

# Leader: Bullying powers' insistence on talks aimed at imposing own demands

## International Desk

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said the insistence of some bullying powers on negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program is aimed at imposing their demands, stressing that the Islamic Republic will not accept their expectations.

Addressing a number of Iranian officials in Tehran on Saturday, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The insistence of some bullying governments on negotiations is not aimed at resolving issues, but rather [aims] to assert and impose their own expectations," he said.

"Definitely, the Islamic Republic will not accept their expectations," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

The Leader also hit back at the criticisms leveled by the European parties to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which have claimed that the Islamic Republic has not fulfilled its nuclear commitments, saying, "You say that Iran has not fulfilled its nuclear commitments. Well, did you fulfill yours? You did not comply [with your obligations] from the very beginning."

Ayatollah Khamenei said that after the US withdrawal from the nuclear agreement in 2018, Europeans vowed to compensate but repeatedly broke their promises.

Before the Leader's speech, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian also addressed the meeting and called for unity among officials to overcome problems facing the country.



Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei meets with Iranian officials in Tehran on March 8, 2025.  
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He said that the country is able to overcome all problems caused by sanctions, stressing that no power can defeat a "united country."

"We must not give in to the enemy's threats," he underlined.

In 2015, Iran reached a nuclear deal with Britain, Germany, France, the United States, Russia and China, which is known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The US quit the agreement in 2018, during Donald Trump's first term as US president, and Iran began moving away from its nuclear-related commitments under the deal.

The US unilateral withdrawal from the agreement and re-imposition of sanctions removed under the deal left the future of the JCPOA in limbo.

However, Iran has been trying to revive the JCPOA during the past years and has held several rounds of talks with the European parties to the deal, which their non-compliance to the agreement had a great impact on the implementation of the agreement.

In recent months, the US president has repeatedly expressed his interest to reach an agreement with Iran.

However, his language of threats and imposition of sanctions against Iran have made Iranian officials skeptical of negotiations with the US administration.

Trump last month restored his "maximum pressure" campaign on Iran which includes efforts to drive its oil exports down to zero.

## OIC rejects Trump's Gaza plan as ethnic cleansing, crime against humanity Muslim nations endorse reconstruction proposal



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Foreign ministers from Muslim nations on Saturday rejected widely-bashed calls by US President Donald Trump to forcibly displace Palestinians from the Gaza Strip and backed a plan for an administrative committee of Palestinians to govern and reconstruct the war-ravaged territory.

The foreign ministers gathered in the Saudi city of Jeddah for a special session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to address the situation in Gaza.

In a statement put out Saturday, the gathering threw its support behind a plan to rebuild Gaza put forward by Egypt and backed by Arab states aimed at countering Trump's call.

The ministers said they rejected "plans aimed at displacing the Palestinian people individually or collectively ... as ethnic cleansing,

a grave violation of international law and a crime against humanity." They also condemned "policies of starvation" that they said aim to push Palestinians to leave.

Trump triggered global outrage last month when he suggested the US "take over" Gaza and turn it into the "Riviera of the Middle East," while forcing its Palestinian inhabitants to relocate to Egypt or Jordan. Speaking on Friday at an extraordinary meeting of the OIC foreign ministers, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi strongly rejected the US bids "to forcibly relocate the population of Gaza," calling it a "clear violation of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention."

He stressed that any attempt to alter the "demographic and cultural fabric of the occupied Palestine" is inadmissible and contrary to the principles of justice and international law.

## Iran's FM: Insecurity in Syria will only benefit Israel, terrorist groups 340 Alawite civilians killed by Syrian security forces, allies, monitor says



A member of Syria's new authority's security forces fires his weapon in Sanamayn, in the southern province of Daraa, during clashes with armed opposition groups on March 5, 2025.  
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Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi expressed concerns about "dangerous developments" taking place in Syria, emphasizing the responsibility of the Arab country's new rulers to ensure the security of all Syrians.

Araghchi made the remarks in a meeting with his Turkish counterpart Hakan Fidan on the sidelines of a meeting of the Organization of Islamic Countries in Saudi Arabia on Saturday.

Iran's top diplomat underlined that insecurity and instability in Syria will only benefit the Israeli regime and would cause terrorist and extremist groups taking advantage of the unstable situation.

A Syria war monitor reported on Saturday that more than 300 civilians from the Alawite minority have been killed in recent days by security forces and

their allies, as authorities clash with militants loyal to the former government of Bashar al-Assad.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported on Saturday that "340 Alawite civilians were killed in the coastal regions of Syria and the Latakia mountains by security forces and allied groups" since then.

The Observatory indicated they were killed in "executions" carried out by security personnel or pro-government fighters and accompanied by "looting of homes and properties."

The civilian deaths bring the overall toll to 553 people, including 93 members of the new government's security forces and 120 pro-Assad fighters, data from the Observatory shows.

The killings followed clashes sparked by the arrest of an individual by security forces in a predominantly Alawite village, the Observatory reported.

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The bidders are requested to submit their letters of introduction, along with remittance bill of IRI. Rials 1,200,000 to ASSC's account no. 4001039704005791 with SHEBA no. IR250100004001039704005791 at the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran through payment order of SATNA or PAYA with the 30-character identification code of 33903978226350065000000000000000

The bidders are required to submit their sealed and stamped envelopes containing offers latest on Monday dated 21/04/2025 (During official working hours) to our security office, located on the 8th floor. Meanwhile the meeting for the opening of the envelopes will be on Tuesday dated 22/04/2025 at 14:00 with the presence of bidders' representatives in our purchasing committee (9th floor, no. 1, fourth alley, Gandhi St., Tehran, Iran).

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