

Iran int'l confab on Gaza

Israel falls back on genocide to survive



Seyed Hassan Khomeini, the grandson of the late founder of Islamic Republic in Iran Ayatollah Rouhollah Khomeini (i), shakes hands with a foreign rabbi during an international conference on Gaza in Tehran, Iran, on June 1, 2024. ● AHMAD MOEINI JAM/IRNA

International Desk

Iran's capital hosted an international conference dubbed "Gaza; the Oppressed but Resilient", to discuss nearly eight months of Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip. Many political and international figures participated in the Saturday's conference in Tehran. Addressing the event, Iran's acting Foreign Minister Ali Baqeri Kani described Hamas's Opera-

tion Al-Aqsa Storm in the occupied territories in October as a turning point in the history of Palestine and the "illegitimate regime of Israel". Baqeri Kani said that the Israeli regime is on decline every day and its only tool for survival is killing and genocide. Baqeri Kani said that despite all the efforts made by its allies in the world, the regime did not manage to rally international support for its genocidal war

in Gaza. He said that the "illegitimate regime" has now turned into a hated regime in the world. The Iranian top diplomat noted that the Hamas's operation also led to further integration and synergy among the region's resistance movements. Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf also addressed the international conference. He highlighted Israel's isola-

tion in the world in the wake of its aggression in Gaza and the growing support for Palestine. Iran's top parliamentarian criticized Israel's onslaught on Gaza, which has claimed the lives of more than 36,000 Palestinians in nearly eight months, saying that its lack of humanity and wisdom will ultimately lead to its decline. Lebanon's Minister of Culture Muhammad Wissam Al-Mur-tada also said today, the Pales-

tinian fighters in the entire Palestinian land in Gaza and Rafah are inflicting heavy blows on the regime's army. He said that the Islamic countries should put aside the differences and continue to fight against the "fake regime" in order to liberate the Palestinians lands. Chairman of Pakistan's Parliament Foreign Policy Committee Mushahid Hussain said that the Operation Al-Aqsa Storm is the most important development in the region after the Iranian revolution, noting that the operation debunked "Israel's invincibility myth". Israel launched its onslaught against the Gaza Strip, targeting hospitals, residences, and houses of worship after Palestinian fighters launched the surprise attack against the regime on October 7. Nearly 36,300 Palestinians have been killed, most of them women and children. Meanwhile, more than 1.7 million people have been internally displaced during the war as well.

Iran reserves right to respond to EU sanctions

Iran strongly condemned new EU sanctions against some of the country's officials and entities, stressing that the Islamic Republic reserves the right to respond. The EU on Friday levied fresh sanctions on a number of Iranian individuals and entities, accusing them of transferring drones and missiles to Russia and undermining peace and security West Asia. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani on Saturday shot back, slamming the European Union's double standards in dealing with Israel's months-long crimes in the Gaza Strip. "The European Union, which has been passive and ineffective in dealing with the humanitarian disaster in Gaza and Palestine for the past months and has been criticized by Europe's public opinion as well as people all over the world, once again instead of focusing on the war crimes of the Zionist regime in Gaza and punishing and banning this criminal regime, has put on its list of sanctions some leading and influential Iranian officials and institutions in the fight against terrorism and ensuring lasting security in the region," he said. "It is regrettable that the European Union, by resorting to repeated, absurd and baseless excuses and accusations, ignoring the realities on the ground in West Asia, and continuing its failed and ineffective approach, once again resorted to the outdated and ineffective tool of sanctions against sovereign Iran and preferred the Zionist regime's and the United States' satisfaction to the interests of the European Union and nations." Kanaani underscored Iran's principled policies, especially in ensuring regional and international peace and security, and strongly criticized the EU double standards. "The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves the right to respond to this destructive approach by the European Union," he added. The bans targeted six Iranian individuals and three entities, among whom were Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Ashtiani and Major General Gholam-Ali Rashid, the commander of Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, the European External Action Service (EEAS) said Friday. The sanctions prohibit any EU citizen or company doing business with the listed individuals and organizations. Iran has vehemently denied having supplied drones or missiles, reiterating on numerous occasions that drones supplied to Russia were delivered to Moscow long before the Ukraine war started in February 2022.

Election race gaining momentum as eight more sign up

National Desk

Eight more candidates registered on the third day of formal registration for presidential race to replace the late chief executive, Ebrahim Raisi, who died in a helicopter crash on May 19. Former executive deputy of Iran's Leader's office Vadid Haghanian and Iranian lawmaker Masoud Pezeshkian were among the eight people who registered on Saturday. Haghanian said his candidacy was a "personal

decision" but he was "fully familiar with the issues of the country". Like other hopefuls, Haghanian will have to wait to see if his candidacy is approved by the Guardian Council. He said he had forged close ties with key officials in state institutions "during 45 years of service in the presidential administration and the office of the Leader". Candidate registration opened on Thursday and closes on Monday. Others who have announced their candida-

cy include Tehran Mayor Alireza Zakani and former lawmaker Zohreh Elahian, the first woman to enter the race. Ex-Parliament speaker Ali Larijani, former Central Bank Governor Abdolnasser Hemmati and former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili have also registered. The Guardian Council will announce the final list of candidates on June 11 after it has completed its vetting procedures. Candidates must be between the ages of

40 and 75 and have at least a master's degree, according to Iran's electoral law. The 14th presidential elections were originally slated for 2025 but were brought forward due to Raisi's tragic death on May 19. Raisi and seven members of his entou-

rage, including foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, were killed when their chopper came down on a fog-shrouded mountainside in the northwestern Iran. ● IRNA



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