# Pezeshkian calls for collective Muslim push to stop Gaza genocide

#### **International Desk**

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Wednesday underscored the necessity of collective efforts by Islamic countries to prevent the continuation of a humanitarian catastrophe caused by the Israeli regime in the besieged Gaza Strip.

The Iranian president made the remarks in a phone call with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on Wednesday.

Pezeshkian called on Muslim countries to leverage active diplomacy and diplomatic pressure to terminate the regime's genocidal war against Palestinians.

"The atrocities committed by the Zionist regime in Gaza are unacceptable to any free human being, and I hope that Islamic countries, through active diplomacy and diplomatic pressure, will prevent the continuation of

these crimes and will respond to them with cohesion, unity, and responsibility," the Iranian president said

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has always defended the rights of the oppressed Palestinian nation, and other Islamic countries should adopt a stronger and more active stance in support of the oppressed people of Palestine and Gaza too," he added. "Collective efforts will be very effective in confronting the crimes of the Zionist regime in Gaza." Pointing to the Israeli-imposed

12-day war on the Islamic Republic, Pezeshkian said, "We are blamed for defending the oppressed people of Palestine and their human rights, and we abhor the oppression and tyranny inflicted upon them; the arrogant powers of the world consider this wrong, and that is why they pressure us." Ibrahim, for his part, decried Is-

rael's aggression against Palestinians, saying, "The Malaysian government has issued a strong statement against Israel's crimes in Gaza and is pursuing extensive diplomatic efforts to stop the genocide in Gaza. We hope that with the cooperation and assistance of other Islamic countries, we can stop these crimes." The Israeli regime has been rav-



aging the besieged Gaza Strip since Hamas' Operation al-Agsa Flood on the occupied territories in 2023, killing more than 61,000 Palestinians and wounding upwards of 150,000 others up to now. Most of the victims are women and children, as indiscriminate Israeli attacks target schools, mosques, and even tents that shelter displaced

Palestinians. Israel's relentless bombardment campaign has devastated the territory and led to food shortages, famine, and acute starvation.

According to the Gaza Health Ministry on Wednesday, at least 135 Palestinians, including 87 aid seekers, were killed and 771 injured in Israeli attacks across Gaza in just 24 hours. Nearly 200 Palestinians have also lost their lives from starvation in the region.

### Complete takeover of Gaza

On Tuesday, the regime's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met military affairs minister Israel Katz and military chief of staff Eyal Zamir to discuss a complete military takeover of

However, disagreements emerged over the prospect of the plan, with the regime's military chief of staff saying that the full occupation would be like "walking into a trap".

Netanyahu claimed on Tuesday that Israel must "complete" the defeat of Hamas in order to secure the release of hostages still held in Gaza.

The army chief has suggested alternatives to a full occupation, such as an encirclement of specific areas where Hamas is believed to be hunkering down, according to the Channel 12 broadcaster.

But Katz hit back with a clear message.

"It is the right and duty of the Chief of Staff to express his position in the appropriate forums," he wrote on X.

"But once decisions are made by the political echelon, the IDF will execute them with determination and professionalism... until the objectives of the war are achieved," he added, using an acronym for the Israeli military.

## Hezbollah says will ignore disarmament plan 'as if it did not exist'

Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance group said on Wednesday that it would treat Beirut's decision a day earlier to disarm it "as if it did not exist", accusing the cabinet of committing a 'grave sin." Amid US pressure, Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said the government "tasked the Lebanese army with setting an implementation plan to restrict weapons" to the army and other state forces "before the end of this year", AFP reported.

The plan is to be presented to the cabinet by the end of August for discussion and approval. In its first response to the decision, Hezbollah said: "Prime Minister Nawaf Salam's government committed a grave sin by taking the decision to disarm Lebanon of its weapons to resist the Israeli enemy.

"This decision undermines Lebanon's sovereignty and gives Israel a free hand to tamper with its security, geography, politics and future existence... Therefore, we will treat this decision as if it does not exist."

Hezbollah said it views the decision as "the result of dictates from US envoy" Tom Barrack, referring to a proposal he submitted to authorities calling for the group's disarmament within a timetable.

The government said its decision came as part of the implementation of the US-brokered cease-fire agreement that ended the war between Hezbollah and Israel on November 27. The agreement stipulated that government authorities including the army and internal security forces should be the exclusive bearers of weapons in Lebanon.

# Egypt urges resumption of Iran-IAEA cooperation for regional stability

#### **International Desk**

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty called for the resumption of cooperation between Iran and the UN atomic agency aimed at securing stability in the West

The Egyptian foreign minister made the remarks in separate phone calls with his Iranian counterpart Abbas Araghchi and chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi On June 25, Iran's Parliament ap-



proved a bill to suspend Tehran's cooperation with the IAEA following air strikes by Israel and the United States on key Iranian nu-



clear facilities during two weeks of aggression against the Islamic

The IAEA Board of Governors used

his report in its latest session to pass an anti-Iran resolution, which became an excuse for the Israeli regime to launch its aggression against Iran.

According to Egypt's Foreign Ministry, Abdelatty stressed the importance of adhering to diplomacy and paving the way for the resumption of cooperation between Tehran and the IAEA, in a manner that contributes to restoring trust and creating an environment conducive to achieving security and stability in the region.

# Mossad spy executed in Iran over assassination of nuclear scientist

### **National Desk**

Iranian authorities on Wednesday executed a man convicted of spying for Israel by passing on information about a nuclear scientist killed during Israel's 12-day aggression against Iran in June, the Judiciary

"Roozbeh Vadi... was executed following judicial proceedings and confirmation of his sentence by the Supreme Court," the Judiciary's Mizan Online website said, adding that the man had leaked information about a "nuclear scientist who

was assassinated during the Zionist regime's recent aggression."

According to the case documents and Vadi's own confessions, he was fully aware that he was collaborating with Mossad.

Mizan reported that Vadi worked at one of Iran's "key and sensitive organizations" and that his access enabled him to pass on "classified information" after being recruited online by Israel's Mossad spy agency and participated in various evaluation stages of Mossad officers. In mid-June, Israel launched an unprecedented bombing campaign against Iran, triggering a war during which Iran responded with missile and drone strikes.

The Israeli offensive killed senior military commanders, nuclear scientists and hundreds of civilians. striking both military sites and res-

According to local media, at least a dozen nuclear scientists were killed.

Iran has since the war began vowed swift trials for people arrested on suspicion of collaborating with Is-

According to reports, more than

700 spies affiliated with Mossad were arrested across Iran amid the Israeli aggression against the country in June.

Iran's security agencies also dismantled many underground drone facilities in Tehran and other cities operated by Mossad agents in recent months.

Separately on Wednesday, authorities executed a man convicted of being a member of the Daesh terrorist group, who was allegedly planning "terrorist operations inside Iran," according to Mizan.



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## IRGC warns of 'much harsher response' to new aggression

### **National Desk**

Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) on Wednesday warned Israel and the US of "much harsher response" to any new aggression against Iran.

"Any threat to the security and territorial integrity of the country will be met with a severe response beyond the enemies' imagination, and much harsher than what happened to the warmongering aggressors in the True Promise 3 operation," the IRGC said in a state-

The statement added that Iran's Armed Forces are ready to give a decisive and

regretful response to any threat and aggression from the United States and Israel and their supporters, at any time and in any place.

As part of Operation True Promise I in April last year, the IRGC fired more than 300 missiles and drones against the occupied territories in reprisal for deadly aggression by the Israeli regime that had targeted Iranian diplomatic facilities in the Syrian capital of Damascus. In October, the Islamic Republic also launched 200 missiles towards Israeli military and intelligence bases all over the occupied territories as part of Operation True Promise II.