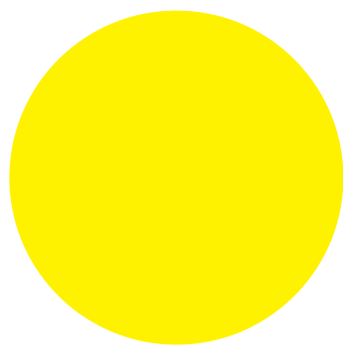


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Leader vows no retreat on sovereign rights



Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei
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Iran's Leader, Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, stressed that Tehran neither seeks nor has ever sought war, but will under no circumstances abandon its legitimate rights.

In a message marking the 40th day since the martyrdom of the previous leader, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and addressing critical issues related to the war with the United States and Israel, the Iranian leader emphasized that the Islamic Republic views the entire Axis of Resistance as a unified front in this confrontation.

The United States and Israel launched an aggression against Iran on February 28, targeting the former leader on the first day. In response, Iran targeted not only Israel, but also US positions and interests across the region, while also restricting passage through the Strait of Hormuz for hostile nations.

After 40 days of clashes, the two sides eventually agreed to a temporary ceasefire to enter into Pakistan-mediated negotiations.

In his message, Ayatollah Khamenei made clear that Iran has not abandoned pursuing the "criminal aggressors" and will demand compensation for every single damage inflicted, as well as blood money for the martyrs and veterans of the war.

He added that Iran will also usher in a new phase in the management of the Strait of Hormuz. Tehran intends to change the legal regime governing the strait even after the war, although details of such a plan have yet to be finalized and remain under review.

Call on southern neighbors

Addressing Iran's southern neighbors, Ayatollah Khamenei described the recent events as "nothing short of a miracle" and called on them to see and understand it correctly, and to stand in the right side of history.

In an implied reference to the United States and Israel, he warned them to be wary of the "false promises of the devils." Iran has strongly criticized regional countries for allowing the US to use their territory and airspace against Iran, describing its strikes on those countries as legitimate in this context. Nevertheless, the Iranian leader still invited them to friendly relations.

"We are still waiting for a proper response from you so that we can show you our brotherhood and goodwill," he said. "This will not happen unless you turn away from the arrogant powers, who never miss an opportunity to humiliate and exploit you."



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Iranians hold rallies across the country to commemorate the 40th day since the martyrdom of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei in the US-Israeli aggression on April 9, 2026.
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