

Sinwar's path of resistance will continue

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Palestinian resistance group Hamas confirmed that its leader, Yahya Sinwar, was killed by Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip. In a statement on Friday, Hamas heralded Sinwar as a hero who "ascended as a heroic martyr, advancing and not retreating, brandishing his weapon, engaging and confronting the occupation army at the forefront of the ranks." The Palestinian group said it would take strength from the death of Sinwar. "Yahya Sinwar and all the leaders and symbols of the movement who preceded him on the path of dignity and martyrdom and the project of liberation and return will only build our movement and resistance in strength," Qatar-based official Khalil al-Hayya said in a video statement broadcast by Al Jazeera. He also said Israeli captives held in Gaza will not return

until war on Gaza stops and Israeli forces withdraw from the besieged and bombarded territory. Hamas's armed wing Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades vowed to keep fighting Israel until the "liberation of Palestine." "Our fight will not stop until Palestine is liberated, the last Zionist is expelled, and all our legitimate rights are regained," the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades said in a statement. "The criminal enemy is delusional if he thinks that by assassinating the great leaders of the resistance such as Sinwar, Haniyeh, Nasrallah, Al-Arouri and others, he can extinguish the flame of the resistance or force it to retreat. Rather, it will continue and escalate until the legitimate goals of our people are achieved." Sinwar was named the group's paramount leader on August 6, as a successor to former political chief

Ismail Haniyeh, who was assassinated in Tehran on July 31. Sinwar has been in Gaza, defying Israeli attempts to kill him since the start of the war. Born in a refugee camp in the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis, Sinwar, 62, was elected as Hamas' leader in Gaza in 2017. The leader, who spent half his adult life in Israeli prisons, was the most powerful Hamas leader left alive following the assassination of Haniyeh.

Unstoppable crimes

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian in a statement said Sinwar's assassination is a clear sign of the unstoppable crimes of the "occupying and child-killing Zionist regime." Citing remarks by Haniyeh, Pezeshkian said that the Israeli regime should know that killings of resistance leaders will make no disruption in the resistance of

the Islamic Ummah against oppression and occupation.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the leader of Hamas "bravely fought to the very end on the battlefield."

"Yahya Sinwar did not fear death but sought martyrdom in Gaza," the Iranian foreign minister wrote on X.

Araghchi said Sinwar's fate was a "source of inspiration for resistance fighters across the region, Palestinian and non-Palestinian."

Lebanon's Hezbollah movement mourned the killing of Hamas leader.

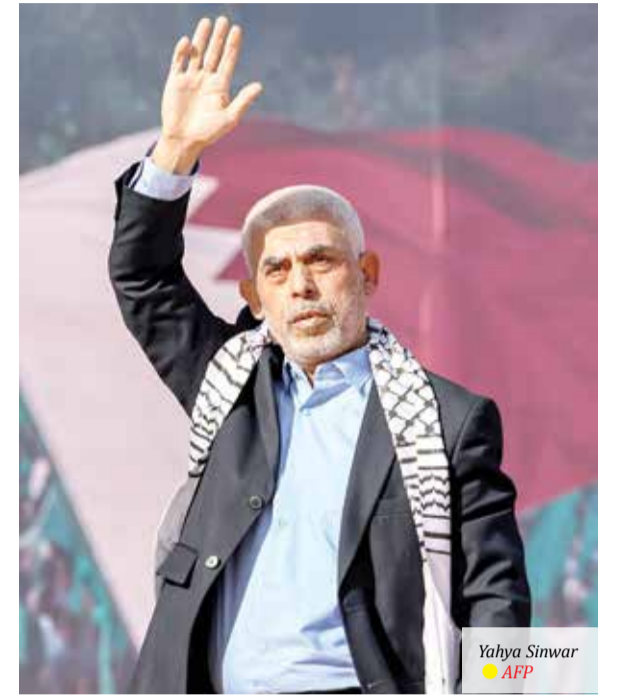
"We offer our deepest condolences," the movement said in a statement, vowing to continue "support for our Palestinian people." Yemen's Ansarullah movement also said on Friday they mourned Hamas leader following his killing by the Israeli military.

"My sincere condolences and great blessings to the

Hamas movement and the dear Palestinian people for the great leader Yahya Sinwar receiving the medal of martyrdom," a spokesman for the group wrote on X, adding that "Gaza and the Palestinian cause are destined for victory, no matter how great the sacrifices." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called his killing a milestone but vowed to keep up the war.

"The war, my dear ones, is not yet over," Netanyahu told Israelis late on Thursday, saying fighting would continue until hostages are released.

The US President Joe Biden said Sinwar's death provides the opportunity for a "day after" in Gaza without the group in power. "Yahya Sinwar was an insurmountable obstacle to achieving all of those goals. That obstacle no longer exists. But much work remains before us." The Kremlin said it was more concerned about the



Yahya Sinwar
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"humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza and Lebanon. "For us, the main thing is the consequences for civilians that we are seeing... The humanitarian ca-

tastrophe that is observed both in Gaza and in Lebanon is the subject of our serious concern," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Iran, Egypt call for immediate end to Israeli brutalities in Gaza, Lebanon

Iran and Egypt condemned Israeli atrocities against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip as well as the Lebanese nation, demanding an immediate cessation of the appalling brutalities. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi met in Cairo on Thursday and exchanged viewpoints on the latest developments in West Asia. They underlined the urgency of stopping Israeli aggression and crimes in Gaza and Lebanon, and preventing the dangerous escalation of insecurity that could drag the entire region into war and have destructive consequences. The two officials also stressed the need to dispatch humanitarian supplies to the refugees. Araghchi expressed his

deep concerns over the ongoing Israeli aggression against Gaza and Lebanon and stressed the importance of utilizing all diplomatic capacities to prevent the escalation of tensions in the region and alleviate the suffering of Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. For his part, Sisi voiced Egypt's concerns over current developments in the region. The Egyptian president stressed the need to prevent the conflict from further escalating. He said all capacities need to be used in order to stop Israeli atrocities and crimes in Gaza and Lebanon. During his stop in Turkey on Friday, the Iranian foreign minister said the regional countries share concerns about the possible spillover of the Israeli war on Gaza and Lebanon into West

Asia. Since early October 2023, Israel has been waging brutal two-front aggression that has killed at least 42,438 people in the Gaza Strip and 2,350 others in Lebanon so far and assassinated several resistance leaders. In response to Israel's acts of assassinations, Iran carried out a missile attack earlier this month on Israel's military sites. Tel Aviv has threatened to attack Iran and Tehran has vowed to give a "crushing" response to any provocation. Araghchi visited Turkey as part of a diplomatic marathon to de-escalate the situation in the region as Israel pushes its deadly aggression against Lebanon and Gaza. He has so far traveled to Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt and Iraq.

Iran excoriates EU stance on trio islands in Persian Gulf

Kharrazi: EU's support for UAE 'brazen hostility' toward Iran

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Iran has strongly condemned a joint statement of the European Union and the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) about three Persian Gulf Iranian islands, with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi saying, "Era of European malign 'divide & rule' interference in our region is long over." Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations denounced the joint statement, stating that Europe is embarking on a misguided and perilous path vis-à-vis the Islamic Republic. In a post published on its official X account on Thursday, the mission stated that while European leaders acknowledged during high-level negotiations with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on the sidelines of the 79th annual session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York that mutual concerns could be resolved through dialogue, they have surrendered to baseless allegations regarding Iran's

sovereignty and territorial integrity.

"Yet, in Brussels, they have recklessly ignored international law and the UN Charter, allowing themselves to become pawns of unfounded claims regarding Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity," the post read. Earlier, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi strongly condemned the irrelevant and meddling EU-GCC statement against Iran, stating it carries many messages.

"The three islands have always belonged to Iran, and will forever remain as such," the foreign minister asserted, noting, "Era of European malign 'divide & rule' interference in our region is long over."

The Persian Gulf islands of Abu Musa, the Greater and Lesser Tunbs have historically been part of Iran, proof of which can be found and corroborated by countless historical, legal, and geographical documents in Iran and other parts of the world. However, the United Arab Emirates has repeatedly laid claim to the islands.



The islands fell under British control in 1921 but on November 30, 1971, a day after British forces left the region and just two days before the UAE was to become an official federation, Iran's sovereignty over the islands was restored. Kamal Kharrazi, head of Iran's Strategic Council on Foreign Relations, urged the UAE to "end enmity towards Iran over its territorial integrity," saying that instead of resorting to others, who have economic motives in supporting the UAE's claim, return to dialogue to resolve the dispute based on historical facts. Kharrazi said that the EU's support for the UAE is the "brazen hostility" towards Iran on the pretext of the

alleged Iran's support for Russia in the Ukraine war. He also said that the EU's stance has no legal value and is merely a political position to attract aid and financial resources from the rich Persian Gulf countries, especially the UAE, to compensate for the heavy costs of their participation in the war in Ukraine. Iran's government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani Mohajerani in a post on her X account said, "Iran's territorial integrity is not an issue that foreigners dare to talk about." "The European Union and the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council are not in a position to comment on the great land of Iran," Mohajerani said.

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