



## Iran excoriates EU stance on trio islands in Persian Gulf



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## Sinwar's Path of Resistance Will Continue

Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar holds the child of a Palestinian fighter, who was killed in fighting with Israel, with a Kalashnikov rifle in his hand during a rally in Gaza City on May 24, 2021. EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP

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### Dialogue best option for Iran, Europe



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A joint statement by the European Union and the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council regarding the Iranian triple islands has sparked widespread criticism in Iran. This is not the first time the EU has issued a joint statement with the GCC on this matter, but its stance has shifted significantly since its previous position, which was in line with those of China and Russia, emphasizing the need to refer the dispute to international courts. However, the latest statement takes a more aggressive tone, claiming the islands belong to the UAE, despite historical documents and evidence. Nevertheless, this statement does not seem to reflect the EU's official and strategic stance on Iran and the triple islands, but rather a reaction demonstrating their criticisms against Tehran. In reality, it appears to be a form of political pressure on Iran.

There are several reasons for such a development. Firstly, the strained relations between Iran and Europe in recent years have contributed to this situation. It is unfair to attribute the blame solely to one side, as both Europe and Iran are responsible. Europeans are at fault for failing to preserve the JCPOA after the US withdrawal. Iran is also to blame for its lack of serious dialogue with Europeans over the past three years, which has led to a rift in their ties. [Page 2 >](#)

### Martyrdom of Sinwar and Israel's Pyrrhic victory

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**PERSPECTIVE**

With the martyrdom of Yahya Sinwar, the great architect of Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, the Zionist regime of Israel, which has no achievement other than assassinating resistance leaders, tries to present the martyrdom of the Hamas leader as a source of its success. This is while the security situation in the occupied territories has become increasingly critical after the martyrdom of several Hamas commanders and Ismail Haniyeh. Even after the martyrdom of its leader Sinwar, Hamas continues its martyrdom and combined operations against Israel. For example, yesterday, alongside military operations across Gaza, a martyrdom operation targeted two Zionist soldiers on the Jordan border. Hebrew media, reporting on this operation, noted that similar attacks can be expected in the future. Moreover, the achievement for which Israel is running a media campaign was not part of its planned efforts. The incident in which Sinwar is said to have been martyred was accidental and not based on intelligence operations like the regime's previous targeted assassinations. Yesterday, NBC News also highlighted the martyrdom of the Hamas leader, outlining the future of this movement from the analysts' perspective. According to former US intelligence analysts, in the past, killing leaders of militant groups in Gaza or elsewhere in the Middle East provided only temporary benefits for Israel, without resulting in a permanent defeat or even significant changes in their operations. [Page 2 >](#)



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