

West's claims over nuclear program, human rights mere excuses: *Leader*



National Desk

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei called Western claims over Iran's nuclear program and human rights mere pretexts, saying their real concern is Iran's growing power in different fields.



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei speaks during a ceremony in Tehran on July 29, 2025, to commemorate the victims of last month's Israeli's aggression against Iran. [khamenei.ir](#)

Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks on Tuesday during a ceremony to mark the 40th day since the martyrdom of those killed in the last month Israel's aggression against Iran. "Nuclear program, enrichment, human rights are all excuses ... What they are after is your religion and knowledge," he said. "Our nation, by divine grace, will never abandon its religion or its knowledge," he said. "We will take great strides in strengthening our faith and deepening our scientific advancement." The Leader said that the recent 12-day aggression against Iran

revealed the strength and determination of the Iranian nation, and showed the world the unmatched firmness of the Islamic Republic's foundation. Ayatollah Khamenei added that the war served as an occasion for the Islamic Republic to display its willpower and capabilities, stressing that the root cause of enmity toward Iran lies in the nation's "faith, knowledge, and unity." "They are against this widespread faith of [our] people, their unity under the banner of Islam and the Qur'an, and they are against your knowledge."

The Leader's remarks come in the wake of Israel's June 13 aggression targeting senior Iranian officials and nuclear scientists in an act of terrorism that killed scores of civilians as well. Days later, the United States escalated the war by bombing three civilian nuclear facilities in Iran. In a powerful response, Iranian Armed Forces launched retaliatory strikes on strategic Israeli targets across the occupied territories and also hit the Al-Udeid air base in Qatar, the largest American military outpost in West Asia.

Speaker calls Israel's actions in Gaza reminiscent of Nazi crimes

International Desk

Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf on Tuesday described Israel's actions in Gaza as reminder of Nazi crimes during the World War II, warning that every moment of delay in confronting Israel is tantamount to complicity in the crimes of the "Nazis of the 21st century." Speaking at the meeting titled "Commitment to International Law and the UN Charter for Ensuring International Peace and Security" in Geneva, Qalibaf said the catastrophe unfolding in Gaza today marks one of the darkest moments in human history. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 6th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva, at the initiative of Iran and with the participation of representatives from many countries. Qalibaf said the "apartheid regime of Israel", backed by global powers, is carrying out deliberate crimes against civilians, particularly children. "What we are witnessing is not a war; it is an organized genocide that demeans humanity. This is the emergence of the Nazis of the 21st century," he stated.



Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf speaks in a meeting on Gaza in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 29, 2025. [icana.ir](#)

The speaker stressed that UN reports prove these crimes are not accidental but part of a plan to ethnically cleanse Palestinians. He warned that despite international laws, the world's silence on what is happening in Gaza has effectively legitimized it. "Gaza today is not merely a regional crisis; it is a test of the world's conscience. If the Nazis of our time are not stopped there, the flames of this tragedy will spread across the globe," Qalibaf cautioned. Since October 2023, the Israeli

regime has launched a devastating war on the Gaza Strip, which has claimed the lives of more than 59,000 Palestinians in the besieged territory. The regime has also resorted to a starvation policy in recent months to force the Palestinian resistance groups to surrender. The starvation and famine in Gaza have claimed the lives of more than 130 people, mostly children. Israel's policy of starving Gaza civilians has drawn condemnations by the countries across the world.

Iran vows stronger response if attacked again by US, Israel

International Desk

Iran's foreign minister warned on Monday that it would respond to the United States and Israel in a "more decisive manner" should they attack Iran again. The comments appeared to be in response to remarks by US President Donald Trump, who had threatened earlier in the day to "wipe out" the Islamic republic's nuclear program if it resumed atomic activities following a round of US strikes last month.

"If aggression is repeated, we will not hesitate to react in a more decisive manner and in a way that will be IMPOSSIBLE to cover up," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in a post on X. "If there are concerns about the possible diversion of our nuclear program into non-peaceful purposes, the 'military option' proved incapable – but a negotiated solution may work," he added. It remains unclear how much damage was caused by the US strikes on Tehran's nuclear facilities, which came after Israel launched a surprise bombing campaign which claimed the lives of nearly 1,100 Iranians. Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces, in a phone conversation with Tajikistan's Minister of Defense Emomali Abdur Rahim Sobirzoda on Tuesday said Iran places absolutely "no trust" in the promises of the US and the Israeli regime and stands "fully prepared" to decisively confront any renewed aggression. He said the enemy's outrageous actions proved that despite 12 days of brutal attacks violating all international norms, the US and Israel "did not achieve their goals and received heavy blows, which is why they called for a ceasefire to save the Zionist regime."



Abbas Araghchi [IRNA](#)

Israel's attacks had derailed US-Iran nuclear negotiations that began in April. During a ceremony commemorating those killed in the last month aggression by the Israeli regime on Tuesday, the Iranian foreign minister said that there is no plan for new negotiations for now. Over the course of the 12-day war, Iran responded with missile attacks on Israeli targets in the occupied territories, as well as one on a nearby US base in Qatar. During a visit to Scotland on Monday, Trump maintained the previous strikes on Iran "wiped out their nuclear possibilities". "They can start again. If they do, we'll wipe it out faster than you can wave your finger at it," he added. Before the war broke out, the United States and Iran were divided over uranium enrichment – with Tehran describing it as a "non-negotiable" right, and Washington calling it a "red line". Tehran, which has consistently denied pursuing a bomb, has said it is open to discussing the rate and level of enrichment, but not the right to enrichment itself. In his post, Araghchi said: "No one in their right mind would abandon the fruits of tremendous investment in homegrown and peaceful technology" just because of foreign bullying.

Iran warns against attempts to disintegrate Syria



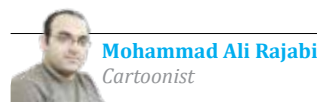
Amir Saeid Iravani [IRNA](#)

International Desk

Iranian UN ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani on Monday underlined Iran's "unwavering commitment" to the sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of Syria, warning against any attempt to disintegrate the Arab country. "We strongly oppose any attempt

— whether direct or indirect — to undermine Syria's national sovereignty or to fragment its territory. In this regard, we warn against Israel's dangerous and destabilizing agenda aimed at detaching Syria's southern provinces from the authority of the central government", the Iranian diplomat said during an address to a UN Security Council session to discuss the

situation in Syria. Iravani said such illegal actions constitute a clear violation of international law, the UN Charter and the Security Council resolution, and threaten regional stability. He also referred to a recent outbreak of violence in Syria's Sweida Province, which resulted in the loss of hundreds of civilian lives and damage to critical infrastructure. "We express our support for the interim government's efforts to restore stability and urge a prompt, transparent investigation conducted in full accordance with the rule of law". Clashes in Druze-majority Sweida Province, which began on July 13 and ended with a cease-fire a week later, initially involved Druze fighters and Bedouin tribes, who have been fighting for decades. Later, government forces joined the fighting on the side of the Bedouin armed groups. The clashes killed more than 250 people and displaced 128,571 others, according to the UN's International Organization for Migration.



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