

Leader: Remarkable unity among Iranians shatters enemy ranks

Top officials hit back at Trump's ramblings



Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei

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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei lauded the profound impact of the Iranian nation's extraordinary unity, saying that it has

inflicted a significant fracture on the enemy while urging practical gratitude to forge even stronger national cohesion. "Due to the remarkable unity created among compatriots, a fracture has occurred in the enemy," the Leader stated

in a message published on the X network on Thursday, highlighting how this unprecedented solidarity has disrupted the calculations of those seeking to undermine the Islamic Republic.

Ayatollah Khamenei emphasized the need to express gratitude for this divine blessing through concrete actions, affirming that such efforts will render national cohesion "greater and more steely," while leaving the enemies "more wretched and diminished."

The Leader also drew attention to the enemy's ongoing psychological warfare, warning, "The enemy's media operations, by targeting the minds and psyches of the people, intend to undermine national unity and security; may our negligence not allow this sinister intent to come to fruition."

Ayatollah Khamenei's message comes at a critical juncture as the Islamic Republic stands resilient against multifaceted acts of aggression, including sanctions, threats, and propaganda campaigns orchestrated by the United States, the Zion-

ist regime and their Western allies.

This unity, born from the Iranian nation's deep-rooted faith and revolutionary spirit, has repeatedly proven to be an invincible shield, turning every hostile plot into an opportunity for greater advancement.

Earlier on Thursday, the three heads of Iran's executive, legislative, and judicial branches issued a collective response to US President Donald Trump, denouncing his remarks about "divisions between extremists and moderates" in Iran as unwarranted provocations.

President Masoud Pezeshkian, Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, and Judiciary Chief Gholam-Hossein Mohseni Ejei conveyed a powerful message to Trump, emphasizing a common theme of national unity and defiance.

In their statements, they dismissed the US president's classification of Iranian officials to extremists and moderates, asserting that all citizens in Iran identify as "Iranians" and "revolutionaries."

"In Iran there are no 'hardliners' or

'moderates'. We are all Iranians and revolutionaries. With ironclad unity of nation and state and obedience to the Leader, we will make the aggressor regret," Pezeshkian wrote on X.

"One God, one nation, one leader, one path; victory for Iran, dearer than life," he added.

Qalibaf also released a matching statement in a coordinated effort to showcase unity across Iran's three branches of power.

The judiciary chief echoed the view, using a stronger language.

"Despicable US president should know that terms like 'hardliner' and 'moderate' are meaningless constructs in Western political discourse. In Iran, all groups stand united in full alignment with the Leader," the top judge wrote.

Army chief Major General Amir Hatami also in a post on X said Iranians with the unity of the nation, the armed forces, and the three branches of government will make the criminal aggressor regret its actions.

Araghchi starts three-leg diplomatic tour with Pakistan

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has embarked on a diplomatic journey to three countries of Pakistan, Oman and Russia amid prospects of holding another round of peace talks between Tehran and Washington.

IRNA reported that Araghchi's trip, beginning Friday, is focused on "bilateral consultations and discussions on ongoing regional developments, as well as the latest situation surrounding the imposed war by the United States and Israel against Iran." Before his departure, the Iranian foreign minister held phone calls with Pakistan's military chief Field Marshal Asim Munir and the country's top diplomat, Ishaq Dar. Araghchi also spoke to President of Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region, Nechirvan Barzani.

The trip to Pakistan comes as officials have been trying to get the United

States and Iran to a second round of negotiations, with questions persisting for days on whether Iran would agree to participate in further negotiations.

Iran has refused to participate in the second round due to the US violation of a Pakistan-brokered ceasefire by imposing a blockade on Iran's ports. Earlier on Friday, two Pakistani officials told The Associated Press about the visit. They declined to provide any other details, other than to say he would be accompanied by a small government delegation and could arrive as soon as Friday. The visit by the Iranian top diplomat to Islamabad has raised optimism about the second round of the negotiations after the first round failed to lead to an agreement which could put an end to the tensions in the region which have been caused by the recent US-Israeli aggression against Iran.

Iranian officials have blamed the US side for putting forward excessive demands and shifting its position at the negotiating table for the failure of the first negotiations.

Regarding the possibility of second round of the negotiations, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said on Wednesday that diplomacy is a tool for securing national interests and security. "Whenever we conclude that the necessary and logical grounds are prepared for using this tool to realize national interests and consolidate the achievements of the Iranian nation in frustrating the enemies' evil goals, we will take action," Baqaei added. The US and Israel launched a war of aggression against Iran on February 28, assassinating Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and several top military commanders.

Iran's Armed Forces responded with 100 waves of retaliatory strikes under Operation True Promise 4, launching hundreds of ballistic and hypersonic missiles, as well as drones, against American military bases across West Asia and Israeli positions throughout the occupied territories.

On April 8, a ceasefire was brokered by Pakistan between the two sides, though tensions remain high over a US naval blockade and Iran's firm control over the Strait of Hormuz.

Foreign Ministry dismisses Arab League's anti-Iran resolution

Esmail Baqaei
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Iranian Foreign Ministry's spokesman Esmail Baqaei vehemently dismissed a resolution issued by the Arab League against Iran's defensive operations during the recent illegal US-Israeli war of aggression.

His remarks came two days after an extraordinary ministerial-level meeting of the Council of the League of Arab States, which issued an anti-Iran resolution purportedly condemning Iran's reprisal attacks on locations hosting American forces and demanding compensation. Categorically rejecting the provisions of the statement, Baqaei called on the bloc to "adjust its approaches away from the influence of the one-sided and unconstructive positions of certain members."

He underscored the Islamic Republic's unwavering commitment to the principles of the UN Charter, particularly the prohibition of the use of force and the respect for the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations. Addressing the recent strikes, the spokesman clarified that Iran's actions were strictly defensive.

"The defensive actions of the Islamic Republic of Iran against US military bases and facilities

stationed in certain countries on the southern shores of the Persian Gulf were carried out within the framework of the inherent right to legitimate self-defense in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter, and in response to the military aggression of the US and the Zionist regime against Iran," Baqaei stated.

Pointing to the established rules of international law regarding non-intervention, he warned neighboring countries about allowing their territory to be used for attacks against Iran. "Those regional governments that have in any way—whether by facilitating access, providing bases, or offering logistical or intelligence support—placed their territory and facilities at the disposal of the military actions of the United States and the Zionist regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, bear international responsibility for the consequences of these actions and must be held to account," he said. Rejecting the accusations leveled against Tehran in the Arab League statement, Baqaei redirected the focus toward the root causes of regional turmoil.

"Chronic instability and insecurity in the West Asia region are the result of the presence and military interventions of extra-regional actors, as well as the continuation of occupation and the colonial plan to annihilate Palestinians," he said, warning that "feigning ignorance of this obvious reality will merely cause the continuation and escalation of insecurity. The unprovoked US-Israeli aggression on Iran began on February 28 with airstrikes that assassinated senior Iranian officials and commanders.

The Persian Gulf Arab countries allowed the aggressor regimes to use their soil and air-space to launch anti-Iran attacks.

Iran warns US of severe response if it resumes aggression

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Iranian officials said that their fingers remain on the trigger with a designated bank of targets, warning the United States of a devastating "eye for a head" reprisal if it resumes its military aggression.

The warnings follow renewed threats from US President Donald Trump to destroy Iranian civilian infrastructure, such as bridges and power plants if Tehran rejects his terms during the current fragile ceasefire.

The commanders of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace and Navy forces issued a joint message late on Thursday, underscoring the nation's readiness and unyielding unity.

"The bank of targets is specified, fingers are on the trigger, and our backing is the unity of the streets and the cohesion of officials," the commanders wrote.

They vowed to make the "criminal aggressor" regret its actions through the iron unity of the state and the people, adding, "One God, one Leader, one nation,



and one path; and that is the path of victory for an Iran dearer than life."

Addressing a gathering in Islamshahr, a city south of Tehran, vice president and head of the Organization for Optimization and Strategic Management of Energy Esmail Saghab Esfahani outlined a severe shift in Tehran's retaliatory doctrine.

Highlighting Iran's high military capabilities, Saghab Esfahani stated, "Our first strategy is 'an eye for an eye', but if the enemy makes a mistake again, our response will be 'an eye for a head'."

He linked this warning to the energy sector, noting that if a single Iranian oil well is struck, an oil phase of the aggressor countries will be targeted. He urged the

public not to fear Trump's rhetoric, assuring them that the necessary response will be delivered.

The US-Israeli aggression began on February 28, when unprovoked airstrikes of the invading coalition assassinated senior Iranian officials and commanders.

In response, Iranian armed forces launched 100 waves of successful retaliatory strikes against sensitive American and Israeli targets across the region.

On April 8, forty days into the war, a Pakistan-brokered two-week ceasefire went into effect but the first round of Tehran-Washington negotiations failed to reach an agreement due to excessive demands put forward by the US.

While Trump has unilaterally extended the truce, declaring his administration will await an Iranian proposal for a second round of talks in Islamabad, Tehran has firmly refused to commit.

Iranian authorities cite Washington's continued excessive demands and an ongoing US naval blockade as the primary impediments to concluding the war.

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