

Everyone For The Homeland

Iran marks 47th anniv. of
Islamic Revolution with mass rallies**Pezeshkian:** Tehran ready for 'any verification' but not to accept excessive demands

National Desk

Iranians took to the streets across the country to mark the 47th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution weeks after nationwide protests over economic problems turned violent in the wake of support from foreign countries including the country's arch foe the United States.

Huge crowds poured into Tehran's main squares and into public spaces across roughly 1,400 cities and towns, braving chilly temperatures, rain and snow in a display of national unity amid provocations and threats by the US and Israel in recent weeks.

In Tehran, participants gathered from 9:30 a.m. local time and proceeded toward the iconic Azadi Square where President Masoud Pezeshkian addressed the massive crowd.

They chanted slogans in unison condemning decades of crimes by the United States against the Iranian nation, as well as the Israeli regime's atrocities.

They also carried photos of the martyrs of the eight-year Iraqi war on Iran, the 12-day US and Israeli war in June, and the recent foreign-backed riots, as well as other martyrs who lost their lives in the line of duty.

On Monday, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei called on the Iranian nation to demonstrate its will and steadfastness on the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, saying such unity would frustrate the enemy.

January's protests

The large-scale turnout follows riots on January 8 and 9, when protests initially sparked by economic grievances on January 8 and 9 and turned into unruly scenes of mayhem and destruction. Armed groups infiltrated the demonstrations, leading to damage to shops, government buildings and public facilities, as well as casualties among civilians and security forces.

Iranian authorities confirmed that



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian addresses a ceremony marking the 47th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution in Tehran on February 11, 2026.

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American and Israeli spy agencies were directly involved, providing funding, training, and media support to the perpetrators. According to a statement last month by Iran's Foundation of Martyrs and Veterans Affairs, a total of 3,117 people lost their lives during the riots, including 2,427 innocent civilians and security personnel. Addressing the ceremony in Tehran, Pezeshkian pointed to the deadly incidents during the recent protests, saying that events of January 8th and 9th caused great sorrow in the hearts of Iranians. "We are ashamed before the people, and we are obligated to assist all those who were harmed in these incidents", Pezeshkian said.

Ready to listen to people

He underlined that the government



is ready to listen to the people's demands, "We consider ourselves the servants of the people; we do not seek confrontation with the people. But the enemy is trying to deepen society's wounds. We must be aware that this is not in our interest."

Referring to ongoing nuclear negotiations between Iran and the US, he denied Iran was seeking nuclear weapons and said the country was ready for "any verification." However, he said the Islamic Republic would "not yield to excessive demands" on its nuclear program.

Pezeshkian said the "high wall of mistrust" created by the US and Europe "does not allow these talks to reach a conclusion", adding that Iran will not bow to the excessive demands of the West and will not back down in the face of any aggression.

Larijani cautions US to be watchful of Israel's 'destructive role' in talks



International Desk

Iran's top security official warned on Tuesday that the United States should be vigilant about the destructive role of the Israelis as the regime's prime minister met the US President Donald Trump amid nuclear talks between Tehran and Washington.

"Netanyahu is now on his way to the United States. Americans must think wisely and not allow him, through posturing, to imply before his flight that 'I want to go and teach Americans the framework of the nuclear negotiations,'" Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Larijani said in a post on X. "They [Americans] must remain alert to the destructive role of the Zionists," Larijani said while visiting

Oman on Tuesday.

His comments were parts of his interview with the Oman National Network. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi also warned about the Israel's efforts to derail new nuclear negotiations between Iran and the US. In an interview with Russia Today on Tuesday, Araghchi renewed Iran's warning about the Israeli regime's desire to drag the US into another war against the Islamic Republic. Araghchi described Netanyahu as a "warmonger" who "doesn't like" peace or diplomacy. "In the past two years, he has attacked seven countries in our region," the foreign minister said, noting that the last target was Qatar, "an ally to the US, a friend to the US and the West." Netanyahu "has no solution in his mind but

parture, the Israeli prime minister said he would present "Israel's vision" for the negotiations, saying that the issue of Iran will be the central focus of his talks with the US president.

Visit to Qatar

Larijani, on his way back home, also visited another Persian Gulf Arab country, Qatar, where he held talks with Qatar's Emir Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. The pair discussed "developments in the region, efforts to reduce escalation and enhance regional security," according to a statement by Qatar's Foreign Ministry. The emir's office had announced earlier on Wednesday that Sheikh Tamim discussed regional de-escalation on a call with Trump. Sheikh Tamim and Trump focused on "the current situation in the region and international efforts aimed at de-escalation and strengthening regional security and peace," the statement said.

The leaders also discussed "supporting diplomatic efforts aimed at resolving crises through dialogue and peaceful means," it add

Top security official underscores Iran's missile power as non-negotiable



International Desk

Iran's Secretary of Defense Council Ali Shamkhani reiterated on Wednesday that the country's missile capabilities are non-negotiable as Tehran and Washington have launched a new round of negotiations to resolve a dispute over Iran's nuclear program.

He said that Iran's missile capabilities are its red line and are not a subject to be negotiated.

Shamkhani made the remarks on the sidelines of a ceremony marking the 47th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution in Tehran.

Iran and the US held their first round of the new talks in Oman on Friday. On Sunday, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, who is leading the Iranian team in the negotiations, said Tehran's missile program had never been part of the talks' agenda.

Washington has long sought to extend talks on Iran's nuclear capabilities to cover its missile program as well. Iran has said it is prepared to discuss curbs on its nuclear program in return for the lifting of sanctions, but has repeatedly ruled out linking the issue to other questions including missiles.

Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Ministry's spokesman Esmail Baqaei in an interview with PBS network said that Iran is ready to talk about the level of enrichment of the uranium.

"We have said many times that we would be ready to talk about the level of enrichment, about the stockpile," PBS quoted Baqaei as saying. "But the important thing is that our right, which is recognized under an international treaty, should be respected."



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Iran to recognize Taliban gov't in Afghanistan soon, envoy says

Iran will soon recognize the Taliban government, known as the Islamic Emirate, in Afghanistan, the acting head of the Iranian embassy in Kabul said.

"There is no obstacle to recognizing the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan and Tehran will soon do so," Alireza Bikdeli told Afghan media outlet TOLOnews, IRNA reported on

Wednesday. Bikdeli said Iran and Afghanistan had multidimensional bonds ahead of them and that, at an "appropriate time," Tehran would announce the legal decision of recognition to strengthen those bonds. "At an appropriate time, we will use this legal decision and, to strengthen our ties, we will have our own initia-

tive regarding recognition that all of you will admire," he said. In August 2021, after the downfall of the Afghan government, the Taliban declared their rule under the name "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan". The development followed the withdrawal of US and NATO forces, the rapid fall of cities and taking control of

Kabul on August 15, 2021. Then-president Ashraf Ghani left the country and the Taliban fully assumed the government. Russia is the only country to have formally recognized the Taliban government, although several others have maintained contacts or relations without granting official recognition.