

Leader: High voter turnout 'source of pride'



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said a high voter turnout in the upcoming presidential election makes Iran proud and helps the Islamic Republic overcome its enemies.

The Leader made the remarks on Tuesday in an address to large groups of Iranians from the provinces of Tehran, Gilan, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, Markazi and North Khorasan on the occasion

of Eid al-Ghadir and ahead of the Friday presidential election, Press TV reported.

The Iranian nation is to face a test, Ayatollah Khamenei said, referring to the June 28 presidential election.

Iranians will go to the polls on Friday to elect the next president from among the six candidates vying to replace the late president Ebrahim Raisi.

"Elections are always a test, but



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei meets with a group of people from four Iranian provinces in Tehran on June 25, 2024.

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now [they are] more [important] than ever," the Leader added. Ayatollah Khamenei also expressed hope that the election will be a source of pride for the Iranian nation through their "maxi-

mum participation" and choosing "the most qualified" candidate.

"One of the factors that enable the Islamic Republic to overcome its enemy is the election," Ayatollah Khamenei asserted.

He further advised people to show a high voter turnout in the election to silence the country's ill-wishers, noting whenever participation was low it served as a tool for the enemies to reproach the Islamic establishment.

The Leader criticized the politicians who believe in reliance on world powers, saying they "think all the ways of progress pass through the US; No, it is not like that."

"The one who thinks that it is not possible to take steps without favors of the US, he will not manage [the country] well," he emphasized.

Ayatollah Khamenei said that the most qualified candidate is the person who is capable of tapping into domestic opportunities and capacities, among them the country's young, educated generation.

"The Islamic Republic has shown that it can advance without relying on foreigners and it has done so."

The Leader said that he has always believed in interaction with the entire world, with one or two exceptions.

Ayatollah Khamenei further expounded that his call for not pinning hope on foreigners "does not translate into severing relations [with them], but it means national bravery and national independence."

Iran raps US, EU, E3 over JCPOA status quo

'Constructive' dialogue only option to revive nuclear deal

Iran's United Nations envoy said the US departure from the 2015 nuclear deal and non-compliance of the European Union and the EU trio (France, Germany, and Italy) are the main reasons behind the failure of the agreement and the current deadlock.

During a UN Security Council meeting on the implementation of the deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and UNSC Resolution 2231 which endorses the agreement, Amir Saeid Iravani said pressures and intimidation are "non-starters" and the only option to revive the deal is "constructive" dialogue.

Iravani added that Iran got engaged in nine rounds of negotiations in Vienna and was willing to revive the deal based on the understanding reached in August 2022, but the United States, E3, and the European Union "lacked sincerity and determination" for its reimplementation. "Their failure to live up to their commitments regarding the removal of

sanctions ... is among the examples of their non-compliance," he noted. Iravani said the United States, United Kingdom, France, and Germany, are attempting in vain to shift the blame to Iran, disregarding the underlying and primary cause of the current situation, which is the "unilateral and unlawful withdrawal" of the United States from the deal in 2018.

According to Iravani, the E3's failure to honor their commitments on the removal of sanctions, specified in paragraph 20 of Annex V of the JCPOA on Transition Day (18 October 2023) is a clear example of their non-compliance, which violates both the JCPOA and UNSC Resolution 2231.

"Instead, they mounted a smear campaign against my country, a modus operandi [of the West]; however, repeating lies over and over again does not transform them into a truth." He explained that the JCPOA was "not perfect" but it still remains "the best viable option."

He said Iran has time and again said



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it had to scale back its JCPOA commitments in response to the US's unlawful withdrawal from the deal and the Europeans' lack of success in upholding their commitments.

"The remedial measures are in full conformity with Iran's rights under paragraphs 26 and 36 of the JCPOA, according to which, in the case of re-instatement or re-imposition of sanctions by the US or the EU, Iran is entitled to either partly or completely stop fulfilling its commitments." Iravani said Iran's remedial measures were "inevitable" because the JCPOA was drawn up based on a se-

ries of nuclear commitments made by Iran in return for the removal of all sanctions imposed by the UN, the US, and the EU.

Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres also called for all parties to the nuclear deal to pursue all available avenues for dialogue and cooperation.

During the meeting, Malta's Ambassador to the UN and Security Council Facilitator for the implementation of resolution 2231, Vanessa Frazier, encouraged the international community to take actions to fully support the implementation of the JCPOA.

Russia eyes cooperation pact with Iran in 'very near future'

Moscow expects to sign a new agreement on comprehensive cooperation with Iran "in the very near future," Deputy Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko told Russia's RIA state news agency in an interview published on Tuesday.

"We expect that this agreement will be signed in the very near future, since work on the text is already close to completion. All the necessary wording has been found," RIA cited Rudenko as saying.

On June 11, Russia underlined that

Tehran and Moscow are continuing work on the comprehensive cooperation agreement after Russian media reported suspension of the joint deal.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that work on a comprehensive agreement between Russia and Iran continues but the schedule may somewhat change due to the snap presidential election in Iran.

His remarks came hours after Russian presidential envoy for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov said that the

work on the cooperation agreement has been suspended due to issues with the Iranian side.

Iran's Ambassador to Russia Kazem Jalali also rejected the report, saying that both countries are trying to sign the agreement in 2024. Russia and Iran signed a 20-year strategic agreement in 2001 that was automatically extended in 2020 for five years, according to Russia's TASS state news agency reports. Both sides also agreed in 2020 to work on a new pact that would replace the old document.

Iran resolved to bolster cooperation in Asia: Acting FM tells ACD



Iran's Acting Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani (C) addresses the 19th Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) ministerial meeting in Tehran, Iran, on June 24, 2024. ● [IRNA](http://irna.ir)

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Iran's Acting Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani said holding

of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue forum shows Tehran's determination to use all opportunities to strengthen multilateralism, cooperation and convergence in Asia.

"During the meeting, two documents of principles governing the activities and procedures of the assembly were approved for the first time", Bagheri Kani wrote on X.

Tehran hosted the 19th Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) ministerial meeting on Monday, which was participated by about 40 representatives from Asia countries.

Iran has assumed the rotating presidency of the 35-member forum since October last year. The forum was established in 2002 and its headquarters is based in Kuwait's capital.

In a message to the conference, Iran's Interim President Mohammad Mokhber said the era of unilateralism is coming to an end and a new multilateral order is emerging in the world.

He said the "power of new Asia and strengthening of economic and technological foundations in this continent" have played an important role in putting an end to the era of unilateralism.

"The world is in a period of historical transition to a new international order and the emergence of a multipolar world. This irreversible path is heavily influenced by emerging Asian powers," he added.

Mokhber emphasized that the benefits and useful outcomes of multilateralism are evident in regional unions and organizations.

"We believe that under the existing circumstances in the international system, Asia can shape a new model based on justice, human dignity, dialogue, friendship and multilateralism in the field of changeable global relations," he added.

The interim Iranian president said multilateralism will pave the way for benefiting from the opportunity to participate in multilateral arrangements, which are formed as a result of unity against unilateralism.

Iran believes that Asia can create positive changes in global relations and play a leading role in forging international convergence, he added.

He expressed confidence that the new model can boost synergy among Asian countries and be beneficial to reforms in global structures.

"What is vital for the new international order is to end the West's monopolistic arrogance in the international political, economic, monetary and financial systems," he said.

He also noted that more trade and economic convergence among the Asian countries as well as other emerging economies in the global south will facilitate and accelerate the path to achieve the abovementioned goal.

As the rotating president of Asia Cooperation Dialogue, Iran has chosen the slogan of "a more powerful and coherent Asia through modern and emerging technologies" to be the focal point of its activities, he added.



Notification of AUCTION SJSICO. D140301

Referring to AUCTION SJSICO.D140301 dated June 22, 2024, hereby we would like to inform that the bid Delivery Term changed to FAS. **AUCTION SJSICO. D140301:** Hereby Sirjan Jahan Steel Company announces selling and export 25,000 MT DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) on basis of FAS. Interested bidders are invited to get documents with send an email to sjsco.sales@gmail.com. All the documents will be sent VIA email. All bids on conformity to tender instruction should be submitted no later than Monday, July 01, 2024 (2024-07-01)

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