Palestine." Speeches stressed that Germany is complicit in Israel's war crimes by supplying weapons to the regime. Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters also filled the streets of cities in several Italian cities as well as France's capital, Paris. Demonstrations were also held in Japan, South Korea and the US where students have been also staging protests against Israel's genocide for weeks.

## Iran ready to send aid to flood-hit Afghanistan

### International Desk

Iran extended condolences to Afghanistan's officials and people over deadly flash flooding that ravaged the country, saying that it is ready to send rescue teams and humanitarian aid to the neighboring country. In a message issued on Sunday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said that the Iranian government and nation were deeply saddened by the natural disaster that has killed at least 300 Afghans and displaced thousands in recent days. Iran's special envoy to Afghanistan Hassan Kazemi Qomi also said that Iran is ready to send humanitarian aid to the flood-stricken people in Afghanistan. Heavy seasonal rains have set off flash floods in Afghanistan's Baghlan, Takhar and Badakhshan, western Ghor and Herat provinces. The World Food Program said the flooding has killed more than 300 people and destroyed over 1,000 houses.

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Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters once again took to the streets across the

world to show their anger at the Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip. Many European countries have been the scene of an-

ti-Israel protests since the beginning of the regime's brutal strikes on the Palestinian territory in response to the Hamas's October 7

operation inside the occupied territories. On Saturday, protesters in Spain, Portugal, Greece, Germany, Italy, France, the Neth-

Israeli companies involved in the massacre. In the Portuguese capital of Lisbon, pro-Palestinian students camped out on the

## Iran might make ...

Iran initially engaged in negotiations with Western counterparts under the framework of the Leader's "heroic flexibility" policy, culminating in the signing of the nuclear deal. This agreement, known as the JCPOA, could set a precedent for other nations, conveying that even the most challenging disputes can be addressed diplomatically. However, the US withdrew from the JCPOA in May 2018, yet Iran persisted in upholding its commitments, refraining from abandoning the pact. Regrettably, during the past three years, as new administrations took office in the US and Iran, the required willpower to revitalizing the JCPOA appeared lacking. Currently, as the US avoids escalating tensions with Iran and the Iranian government seeks economic opportunities, resuming negotiations could prove beneficial for both parties.

Nevertheless, no definitive signals indicate such intentions, particularly from the US, amidst a looming presidential election. The Democrats aim to dodge criticism from Republican opponents on this matter. In this context, Mr. Kharrazi's recent statement about altering nuclear strategy serves as a reminder of the significance of diplomacy and dialogue over threats. Kharrazi's message warns that if "maximum pressure" policy persists and encroaches on military aspects, Iran remains prepared for resistance and defense. Such an outcome might prove detrimental for all involved, stressing the superiority of diplomatic efforts. In response to Kharrazi's stance, the US State Department spokesperson reiterated their opposition to Iran acquiring nuclear weapons and that all options were on the table, emphasizing that diplomacy serves as the preferred solution.

**Given the current state of the international system and the ineffectiveness of international organizations in alleviating tensions, as witnessed during the Gaza war, is it reasonable for governments to bolster their defense capabilities?** It is indeed a common practice for governments to seek ways to enhance their national power, with defense capabilities serving as a vital component. Recent conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza underscore the growing instability in the global order, heightening tensions and driving nations to bolster their defense capabilities. These events have demonstrated that countries with stronger defense capacities often gain the upper hand. Consequently, governments increasingly prioritize strengthening their defense power. However, whether this focus ultimately translates into the development of nuclear weapons is another matter.

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