

Iranian nation will stand firm against US subjugation attempts: *Leader*



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses a ceremony marking the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Reza (PBUH), the 8th Imam of Shia Muslims, in Tehran, Iran on August 24, 2025.
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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said on Sunday that the Iranian nation with all its power will stand against US measures to bring the nation to its knees and make it "obedient to America." Speaking at a mourning ceremony marking the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Reza (PBUH) in Tehran on Sunday, Ayatollah Khamenei said that the Iranian nation has stood firm against the US insulting demand for submission and will continue to resist with strength. He noted that Washington has

long masked its enmity towards Iran under such pretexts as terrorism, human rights, women's issues, or democracy, but the current US president has openly exposed the true reason. "He said our confrontation with Iran is because we want Iran to be obedient to America," the Leader stated, clarifying that he was paraphrasing remarks by US President Donald Trump. Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized that this expectation is an insult to the Iranian nation with its long history, honor, and achievements. "America wants Iran to be at its command, and the Iranian nation is deeply offended by such

a demand and will stand firm against those who harbor it," he said. Ayatollah Khamenei noted that the enemies, having realized through their military defeats that Iran cannot be forced into obedience by war, are now pursuing the goal of weakening the country through discord. The Leader was referring to the Israeli-US war of aggression against Iran, which was launched on June 13. The war came to a halt on June 25 due to Iran's relentless retaliatory missile strikes against the occupied territories that had overwhelmed the regime's defense systems.

He stressed the need to preserve national unity and support the country's officials, saying that "the invincible shield of solidarity between the people, officials, and the Armed Forces must never be undermined." According to Ayatollah Khamenei, all Iranians, including intellectuals and media figures, need to safeguard the unity achieved in the wake of the (12-day war) war and support public servants, particularly the "hard-working and tireless president." He also censured those who say direct negotiations with Washington could solve the country's problems, saying such views are superficial.

Iran, E3 to reconvene as snapback deadline looms

International Desk

Iran's Foreign Ministry said Tehran will meet next week with Britain, France and Germany on its nuclear program amid threats by European powers to trigger the so-called snapback mechanism to reinstate international sanctions against the Islamic Republic. "It was agreed that Iran's talks with the three European countries and the European Union would continue next Tuesday at the level of deputy foreign ministers," the ministry said after a phone call between Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and senior European diplomats on Friday. Iran has repeatedly said that the European countries lack "legal and moral" authority to activate the snapback mechanism, envisaged in a UN Security Council resolution that endorses the landmark 2015 Iran nuclear deal, as they failed to fulfill their commitments under the agreement. The European trio – parties to the deal – have threatened to trigger the "snapback mechanism" by the end of August. The move would re-

impose UN sanctions lifted under the 2015 agreement unless Iran makes a deal on its nuclear program. France has confirmed the talks and cautioned that Iran faces a narrowing window of time. German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl said on X that his country remained "committed to diplomacy but time is very short." "Iran needs to engage substantively in order to avoid the activation of snapback," he said. "We have been clear that we will not let the snapback of sanctions expire unless there is a verifiable and durable deal." The EU's foreign policy chief, Kaja Kallas, made a similar statement and said, "With the deadline for the snapback mechanism fast approaching, Iran's readiness to engage with the US is crucial. Iran must also fully cooperate" with the IAEA. Iran suspended cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in July in the wake of US-Israel's aggression which targeted Iran's nuclear facilities, military sites and residential areas

in June. The aggression claimed the lives of nearly 1,100 Iranians. Israel's act of aggression also derailed nuclear negotiations between Iran and the United States which unilaterally withdrew from the 2015 agreement in 2018 and slapped crippling sanctions on Iran. Iran has ever since criticized Europe over failing to meet its commitments under the deal. Araghchi reiterated Friday the "lack of legal and moral competence of these countries to resort to the said mechanism" while warning about "the consequences of such an action." The deadline for activating the mechanism ends in October, though Europeans have set an internal target of the end of August to trigger it if diplomacy fails. They have also offered an extension to buy time for talks. "This is a decision that must essentially be taken by the United Nations Security Council; and while the Islamic Republic of Iran has its own principled positions and views in this regard, it is not involved in this process," Araghchi said.

Araghchi: Illusion of 'Greater Israel' existential threat to int'l peace, security

International Desk

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi in an opinion piece raised the alarm that the illusion of a "Greater Israel" represents an existential danger and a grave threat to international peace and security, calling on the Muslim community to take collective action to counter the occupying regime's expansionist agenda. In his article published in the London-headquartered newspaper Asharq al-Awsat on the eve of an emergency meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Araghchi wrote that the upcoming session must serve as a turning point to solidify the collective resolve of Muslim states. The top Iranian diplomat, who left Iran for Saudi Arabia on Sunday to take part in an OIC meeting, urged member countries to halt Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's "insatiable ambitions" and to prevent the continuation of massacres, destruction, and annexation of Islamic lands. "The forthcoming OIC ministerial meeting should not be confined to declarations of solidarity with the Palestinian people or expressions of regret and concern over the current situation," said Araghchi. "It is a historic test for the Islamic Ummah and perhaps one of the few opportunities to forge a regional and global coalition to stop Israeli aggression." The foreign minister also posed a "decisive question": which country would be the next target after Syria? He warned that Netanyahu's recent remarks and actions are not passing claims but a direct declaration of policy and strategy aimed at implementing the idea of a "Greater Israel from the Nile to the Euphrates." According to Araghchi, the move would un-



dermine the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and security of independent states, including Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Kuwait, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. Calling the plan a blatant violation of the UN Charter and peremptory norms of international law, Araghchi said it exposes Israel's aggressive intentions to dominate the Islamic world. He added that with Netanyahu openly proclaiming himself the executor of the "Greater Israel" project, there is no room for illusion or indifference. Earlier this month, Netanyahu said that he feels a deep connection to "this vision" of a "Greater Israel," referring to the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories as well as parts of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon, and described it as "a historical and spiritual mission." Araghchi also denounced the continued support of Western powers, particularly the United States, for Israel, arguing that such backing amounts to complicity in crimes and poses a growing danger to regional and global stability. More than 62,000 Palestinians have been killed, mostly women and children, and over 157,000 individuals have been injured in the brutal Israeli onslaught on Gaza since October 7, 2023, according to the health ministry of Gaza.

Tens of thousands across Australia protest Israel's genocide in Gaza

Tens of thousands of people marched through Australia's cities and towns on Sunday demanding action to save dying and starving Palestinians. Peaceful rallies were held in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and dozens of other cities across the country, with protesters urging sanctions on Israel and an end to Australia's arms trade with Israel, AP reported. Police estimated about 10,000 people took part, while organizers said 100,000 marched in Sydney alone. They put the total figure at 300,000 across the nation. In Melbourne, protesters congregated outside Victoria's State Library, chanting "sanction Israel now". Organizer Nour Salman said Australia's plans to recognize Palestinian



statehood, in step with like-minded allies at the next United Nations meeting in September, must be accompanied by tougher sanctions on Israel. "Enough is enough. There is no ifs, buts or maybes," the activist said. This was the second round of major pro-Palestine protests in Australia this month after tens of thousands took to the streets of Sydney earlier in August and shut down

the Sydney Harbour Bridge. In Adelaide, about 5,000 people chanting "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" gathered in Victoria Square, before marching to Parliament House, where they were addressed by independent senator Fatima Payman. The protests came after the world's leading authority on food crises said Friday the Gaza Strip's largest city is gripped by

Demonsrators hold placards as they take part in the 'Nationwide March for Palestine' protest in Sydney, Australia, Aug 24, 2025.
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famine, and that it's likely to spread across the territory without a cease-fire and an end to restrictions on humanitarian aid. The report from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, or IPC, said more than half a million people in Gaza — about a quarter of its population — face catastrophic levels of hunger, with many at risk of dying from malnutrition-related causes. Israel has rejected the report's findings. At least 62,263 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's onslaught since it started on October 7, 2023.

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