

President: Enemy aims to shatter national unity key to braving challenges



National Desk

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Wednesday that the Islamic Republic can overcome the country's hardships through national unity and solidarity, which the enemy is seeking to destroy. "The enemy's wish is that we fail to complete our reforms and overcome our problems. But with your help, and through unity and solidarity, we will overcome all challenges," Pezeshkian said while addressing a ceremony marking "Nurse's Day" in Tehran. "We will not surrender and through unity and solidarity we will overcome prob-



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian addresses a ceremony marking "Nurse's Day" in Tehran, on October 29, 2025.

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lems." Referring to recent aggression by the Israeli regime against Iran in June, Pezeshkian said, "The Zionist enemy imagined that when it attacked Iran with bombs and missiles, the people would take to the streets and Iran would break apart, but the people gave a response that was unimaginable for them."

He stressed that even Iranians who had not been treated properly in the country, stood by Iran during the 12-day aggression.

Back in June, Israel launched aggression against Iran, triggering a 12-day war that killed over 1000 people, including military commanders, nuclear scientists, and civilians.

The United States also entered the war by bombing three Iranian nuclear sites in a grave violation of international law. However, the problems in the country,

mostly economic ones, are partly due to the illegal sanctions imposed by Western countries during the past decades over Iran's nuclear program.

The economic restrictions even worsened this month following the activation of the so-called snapback mechanism which reinstated international sanctions that had been lifted under the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement.

Despite their failure to fulfil their commitments under the deal, the European parties to the agreement triggered the so-called "snapback" process on the pretext of Iran's non-compliance with its obligations, leading to the re-imposition of the UN sanctions.

Iranian officials have called their move "null and void" and are trying to counter the sanctions by strengthening economic relations with friendly and neighboring countries.

Israeli slaughter machine steamrolling through Gaza

100-plus Palestinians killed in 12 hours in fresh violation of truce deal

International Desk

Israeli forces killed more than 100 Palestinians, including 46 children, in a blatant violation of a US-brokered cease-fire between the occupying regime and Hamas resistance group. In about 12 hours from Tuesday to Wednesday, Israeli attacks on Gaza killed at least 104 Palestinians and wounded 253 others, according to Gaza's Ministry of Health.

"These documented crimes add to the long list of ongoing violations against our people," the Palestinian Civil Defense in Gaza said in a statement, demanding an "immediate and comprehensive cease-fire" across the Strip.

One of the attacks hit a tent housing displaced people in Deir el-Balah, in central Gaza, according to medical sources. Other attacks targeted the northern and southern parts of the Palestinian territory.

The strikes — the deadliest since the cease-fire took effect on October 8 — marked the most serious challenge to the tenuous truce to date.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had ordered the military to conduct "powerful strikes" over Gaza after



Bodies are transferred to a hospital in the Gaza Strip after at least seven Palestinians were killed in a barrage of Israeli attacks on October 28, 2025.

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accusing Hamas of violating the cease-fire when the group handed over body parts that Israel said were the partial remains of a hostage recovered earlier in the war.

Netanyahu called the return of these body parts a "clear violation" of the cease-fire agreement, which requires Hamas to return the remaining captives in Gaza as soon as possible.

Hamas has said it is struggling to locate the bodies amid the vast destruction in Gaza, while Israel has accused the group of purposely delaying their return. The US president defended Israel's actions on Wednesday, citing groundless reports that a

37-year-old Israeli soldier had been killed in southern Gaza.

"As I understand it, they took out an Israeli soldier," Trump told reporters on board Air Force One as he travelled from Japan to South Korea, saying he heard the soldier was apparently killed by sniper fire. "So the Israelis hit back and they should hit back. When that happens, they should hit back," he added, calling Israel's attacks "retribution" for the soldier's death. Hamas has denied responsibility for the alleged attack on Israeli forces in Rafah, southern Gaza, and said in a statement that it remained committed to the cease-fire deal.

Japan touts Iran's 'constructive role' in securing West Asia stability



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Japan's Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi underscored "Iran's constructive role" in securing stability in the West Asia region, which he said is of great importance for the international community, including Japan.

Motegi made the remarks in a post on his X account in response to a congratulatory message by his Iranian counterpart, Abbasa Araghchi, on his appointment as Japan's new foreign minister. "Japan intends to carry on with its diplomatic efforts for establishing peace and stability in the Middle East region," he said.

Referring to relations between the two countries, he said, "Multilayered and constructive dialogues between Japan and Iran, based on the long-standing

and friendly relations of the two countries, are always going on."

He also expressed hope for holding a meeting with Iranian foreign minister, saying, "I sincerely hope to work with you to further build up the long-standing and friendly ties between Japan and Iran, which were founded by the efforts of our predecessors."

On October 21, Araghchi in a post on X congratulated Motegi on his appointment, expressing hope that during Motegi's tenure, political, economic, and cultural interactions between Tehran and Tokyo would flourish in an atmosphere of mutual trust and understanding.

Japan has been one of the main buyers of Iranian crude oil but it has stopped Iranian oil imports under pressure from the United States.

India seeks US sanctions waiver extension for Iran's Chabahar Port



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India is working to secure an extension of the US sanctions waiver for Iran's Chabahar Port — a vital link in its connectivity network with Afghanistan, Central Asia, and Eastern Russia, sources said. Sources have told the Economic Times that New Delhi is engaged in active discussions to ensure continuity of the

waiver, which is under consideration in Washington.

The Chabahar Port serves as India's strategic gateway to Afghanistan for economic cooperation and humanitarian aid, including medical supplies and ambulances sent earlier this month. The Taliban officials in Afghanistan has also expressed interest in utilizing the port for its external trade.

In May 2024, Iran and India signed a 10-year contract for operation and equipment of the southern Iranian port city of Chabahar as part of plans to further boost their bilateral trade and economic relations.

India has already provided equipment worth \$25 million, shipped food supplies through the port. Under that deal, India pledged \$120 million in investment and offered an additional \$250 million credit

line for infrastructure upgrades.

The United States had previously extended the sanctions waiver until October 28, after initially setting a revocation deadline of September 29.

The waiver had allowed India to develop the Shahid Beheshti terminal at Chabahar, seen as a key gateway to Afghanistan and Central Asia. With its withdrawal, entities involved in the project may now face penalties.

Regional countries, including Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan, are also keen to use Chabahar. Russia, through Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, is exploring the port for trade access to India and the wider Asian region.

Last month, Tehran hosted the first India-Iran-Uzbekistan trilateral meeting to promote greater utilization of Chabahar and related transport corridors.



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