

Mokhber: No shift in Iran's approach toward Muslim, allied countries



Iran's acting president also held a phone conversation with Secretary General of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad resistance movement Ziad al-Nakhalah on Saturday. Mokhber said there will be no shift in Iran's strategy in support of resistance groups, especially the Palestinian ones, after the loss of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in a tragic helicopter incident on May 19. He said that President Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian were seriously concerned

the change of people," Mokhber asserted. He also described resistance as the most effective way to counter Israeli crimes and aggression. Raisi, Amir-Abdollahian and six others died on May 19, when their helicopter crashed in foggy weather in the mountains near the northwestern border with Azerbaijan. The charred wreckage of the aircraft was found the following day. The pair had defended the Palestinians' rights in regional and international meetings and appreciated their resilience against the Israeli occupation. Nakhalah offered condolences to the Iranian government and people, saying the country will overcome the tragedy thanks to its qualified officials and revolutionary nation. "Martyr Raisi and Martyr Amir-Abdollahian were always on the frontline in defending the interests of the Iranian nation and supporting the resistance," he added.

Iran's Acting President Mohammad Mokhber (R) meets Sudan's Foreign Minister Hussein Awad (2nd L) in Tehran on May 26, 2024. [president.ir](https://www.president.ir)

National Desk

Iran's Acting President Mohammad Mokhber praised the role of the late President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in promoting relations

with the Islamic and allied countries, saying that Iran will continue to employ the approach as its basic strategy. Mokhber made the remarks in a meeting with Sudan's Foreign Minister Hussein Awad in Tehran

on Sunday. Mokhber also said Iran considers paying attention to the concerns of Muslims and Islamic countries as one of its strategies, adding that "We will not hesitate to help people of Sudan achieve inde-

pendence, progress and peace." Sudanese foreign minister, for his part, said relations between Tehran and Khartoum are based on Islamic and humanitarian principles as well as friendship between the two nations.

about support for the resistance and the Palestinians' inalienable rights. "The basic strategy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in backing the Resistance Front, especially the Palestinian resistance groups, will not alter by

NEWS IN BRIEF

Over 670 estimated dead in PNG landslide: UN

More than 670 people are believed to have died after a massive landslide in Papua New Guinea, a UN official told AFP on Sunday as aid workers and villagers braved perilous conditions in their search for survivors. The once-bustling hillside village in Enga Province was almost completely obliterated when the landslide struck in the early hours of Friday morning, burying scores of homes and the people sleeping inside them. "There are an estimated 150-plus houses now buried," said UN migration agency representative Serhan Aktoprak, adding that "670-plus people are assumed dead." "The situation is terrible with the land still sliding. The water is running and this is creating a massive risk for everyone involved," added Aktoprak, who oversees teams of emergency workers from Port Moresby.

Yemen's Ansarallah frees over 100 war prisoners

The Ansarallah resistance movement in Yemen on Sunday released more than 100 war prisoners linked to the country's long-running conflict, the International Committee of the Red Cross said. The unilateral release came more than a year after Yemen's warring sides freed more than 800 prisoners in a major exchange in the country in April last year, AP reported. The release of 113 prisoners took place Sunday morning in the capital of Sana'a, the Red Cross said in a statement, adding that the released detainees were among those the ICRC visited and assisted regularly in their detention in the Yemeni capital. "We hope this paves the way for further releases, bringing comfort to families eagerly anticipating reunification with their loved ones," said Daphnee Maret, the ICRC's head of delegation in Yemen.

Recognizing Palestinian state is 'justice' for Palestinians: Spain

International Desk

Recognizing the State of Palestine is justice for the Palestinian people, Spain's Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares said Sunday alongside Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Mustafa.

Welcoming Spain's move, with Norway and Ireland, to recognize the Palestinian state on Tuesday, Mustafa said, "We want to have every country in Europe to do the same."

Albares and Mustafa spoke side-by-side in Brussels, where the Palestinian leader was also meeting EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell and Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide. On Monday he will have another meeting in Brussels with the Spanish, Norwegian and Irish ministers. And on Wednesday he will be in Spain.

Israel has warned Spain, Norway and Ireland that ties with them will face "serious consequences" for their announced recognition of a Palestinian state. Israel's devastating war in Gaza has given impetus to countries wanting recognition of the State of Palestine.

They hope that the steps toward a long-elusive two-state solution, with Israel and a Palestinian state, will build foundations for Middle East peace.

A majority of UN member countries recognize Palestinian statehood. European countries are split on the

issue. Spain, Norway and Italy will join EU nations Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland,

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares (L) shakes hands with Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Mustafa during a meeting at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU in Brussels, on May 26, 2024. [SIMON WOHLFAHRT/AFP](https://www.simonwohlfahrt.com)



Romania and Sweden in recognizing the State of Palestine.

According to Slovenia's top diplomat Tanja Fajon, Slovenia has also joined a coalition of EU countries in a significant diplomatic initiative: the recognition of a Palestinian state.

Mustafa said recognition of a Palestinian state addresses "the injustice that has been inflicted on the Palestinian people for decades." "We hope that this momentum of recognitions and initiatives will continue," he said.

'Strong' Palestinian Authority

Josep Borrell said Sunday a "strong" Palestinian Authority is needed to bring peace in the Middle East. "A functional Palestinian Authority is in Israel's interest too, because in order to make peace, we need a strong Palestinian Authority, not a weaker one," Borrell said. He made the remarks to

journalists just before holding talks with Mustafa on how the Palestinian administration can be built up to take over Gaza rule from Hamas.

"We see the meeting today as a very important opportunity for us as a government and new government to present our international partners with the outlines of our priorities and plans for the coming period," Mustafa said.

The Palestinian leader said the "first priority" was to support Palestinians in Gaza, especially through a cease-fire, and then "rebuilding the institutions of the Palestinian Authority" in that territory.

The Brussels meeting, focused on international aid, was being chaired by Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide, in connection with the 1993 Oslo Accords that established a series of arrangements between the Palestinians and Israel. Eide on Sunday handed

over diplomatic papers to the Palestinian prime minister in the latest step toward recognizing a Palestinian state.

The diplomatic move by the three nations was a welcome boost of support for Palestinian officials who have sought for decades to establish a statehood

in East Al-Quds, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — territories Israel seized in the 1967 Mideast war and still controls.

ICJ ruling

Meanwhile, a UN's top court's ruling against Israel has further isolated the regime in the world.



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