

Iran's top echelons resolved to address economic woes, ensure security



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Heads of the three branches of government in Iran in a joint statement on Monday said they are committed to do their utmost to resolve the people's economic problems and ensure public security after the recent protests over livelihood hardships caused a serious security crisis for the country.

During the recent "complex sedition", which was orchestrated by the longtime enemies of the "Islamic Revolution", the

vigilance of the Iranians in distinguishing protesters from rioters and the sacrifices of the security forces, thwarted the "sinister plan of the designers of the scenario" in Iran, President Masoud Pezeshkian, Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and Judiciary Chief Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei said in their statement.

Some shopkeepers last month staged peaceful protests in different Iranian cities over economic grievances, which are directly linked to unilateral US sanctions. The demonstrations, however, were steered toward violence after public statements by US and Israeli regime figures encouraged vandalism and disorder. During the unrest, foreign-backed armed

rioters damaged public property and caused casualties among civilians and security forces. Hundreds of people have been arrested for their involvement in the riots.

In their Monday's statement, the three top officials vowed to address the root causes of the recent events in the country. While placing a premium on administering "decisive punishment for the murderers" and terrorist elements in the country's riots, the three said they will extend leniency toward those who did not play a fundamental role in the events. They also praised the nations' awareness which neutralized the "most complex conspiracies by enemies against the unity of a strong and independent Iran."



The undated photo shows President Masoud Pezeshkian (C), Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf (L) and Judiciary Chief Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei.

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Pezeshkian: Riots rooted in negligence toward young generation's demands

Parl. speaker likens recent terrorist acts to Israel's pager attack in Lebanon

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The Iranian president called the negligence about young generation and their demands one of the factors behind recent foreign-incited violent incidents across the country, stressing that the government alongside the cultural, security, and intelligence institutions should be held accountable and figure out their shortcomings in this regard.

In a meeting with the Leader's representatives on Monday, Masoud Pezeshkian emphasized the necessity of identifying the causes of the incidents and recalled the important role and duties of the government and other institutions to address the people's demands and prevent the repetition of such crises.

The fact that the "enemies are able to negatively influence the mindset of our children and make use of them for their own purposes is truly unimaginable and unacceptable," Pezeshkian noted.

While stressing the necessity of punishing the ringleaders of the recent riots and terrorist acts in the country, the president said that the main issue in this regard is finding out the reasons behind the occurrence of such

incidents and their solutions.

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The Islamic Republic has repeatedly underlined that it would exert due effort to address economic protests, but stands firm in the face of attempts at derailing protests towards disorder. Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf on Monday said the recent "Daesh-style terrorist war" against the country had similar objectives to Israel's terrorist pager attack on Lebanon in September 2024.

On September 17, 2024, thousands of wireless communication devices belonging to members of the resistance movement Hezbollah exploded in unison in different locations across Lebanon and Syria, killing at least 12 people, including two children, and injuring around 3,000 others, mostly

ordinary citizens.

The Israeli regime officially claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Speaking at a Parliament session, Qalibaf said the predetermined plan consisted of "naked and organized violence, terrorist and armed attacks, extremely violent civil commotion, and the brutal killing of several thousand civilians, members of Basij (voluntary forces) and police and security forces."

The plan aimed to cause fear among the Iranian people, make them lose the capacity to analyze issues and stop supporting the country, thereby paving the way for the United States and its mercenaries to carry out an attack against Iran and disintegrate it, he added.

He noted that there are few countries in the world that are able to swiftly restore security and protect their peoples after being suddenly confronted with such "organized and brutal terrorism", which was openly and officially supported by the US president.

The top parliamentarian emphasized that the recent plot was a continuation of the 12-day war waged by the US and the Israeli regime against Iran in mid-June.

Trump source of 'provocative, absurd' messages on Iran riots: Envoy

Iran's Ambassador to Moscow Kazem Jalali said the US President Donald Trump provoked violence in Iran while sending a conflicting message about "protecting the Iranian people" during the recent foreign-backed riot in the country.

In an op-ed for TASS, Jalali called Trump the "architect and implementer of the policy of maximum pressure and sanctions."

At the same time, he added, the US president sends "absurd and contradictory signals about 'supporting,' 'saving,' or 'protecting the Iranian people.'"

While Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian was meeting with members of the Chamber of Commerce, businessmen and entrepreneurs, and receiving them at cabinet sessions, Trump "issued provocative statements, political messages and public threats, through which he encouraged violence, supported terrorist groups, fueled social instability and attempted to



turn peaceful demonstrations into violent unrest," the diplomat explained.

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A car, burned down during recent riots, is parked in a street in Tehran, Iran.

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On Saturday, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Iran considers the US president the main culprit for the killings and destruction carried out by foreign-linked elements in recent riots.

"The US president is responsible for casualties, damage, and false accusations directed against the Iranian nation," the Leader said, calling Trump a criminal.

'Europe won't be blackmailed,' over Greenland: Danish PM



Danish soldiers take part in live-fire training in Greenland.

Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said "Europe won't be blackmailed" by Donald Trump's tariff threats over Greenland.

The US president has said he will impose a new 10% levy on goods from eight allied nations if they oppose his proposed takeover of the autonomous Danish territory, BBC reported.

Frederiksen and other European leaders issued a joint statement on Sunday, saying the tariffs risked "undermin[ing] transatlantic relations and risk a dangerous

downward spiral".

On Monday, Trump said NATO had been "telling Denmark, for 20 years, that 'you have to get the Russian threat away from Greenland.' Unfortunately, Denmark has been unable to do anything about it. Now it is time, and it will be done!!!"

Trump insists Greenland is critical for US security and has previously said Washington would get the territory "the easy way" or "the hard way". He has not ruled out use of force, which has drawn widespread criticism.

The new tariffs – taxes on imports – would be imposed on Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the UK, Trump said on Saturday.

He said an initial 10% tariff would come into force on February 1 "on any and all goods" sent to the US, but could rise to 25% in June.

The levies would "be due and payable until such time as a Deal is reached for the Complete and Total purchase of Greenland", he wrote on his Truth Social platform.

In their joint statement, the leaders of those eight countries reiterated their "full solidarity with the Kingdom of Denmark and the people of Greenland".

They also stressed their commitment to "strengthening Arctic security as a shared transatlantic interest" as members of the NATO military alliance. "We stand

ready to engage in a dialogue based on the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity that we stand firmly behind," the statement reads. Separately, Frederiksen wrote on Facebook: "We want to cooperate and we are not the ones seeking conflict. And I am happy for the consistent messages from the rest of the continent: Europe will not be blackmailed."

According to the Deutsche Welle, Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz said Europe must hold firm in the face of Trump's threat.

"It is clear that we want to stand our ground, as a country and as a continent," Merz said. "It is up to us, and in Germany we want to accept the realities, take responsibility and lead the way for Germany."

"We want to avoid any escalation in this dispute if at all possible," the chancellor said.



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