

# Leader debunks rumors of message to US as 'sheer lies'

Washington 'suffered losses, failed to achieve any goals' in 12-day war



Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei delivers a televised address to the nation on November 28, 2025.  
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## International Desk

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei dismissed on Thursday rumors that Tehran had sent messages to Washington for what is claimed in the media to be aimed at the

revival of long-stalled nuclear talks. Rejecting the rumors as "sheer lies," the Leader said in a televised speech that the administration of US President Donald Trump was "not worthy" of contact or cooperation with the Islamic Republic. "Such a government (the United States) is not

worthy of being approached or cooperated with by a government like the Islamic Republic," Ayatollah Khamenei said. "This is sheer lies, and such a thing certainly did not exist."

He touched on "US betrayal of even its friends in favor of the Zionist and criminal clique and efforts to incite wars worldwide for oil and underground resources, including in Latin America."

"Such a government is certainly not a government that the Islamic Republic seeks to cooperate or maintain relations with," he said.

Since late August, Washington has sent warships, surveillance aircraft, and special-operations units to the southern Caribbean, threatening Venezuela with an increased military invasion.

The Leader also stressed that the United States suffered severe losses and could not achieve its goal during the 12-day aggression against the Islamic Republic in June despite deploying its most advanced military equipment.

"The United States was severely damaged in the war, despite using the latest offensive and defensive weapons, it could not achieve its goal of deceiving the nation and winning their support. Instead, the

unity of the people increased, and the United States was also thwarted," he said in the televised speech.

"Of course, we also suffered losses, and, as is the nature of war, precious lives were lost. But the Islamic Republic demonstrated that it is a center of will and power, able to stand strong and make decisions without fear of the noise around it. Moreover, the material damage inflicted on the invading enemy was far greater than the material losses we suffered," he added.

The Leader said that according to some accounts, the Israeli regime had planned and prepared for the war for 20 years, in which they hoped to provoke the people and force them to fight against the system. On June 13, Israel launched an unprovoked war against Iran, assassinating many high-ranking military commanders, nuclear scientists, and ordinary civilians. More than a week later, the US also entered the war by bombing three Iranian nuclear sites in a grave violation of the United Nations Charter, international law, and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

In response, the Iranian Armed Forces targeted strategic sites across the occupied territories as well as the Al-Udeid

air base in Qatar, the largest American military base in West Asia, forcing the US and Israel to propose a ceasefire.

Ayatollah Khamenei cited US interventions in different parts of the world as a factor behind its increasing isolation in the world, saying that US interference in any region causes war, genocide, destruction, and displacement.

## President thanks Leader's supportive message

The Leader, recommending support for the president and his administration, stated that running the country is difficult and demanding.

He said the current administration has already begun implementing positive measures, including continuing unfinished projects initiated by late president Ebrahim Raeisi, and expressed hope that the people would soon see the results.

In response, President Masoud Pezeshkian in a message on X thanked the Leader for his support for the government.

"I am grateful for the support and backing of the Supreme Leader. The government, relying on the support of the great Iranian nation and the efforts of all institutions, is seriously pursuing the path of progress."

## Iran condemns Australia's listing of IRGC as 'sponsor of terrorism'

Designation a 'dangerous precedent' designed under Israeli influence

Iran condemned the Australian government's decision to designate the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) as a "state sponsor of terrorism", as relations between Canberra and Tehran took another downward turn.

"The political move by the Australian government is a dangerous and criminal precedent, designed under the influence of the Zionist regime [of Israel] to divert public attention from the genocide in Gaza," Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Thursday, according to IRNA.

"It amounts to collaboration by the initiators of this action with the criminals who are under investigation by the International Criminal Court," it added. The Australian government listed the IRGC on Thursday over accusations that the Guards had orchestrated attacks against Australia's Jewish community. The Iranian Foreign Ministry rejected the move as

"an illegal, unjustifiable act, and a violation of international legal rules and norms" in respect of the national sovereignty of states.

The ministry expressed "disgust at the adherence of certain Australian politicians to the evil policy of the genocidal Israeli regime in spreading lies against Iran", and underscored the Australian government's international responsibility for the designation.

"This irresponsible action is a continuation of the grave mistake the Australian government committed on the basis of completely unfounded accusations fabricated by the intelligence agencies of the Zionist regime, and it has placed the longstanding Iran-Australia diplomatic relationship at the service of granting concessions to the occupying Zionist regime," it said.

The ministry was referring to Australia's expulsion of the Iranian ambassador



Iran's Foreign Ministry  
● IRNA

in Canberra in August, following allegations of Iran's involvement in two anti-Semitic attacks in the country. "This comes as Australian authorities, including New South Wales Police, explicitly acknowledged on October 25, 2025, that the allegation of Iran's involvement in actions against Jewish targets was fabricated, saying there is no evidence of Iranian interference in the alleged anti-Jewish incidents in Australia," the ministry said. The ministry reiterated

"the exalted, empowering, and honorable status" of the IRGC as part of the official armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which had played an "unparalleled role" in defending Iran's sovereignty and national security against foreign aggression and combating terrorism, including Daesh.

It added that Tehran would take "all necessary measures" to safeguard the reputation of its armed forces against hostile designations.

## Araghchi: West Asia cannot endure more conflicts over Israel's onslaught

### International Desk

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warned that West Asia "cannot withstand further tensions and conflicts" as the Israeli regime continues its aggression on regional countries.

His warning in an interview with the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) on Thursday came as Israel's war minister, Israel Katz, said that Tel Aviv is prepared to launch a new war on Lebanon.

"What is important is that the region cannot withstand further tensions and conflicts, and the main factor behind these tensions and conflicts is the Zionist regime, which has unfortunately been given an unacceptable immunity by the United States and Western countries, allowing it to do whatever it wants and for them to prevent any action against the Zionist regime in international forums," Araghchi said.

Israeli regime has intensified its attacks on Lebanon in recent months despite a ceasefire reached between the regime and Lebanon's resistance group Hezbollah in November 2024.

Since then, the regime has carried out almost 700 airstrikes on Lebanon at a rate of two attacks per day, an Israeli security institute said on Thursday.

The ceasefire was reached after more than a year of attacks against the backdrop of the Gaza war. Over 4,000 people were killed, and 17,000 others were injured in the attacks. Under the ceasefire, the Israeli army was supposed to withdraw from southern



Abbas Araghchi  
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Lebanon this January, but instead only partially pulled out and continues to maintain a military presence at five border outposts. In the report, the Alma Research and Education Center found that 699 airstrikes were launched by the Israeli army across Lebanon over the past year on the pretext of targeting Hezbollah infrastructure.

On Sunday, an Israeli airstrike in Beirut killed the senior Hezbollah commander Haitham Ali Tabatabai.

Since the beginning of Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip in 2023, the regime has also targeted several regional countries including Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Iran.

In the latest attacks, 13 people were killed and 25 others wounded in an Israeli raid in southern Syria on Friday, Syrian state media reported, with Damascus accusing Israel of a "criminal attack" in a village where Israel claimed its troops came under fire during an operation to arrest militants.

The Israeli military said six soldiers were wounded, three of them severely, by militant fire during the raid in the village of Beit Jinn.

## Iran ready to retaliate hostile acts with 'more severe' response: Minister

### National Desk

Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh said Iran is ready to retaliate any hostile acts with a "firmer and more severe" response than before.

General Nasirzadeh said Iran's Armed Forces were operating with full strategic confidence, real-time monitoring, and superior battlefield awareness.

"Threats are tracked meticulously and without pause," he stated, adding that the core priority was not merely surveillance, but the sustained combat readiness of the country's defense forces.



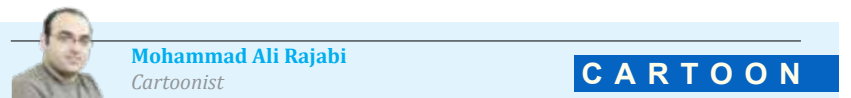
Aziz Nasirzadeh  
● ISNA

"Today, with full strength and complete intelligence dominance, Iran stands ready to answer any threat decisively, immediately, and far more intensely than in the past," the official noted. He said that Iran stands at its highest

level of defensive readiness yet, affirming that any hostile act will be met with a response "firmer and more severe than ever before."

The minister referenced Iran's measured but formidable demonstration of strength during the 12-day war that was imposed by the Israeli regime and the United States on the country in June, noting that the operation revealed only "a fraction" of the nation's true defensive prowess.

"We showcased part of our capability, but not the full spectrum of Iran's defense capacity," he said, emphasizing that greater deterrent strength remained strategically reserved.



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