

Larijani urges Muslims to take decisive action against Israeli 'madness'



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Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Larijani called on the Muslim countries to take decisive and practical action against Israel's crimes in the region. "Holding an OIC conference full of speeches without practical results (as happens in Security Council meetings) is, in fact, equivalent to issuing a new order for aggression in favor of the Zionist entity!" Larijani said in a post on X, referring to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). "At the very least, form a 'Joint Operations Room' against the madness of this regime." Larijani added that the move is enough to make the United States change its policy towards the re-

gion. "Since you have done nothing for the hungry and oppressed Muslims in Palestine, at least make a modest decision to avoid your own annihilation!" the Iranian official said. Larijani made the remarks days after Israel launched a targeted attack on the Persian Gulf Arab state, Qatar, to assassinate high-ranking officials of the Palestinian resistance group Hamas. Hamas said five of its members were killed in an Israeli air strike in Qatar's capital on Tuesday, but said that an attempt to assassinate its negotiating team "failed." Hamas said the negotiating team was meeting to discuss the latest US proposal for a cease-fire in the Gaza Strip at a residential compound in Doha when it was badly

damaged by a series of explosions. Qatar condemned the Israeli attack, calling it "cowardly" and a "flagrant violation of international law." Since the beginning its onslaught on the Gaza Strip in October 2023, the Israeli regime has also expanded its aggression to several regional countries including Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran and Qatar. In Gaza, the Israeli attacks have claimed the lives of more than 64,000 people – mostly women and children. Its aggression against Lebanon has also killed more than 4,000 people. The regime also launched an unprovoked aggression against Iran in June, which left nearly 1,100 people dead. Hundreds of people have also been killed in Yemen and Syria.

Iran-Tunisia ties 'shining example' of Tehran's commitment to strong bonds in Islamic world

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi praised good relations between Iran and Tunisia, saying that the relations serve as a "shining example" of Tehran's commitment to expanding strong ties with the Islamic countries.

Araghchi made the comments in an article published in Tunisian media.

The publication followed his visit to the North African country, where he met with President Kais Saied and Foreign Minister Mohamed Ali Nafti to discuss key bilateral issues.

Tunisia, he said, has a "high and special position" in Iran's foreign policy, noting that the ties between the two countries, which are rooted in history, are based on "brotherhood, mutual respect, deep religious and cultural commonalities, and common international goals."

The ties of the two countries have witnessed a positive and dynamic development, he said, adding that the historic visit of Tunisian President Kais Saied to Iran in May 2024, which included a meeting with Leader of the Islamic Revolution Seyyed Ali Khamenei, was a turning point that "opened a new chapter of comprehensive cooperation."

Araghchi praised Tunisia for its "resolute, principled stance and valuable support" during the recent Israeli aggression on Iranian soil in June, saying this support showed "the depth of fraternal relations and unbreakable solidarity between the two nations."



Iran and Tunisia, he noted, have consistently shared aligned positions on the international stage, including firm opposition to foreign interference, strong support for the Palestinian cause, and a joint rejection of efforts to normalize relations with Israel. The top Iranian diplomat acknowledged that while political ties with Tunisia have historically been "positive and constructive," the two nations have yet to fully capitalize on their significant economic potential. Araghchi stated that a "long leap" in bilateral trade would require "double determination," but expressed optimism that the firm resolve of both nations' senior officials promises a bright future for economic relations. According to Araghchi, enhancing tourism cooperation through the recent cancellation of bilateral visas, establishing direct flights,

and convening a new session of the Joint Economic Commission are among the effective steps that could strengthen economic ties between Iran and Tunisia. He also expressed Iran's readiness to cooperate with Tunisia in various fields by utilizing its experiences, technical knowledge and indigenous technologies. Araghchi also underscored the importance of enhancing cultural and artistic exchanges, particularly in cinema, music, handicrafts, and sports, to deepen mutual understanding and strengthen people-to-people ties between Iran and Tunisia.

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Fresh worldwide rallies denounce Israel's genocide in Gaza

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Mass protests swept cities in many countries on Saturday and Friday as demonstrators denounced Israel's genocide in Gaza, demanding an immediate end to the war which has killed more than 64,000 Palestinians since October 2023.

In New Zealand, about 50,000 people joined the March for Humanity in Auckland, waving Palestinian flags and chanting anti-war slogans such as "Don't normalize genocide" and "Grow a spine, stand with Palestine."

Protesters called for sanctions on Israel and an end to the blockade on the Gaza Strip, which has caused a famine that has killed 420 people, including 145 children.

Around 15,000 also gathered in the German city of Berlin under the banner "Stop the Genocide in Gaza."

German actor Dieter Hallervorden, rapper Masiv aka Wasim Taha and Sahra Wagenknecht, co-founder and co-leader of the left-wing populist party Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance (BSW) delivered speeches during the rally.

In Spain, anti-Israel protests turned Spanish Vuelta cycling race into a diplomatic battleground. With Palestinian flags in hand, the protesters censured Israel's military campaign in Gaza. "The protests were born from the idea that our only chance to defend human rights regarding Israel is the Spanish Vuelta," Prieto, 48, said. "It is an international spotlight for us to say that we are against what Israel is doing."



Cyclists ride as Pro-Palestinians protesters hold Palestinian flags during the 20th stage of the Vuelta a España 2025 in El Escorial, Spain, on September 13, 2025.

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Since the beginning of the regime's genocidal war on Gaza, Spain has taken one of the strongest positions against Israel of any European nation. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez joined Ireland and Norway in recognizing a Palestinian state last year, and Spain became the first European country to ask a UN court for permission to join South Africa's case accusing Israel of genocide.

Weekly protests continue to grow in Germany and the UK despite tighter government restrictions. In Morocco, demonstrations were held in 56 cities on Friday. Crowds in Rabat rallied outside parliament to demand accountability from Israeli leaders and express solidarity with Palestinians.



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It is expected that the Foreign Ministry will maintain this momentum and take care not to hand the United States and its allies any pretext that could be exploited to pursue their malign schemes and harm the country. In continuing the nation's diplo-

matic activity, great caution must be exercised: errors in the conduct, language and decisions of Iran's delegation in negotiations and political interactions should be reduced as far as possible so that enemies cannot seize on them as a lever to damage the country's interests. To date, the Islamic Republic's diplo-

macy has discharged its responsibilities well, and major decisions in this domain are, without doubt, taken in coordination with and with the assent of Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the Supreme National Security Council and the heads of the branches of power, to secure the maximum benefit for the nation.