

Leader calls for unity among Muslim states against 'real enemy'

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Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei on Sunday urged Muslim states to "recognize their real enemy" and stand united against it.

"The criminal rulers of the United States and Israel are not only the enemies of the Iranian nation but also hostile toward the entire Muslim world," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a message to mark Unity Week, an occasion designated by the late founder of the Islamic Republic Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to promote harmony among Islamic schools of thought. He advised heads of Islamic countries, particularly those in West Asia and the Persian Gulf region, to know their real enemy, as well as recognize its plots and confront them.

"The remedy for the problems of the Muslim world lies in unity of purpose, friendship, and cooperation in the pursuit of goodness and righteousness," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

"The criminal rulers of the United States and the illegitimate Zionist regime are sworn enemies of this unity and friendship.

"They are not merely enemies of the Islamic Republic, the Iranian nation, and the great front of Islamic resistance; they are hostile to the entire Muslim world, including the nations of West Asia and North Africa. In this regard, even the rulers of these states—many of whom are considered their allies—are not exempt," the Leader highlighted.

Ayatollah Khamenei also pointed to the public disrespect shown and offensive language used by the leaders of the arro-

gant powers toward some leaders of Muslim countries.

He further emphasized that the issue of unity among Muslims has a successful example among the people of Iran, where the enemies' conspiracies have not had much effect in undermining it.

"But surely, the ill-wishers are always lying in wait for this great blessing. What gives them hope is the highlighting of differences. Although ideological and religious differences constitute an important part of what the enemies of Islam seek to exploit, and they place great reliance on using them, they will not stop there," he noted.

Provoking division among Muslims

"They seek to turn all kinds of racial, cultural, social, economic, political, and geographical dif-

ferences into pretexts for creating division among Muslim peoples in Iran and in every other Islamic country, so that they can sit back and watch the Muslim world become fragmented, and its strength gradually depleted, and then, at an opportune moment, impose their domination over them."

Meanwhile, the Leader warned against any act that sows discord among Muslims.

"Therefore, anyone, in whatever position, who takes any action that leads to division among Muslims or creates discord within the Muslim community has, knowingly or unknowingly, willingly or unwillingly, furthered the aims of the enemies of Islam," he said.

"And how, in these times, can anyone attribute such an act to ignorance or negligence, when the tyrants of the world, led by



Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei
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the criminal US, have now cast aside the deceptive and flimsy masks concealing their ugly colonial aims and their hegemonic and domination-seeking schemes, removed their deceptive velvet gloves, and revealed

their bloodstained claws to the entire world?"

Additionally, Ayatollah Khamenei asserted that it is time for Muslim people to reflect and examine developments more carefully.

Pezeshkian: Return to Islamabad memo to block US-Israeli attempts to cause chaos

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Saturday that implementing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) reached between Iran and the United States in mid-June will prevent Washington and Israel from creating chaos in the West Asian region.

Pezeshkian said the Pakistan-mediated agreement, aimed at paving the way for a permanent end to the war, would help regional nations "pursue stability and development through unity, cooperation and convergence," Press TV reported.

He reiterated that the Islamic Republic does not seek war but will stand firmly against any aggressor, vowing that "no power can force a nation standing with full strength and determination to surrender."

Iran, he said, would never bow to any threat, despite its efforts to pursue diplomacy. "With the support of the people, the efforts of government officials and the dedication of armed forces commanders, we will not bow to any threat, as we have demonstrated time and again in the past," Pezeshkian said.

The president once again called for greater unity and cohesion, saying the country can overcome its challenges through national unity and the implementation of



Masoud Pezeshkian
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the MoU.

"If we implement the memorandum based on national unity and with the support of all those who care about the country and seek its dignity and prosperity, we can overcome our challenges."

He also called for greater unity and solidarity among Muslim countries to thwart the enemies' schemes, saying that if peace and stability are to take hold in the world, they must emerge from within the West Asia region.

In separate remarks on Friday, the president said Tehran would con-

tinue to honor its commitments under the MoU as long as Washington did the same. "If the other side failed to comply, he added, Iran would no longer remain bound by its commitments either." He also called for stronger diplomatic efforts involving Iran's neighbors and Muslim countries. The MoU, signed on June 17 by US President Donald Trump and Pezeshkian, followed high-level talks between Iranian and American officials hosted by Islamabad. The preliminary agreement was intended to bring an end to US-Israeli aggression against Iran, launched on February 28.

The war has severely disrupted commercial shipping in the Persian Gulf, particularly the transport of oil and gas exports vital to global markets.

The Trump administration, however, failed to fulfill its commitments under the agreement to release frozen Iranian assets, lift sanctions, remove its illegal naval blockade of Iranian ports and press Israel to withdraw from southern Lebanon.

On August 18, the 60-day period set under the MoU expired. Washington showed no interest in extending it, while Trump unleashed what he called a "D-Day" economic pressure campaign against Iran.

Implementation of Iran-Oman deal on Hormuz hinges on US fulfilling commitments: Deputy FM

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Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said that implementation of an agreement reached Between Tehran and Muscat on the Strait of Hormuz hinges on the United States' fulfillment of its commitments under the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

"The Islamic Republic has reached an understanding with Oman concerning arrangements for transit through the Strait of Hormuz. However, this understanding will not automatically enter the implementation phase, as its implementation is conditional upon the fulfillment of commitments by the United States," Gharibabadi told reporters on Saturday, according to IRNA.

"We have explicitly stated that whenever the conditions are met and the obligations incumbent upon the United States are met, the Islamic Republic is likewise prepared to take its own measures regarding the Strait of Hormuz," Gharibabadi added. He rejected the idea that Iran should initiate the process of honoring commitments linked to reopening the waterway.

"It is not for us to take the first step in fulfilling the commitments related to reopening the Strait of Hormuz. Rather, it was the United States that suspended its obligations. Washington must return to fulfilling those commitments, and we have

made entirely clear the steps that must be taken by the United States," he stated.

Iran closed the chokepoint following the launch of the latest bout of unprovoked American-Israeli aggression against the country on February 28.

The Islamic Republic and the United States agreed on a 60-day reopening period as part of a Pakistan-mediated MoU in June, but American violations forced Tehran to re-establish the closure.

Tehran has conditioned reopening of the waterway on the implementation of the Islamabad agreement.

Since the closure of the conduit, Iran and Oman, which sit on either side of the strait, have held several rounds of negotiations to regulate sailing through it. They have now reached an agreement on arrangements for transit through the strait from which a fifth of the world's oil and gas is exported. Gharibabadi reminded that it was the United States, and not Iran that violated the Islamabad memorandum, adding that the Islamic Republic should not be expected to bear the consequences of the US's misconduct.

"The responsibility and obligation now lie with the other party to meet the necessary requirements, so that Iran can take reciprocal action."

The official underlined that Iran was not under pressure to reopen the strait if the US did not take the required action.

Araghchi demands accountability over US use of Japan's airbase to attack Iran



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Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Japanese people should hold their government accountable for their country's "participation in US crimes" after a report revealed that the US military assets

in Japan were used in operations against Iran.

"The peace-loving people of Japan should ask their government to be held accountable for the crimes committed by the United States," Araghchi told Japan's Kyodo News, arguing that Tokyo bears

responsibility for the use of military facilities and capabilities by the US army against Iran.

The top diplomat specifically highlighted reports that US Air Force F-16 fighter jets deployed from Misawa Airbase in Japan's Aomori Prefecture were transferred to the Middle East for strikes on Iran.

The minister said it proves that the US military bases in Japan are not used solely for domestic defense, but rather to support wider "aggressive policies".

During its aggression against Iran that broke out in late February, the US military used its bases in several regional countries to launch attacks against Iran. Several military bases in other countries, including in Europe, were also used for strikes on Iran.



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