

Mourners bid farewell to Leader in holy city of Qom

National Desk

Funeral proceedings for the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei concluded in the country's holy city of Qom on Tuesday as millions of people paid their respects to him after a massive procession in the capital the day before.

Mourners gathered at the Holy Jamkaran Mosque in Qom to offer funeral prayers for the martyred leader and members of his family.

The funeral prayer was led by Grand Ayatollah Abdullah Javadi Amoli on Tuesday morning, drawing millions of worshippers, religious scholars, government officials, military commanders, and other dignitaries.

Following the prayer, the bodies were taken to the Shrine of Hazrat Fatima Masumeh as large crowds arrived in Qom from across the country.

The multi-day funeral began on Friday with Ayatollah Khamenei's body lying in state at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Mosalla and foreign dignitaries and religious figures paying their respects. It continued on Saturday and Sunday with a public farewell and prayers, respectively.

On Monday, large crowds packed the streets of Tehran as the funeral convoy made its way through the Iranian capital.

The ceremonies will continue in neighboring Iraq on Wednesday. Iraqi authorities have finalized preparations for a three-stage funeral, with official ceremonies in Najaf followed by public processions across the holy city and Karbala, where massive crowds are expected under extensive security and logistical arrangements.

The final funeral rites are set to take place on Thursday in the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad, where Ayatollah Khamenei will be buried at the shrine of Imam Reza (AS), the eighth Shia Imam, in accordance with the martyred Leader's will.

Ayatollah Khamenei was assassinated, alongside some of his family members, on February 28, the first day of the 40-day illegal war of aggression waged by the United States and the Israeli regime against Iran.

The Assembly of Experts subsequently appointed Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei as the new Leader of the Islamic Revolution.



People hold pictures of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei as they bid farewell to him during a funeral procession in the holy city of Qom, Iran, on July 7, 2026.
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Iran warns Trump to speak with respect or face 'different language'

International Desk

Iran's secretary of the Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) advised the US president to speak to the Iranian people with respect after Donald Trump renewed military threats against Iran if no deal is reached between the two countries.

Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, US President Donald Trump said Monday that the US will win the Iran war "one way or the other."

"We're either going to make a deal, or we're going to finish the job. It won't be tough to finish the job," Trump declared.

In a statement issued on Monday, the SNSC's secretary Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr directly addressed the US president, describing him as "delusional" for threatening Iran's 91 million people.

"To the delusional President of America, who today threatened 91 million Iranians, I say: Previ-



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ously, as the president of a rootless country with a mere 250-year history, you spoke in similar terms about erasing Iran's several-thousand-year-old civilization. The only result for you was defeat, helplessness, and desperate pleas for negotiations and ceasefire," Zolghadr said.

He emphasized that Iranians are unfamiliar with and unmoved by the language of threats from foreigners.

"Iranians are not familiar with the language of threats. Therefore, speak to the Iranian people with respect; otherwise, we will respond to you in a different lan-

guage," the senior official warned. Iran and the US signed a 14-point Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 17 to end a US-Israeli aggression against Iran, which began in February. The agreement is not a final peace agreement, but rather an interim framework intended to end recent hostilities and create a roadmap for negotiating a comprehensive deal within 60 days.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi also said on Tuesday that neither the Iranian people nor the armed forces will be moved by threats.

After attending the funeral ceremony of the martyred Leader in Qom on Tuesday, Araghchi wrote in a post on his X account that millions of proud Iranians gathered in unity to pay tribute to Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and his enduring legacy.

"Neither them nor our Brave Armed Forces are moved by any threats," he said.

Speaker vows punishment for those behind assassination of Ayatollah Khamenei

International Desk

Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said the perpetrators behind the assassination of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei would ultimately be punished, stressing that his martyrdom has strengthened public resolve.

In a message on Monday, Qalibaf praised the massive funeral procession for the late Leader, who was martyred on February 28, the first day of the US-Israeli unprovoked war of aggression against Iran, emphasizing that the Islamic Republic's system would firmly continue to stand. The parliament speaker also said that mourning the Leader's martyrdom had become "an epic of awareness and resolve," adding that it had "given renewed momentum to the movement toward the definitive victory of Islamic Iran and the Islamic world."

Addressing public demonstrations in recent months, Qalibaf noted in his message that Iranians had consistently expressed their strong opposition toward the United States and Israel.

"The people, who have served as the



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driving force and steadfast supporters of their Revolution for the past 47 years, have, over the past four months, chanted 'Death to America' and 'Death to Israel' every night, expressing their hatred and revulsion toward those who martyred our Leader and demanding revenge," he stressed.

Qalibaf also vowed that those responsible for attacks on Iran and for the martyrdom of the Leader, high-ranking officials and thousands of innocent people would face punishment.

He further stressed that the "final step of vengeance" would be achieved through the "liberation of Holy al-Quds," from the shackles of the Zionist regime.

Iran: German FM's remarks on Strait of Hormuz 'grotesque distortion of reality'

International Desk

Iranian Foreign Ministry's spokesman Esmail Baqaei criticized remarks by German's top diplomat on demining the Strait of Hormuz, describing them as utterly shameful and a grotesque distortion of reality.

In a statement on X on Monday, Baqaei said the German official's rhetoric exposes Berlin's complicity in the illegal US-Israeli war of aggression against the Islamic Republic.

"The German Foreign Minister's rhetoric on the Strait of Hormuz is utterly shameful — a grotesque distortion of reality that reeks of Mephistopheles in Goethe's Faust," Baqaei stated.

"Germany must be held fully accountable for its complicity in military aggression against Iran and bear the heavy costs of its active participation



in the crime of aggression," he said. "No amount of offensive posturing will allow the Berlin regime to evade responsibility for its role in this illegal war and the war crimes committed against the Iranian people," Baqaei said.

The condemnation came after German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl publicly opposed any form of tolls or service fees for transit through the Strait of Hormuz and claimed Iran

must ultimately pay for mine-clearance operations while rejecting any incentives for Tehran's cooperation. Wadepuhl has also insisted the vital waterway must be reopened "without any restrictions whatsoever" and without the possibility of levying charges, a position Iranian officials view as blatant interference in the Islamic Republic's sovereign rights. The Strait of Hormuz remains under the full and exclusive authority of the Islamic Republic following the US-Israeli war of aggression. Iranian forces continue to exercise intelligent control over all traffic through the strategic chokepoint. Senior Iranian lawmakers have repeatedly stated that the management of the Strait of Hormuz is solely Iran's responsibility as an inseparable part of national sovereignty.



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