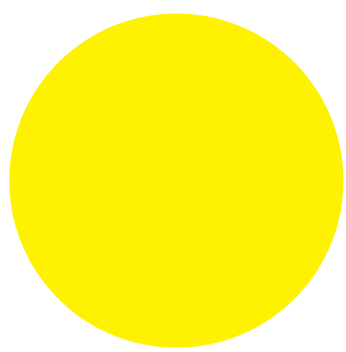


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### Selection of new Leader sends clear message to enemies

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**OPINION EXCLUSIVE**

According to the Iranian Constitution, the Assembly of Experts selects the Leader, a process based on established criteria and ongoing assessments conducted consistently over the years. Following the selection, all segments of society, political groups, and government bodies are legally bound to follow the new Leader which a point of national consensus.

The Islamic Republic's structure inherently accommodates diverse political views, yet all entities remain subject to the Assembly's decisions.

The timely selection of the new Leader, especially amid an imposed war, represents Iran's firm political response to adversaries, demonstrating a continued, powerful trajectory toward national goals. This selection sends a clear message.

Recently, adversaries and their media tried to sow fear and uncertainty by spreading contradictory news and promoting various candidates, suggesting they could influence Iran's future. However, Iran has consistently proven throughout history that it does not accept foreign interference in any domain.

The US and Israel believed assassinating the late Leader would shatter the governance of the Islamic Republic, leading to a collapse and disruption of the situation within the country, thereby hindering the Establishment's ability to continue its existence or, at the very least, to confront enemy military aggression.

They underestimated the constitutional mechanisms ensuring swift leadership succession and preventing power vacuums. The recent selection proceeded smoothly despite wartime conditions, reinforcing stability and frustrating enemy ambitions.

Declaring regime change as a goal by enemies reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of Iran's realities. Enemies often make flawed decisions based on inaccurate perceptions fueled by biased media, leading to self-created crises. They wrongly believed eliminating the Leader would create a power vacuum, exacerbate internal divisions, and cripple Iran's decision-making. This misconception is akin to a dream that will never come true in Iran.