

Iran's stance against unjust global order baffling 'tyrannical powers': *Leader*

US-Israeli aggression foiled by 'Iranian youth'



International Desk

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said on Saturday that the main reason for the confusion of corrupt and tyrannical powers is not Iran's nuclear program, but the country's stance against the unjust global order and its move toward establishing a fair national and international system. Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks in a message to the 59th annual meeting of the Union of Islamic student associations in Europe. He urged students abroad to recognize their abilities, entrust their hearts to God, and lead student associations toward this important mission. Highlighting the role of Iranian youth in

repelling a major military offensive by the US and its "disgraceful outgrowth" in the region, referring to the Israeli regime, the Leader said the aggression was brought to defeat by the initiative, courage, and self-sacrifice of the young people of Iran. "It has been proven that the Iranian nation, by relying on its capabilities, guided by faith and righteous action, can stand against corrupt and oppressive powers and convey the call for Islamic values to the world more loudly than ever," Ayatollah Khamenei said. He underlined that the deep sorrow over the martyrdom of several scientists, military commanders, and other citizens has not and will not stop the determined Iranian youth, noting that the families of these martyrs are themselves

at the forefront of the movement. On June 13, Israel launched an unprovoked war against Iran, assassinating many high-ranking military commanders, nuclear scientists, and civilians. More than a week later, the United States 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. On June 24, Iran, through its successful retaliatory operations against both the Israeli regime and the US, managed to impose a halt to the illegal assault.

Iran's satellite program 'entirely peaceful,' FM says

Three domestically built satellites to be launched into orbit today

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Iran's foreign minister said Tehran's satellite program is strictly civilian and scientific, as the country prepares to launch three domestically built satellites into orbit this weekend. Speaking to reporters on Friday, Abbas Araghchi said Iran has made notable progress across several scientific fields. "Iran's activities in the areas of nuclear science, defense industries, nanotechnology, and satellites are entirely peaceful and intended for peaceful purposes," he said. Araghchi added that Iran is steadily advancing its satellite capabilities, saying the country is taking "successful" steps to develop space technology.



He stressed that Iran, like other countries, has a legitimate right to pursue satellite programs for non-military purposes, noting that the satellites are "solely for scientific objectives."

His remarks come ahead of a planned launch of three Iranian satellites—Tolou-3 (also known as Paya), Zafar-2, and Kowsar-1.5—scheduled for Sunday. The satellites are to be launched at 1318 GMT aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket from the Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia's Far East. The CEO and founder of Omid Space Company, the manufacturer of the "Kowsar-1.5", announced that Iran's position has been elevated to that of a collaborator with renowned countries in the space industry. "Our country seeks international interaction in this industry through agreements such as BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization", Hassan Shahrabi Farahani said.

Tehran decries Israeli move to recognize Somalia's breakaway region

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Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei censured Israel's move to formally recognize Somalia's breakaway region of Somaliland as an independent nation, calling it clear violation of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced

on Friday that his regime and Somaliland had signed a joint declaration establishing full diplomatic relations, describing it as being "in the spirit of the Abraham Accords", a set of deals brokered by the United States to establish formal ties between the illegal entity and Arab states. Baqaei described the regime's action in blatantly violating Somalia's sovereign-

ty and territorial integrity through attempts to advance conspiracies to disintegrate Somalia as a clear violation of the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter and international law. The spokesman emphasized the principled position of Iran on the necessity of preserving the national sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of the Federal Re-

public of Somalia, casting Israel's "malicious move" as part of the regime's policy to destabilize countries in the region and escalate insecurity in the Red Sea and the Horn of Africa region. Baghaei, while supporting the firm stance of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the African Union in condemning the regime's actions, called for decisive action by the international community to "neutralize the expansionist and threatening move by the occupying regime."

Navy to host tripartite drill in near future

International Desk

Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Shahram Irani announced on Friday that the force plans to host a trilateral naval drill in the region in the near future. Speaking to reporters in the northern Iranian city of Noshahr, Irani said the military maneuver is expected to pave the way for the participation of more countries. The exact date and list of participating states have not yet been released. He added that Iran's Navy has actively participated in 12 different international events over the past nine months, which included scientific, skill-based, and sports activities in addition to participation in regional and extra-regional military exercises. He noted that the Iranian Navy's 103rd flotilla of warships is currently en route to the location of an international exercise, which will be held in line with economic treaties. The Iranian naval forces are expected to join the drill within the next week, the commander explained. "In addition to international exercises, the Navy has planned to conduct drills in neighboring



countries and in the oceanic region," Irani said. Pointing to the importance of marine environment as a major international challenge, he added, "Serious focus on preserving the marine environment is among our priorities." The commander also noted that Iran's Navy would seriously pursue the safety of sailors and maritime security. On Sunday, Irani praised the country's "expanding maritime presence" beyond the region and said the Navy's 103rd and 104th task groups have set sail on overseas missions and are currently en route to South Africa. According to the commander, one of the fleets has been tasked with escorting commercial vessels, while Fleet 103 is also scheduled to take part in a joint naval exercise with BRICS countries.

Iran condemns deadly terrorist attack on worshippers in Syria

National Desk

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei in a statement on Saturday strongly condemned a deadly terrorist attack on worshippers at a mosque in Syria's Homs Province, calling for the punishment of perpetrators. Baqaei emphasized the responsibility of all parties that, through illegal interventions, including violations of Syria's

sovereignty and territorial integrity and the occupation of parts of the Arab country, had created conditions for the continued existence and spread of terrorism and extremism. The official was referring to continued military intervention in Syria by the Israeli regime and the United States. Israel has egregiously escalated its strikes against Syria's civilian and defensive infrastructures and expanded the areas



under its occupation there under the pretext of preventing spillover of violence from the Arab country into the occupied territories. The US has also recently be-

gun striking targets allegedly belonging to the Daesh terrorist group in Syria amid speculations about Washington's seeking to reestablish significant military presence across

Civil defense teams conduct inspections inside Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib Mosque in the Wadi al-Dhahab neighborhood after an explosion occurred during Friday prayer in Homs, Syria, on December 26, 2025.
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the country. The Iranian official called for identification and punishment of the perpetrators of the Friday attack. At least eight people were killed and 18 others were injured in an explosion targeting the Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib Mosque in the Syrian city of Homs, the country's health ministry said.

Pictures from Syria's state-run news agency, SANA, showed the inside of the mosque with black, scorched walls, smashed windows and blood on the carpet. Officials believe that an explosive was detonated inside the building, SANA reports, citing a security source. While authorities are still searching for the perpetrators, terrorist group Saraya Ansar al-Sunnah said it was behind the explosion. The group had previously claimed responsibility for a church bombing in Damascus in June. The mosque is in the Wadi al-Dhahab neighborhood, where most people are part of the Alawite ethnoreligious group.