

Judiciary chief urges BRICS to seek legal action against Iran's aggressors

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Iran's judiciary chief called on fellow BRICS members to condemn attacks on Tehran's sovereignty and pursue legal action against those responsible for carrying out war crimes against Iran. "Today, more than ever, we need justice; justice that is not selective, does not sacrifice the rule of law for political considerations, and does not measure the rights of nations according to their level of power," Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Ejei said while addressing the BRICS meeting of heads of judicial systems in New Delhi on Saturday, IRNA reported.

Referring to the "brutal aggression" by the United States and Israel against Iran during the past two years, he stressed that Iranians had paid a heavy price to ensure the country's independence.

He said the attacks constitute an unlawful war in violation of international norms and are not merely a limited military confrontation.

"Many infrastructures and facilities,



including hospitals, educational and cultural centers, and residential areas, were targeted, resulting in the deaths

of large numbers of civilians, including women and children," he noted. The judiciary chief described the ac-

Iran's Judiciary Chief Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei (R) attends the BRICS meeting of heads of judicial systems in New Delhi, India, on September 5, 2026.
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tions of the US and Israel as "clear instances of war crimes," while criticizing the international community's failure to respond to the violations.

Mohseni-Ejei said the issue extended beyond Iran, warning BRICS members that other countries could face similar violations in the future.

"Today, this may be Iran's voice, but tomorrow it may be the voice of any one of the countries represented in this hall," he said.

The US and Israel launched another round of aggression against Iran on February 28, some eight months after carrying out unprovoked attacks on the country.

Iran swiftly retaliated by launching barrages of missiles and drones at the Israeli-occupied territories, as well as US bases and interests across the region.

A ceasefire took effect on April 7, and

on June 18, the presidents of Iran and the United States signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to end the war and begin a 60-day diplomatic process to resolve the differences.

However, the US violated the agreement and launched new strikes on Iran under the pretext of Iran's attacks on vessels in the Persian Gulf.

Mohseni-Ejei urged BRICS members to take concrete legal and political measures in response to violations of Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

"First, BRICS members should condemn the violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran in accordance with international law, particularly the UN Charter, and take the necessary measures to prevent the aggressors from carrying out illegal actions," he said.

"Second, by applying the principle of universal jurisdiction, they should prosecute those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the two wars of aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran," he added.

Iranian tanker hit by US attack near Kharg Island

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The US targeted an Iranian oil tanker near Kharg Island with projectiles amid escalating Washington's aggression against Iran.

According to sources in the island, several explosions were heard on Saturday from the direction of the Persian Gulf in the area around Kharg Island which is Iran's key oil export hub, Tasnim News Agency reported.

Sources said an Iranian tanker was struck about six nautical miles from the island after being targeted by four projectiles fired by US forces.

The attack caused no casualties, while the tanker's crew was evacuated from the vessel.

Authorities are investigating the extent of the damage and the precise circumstances of the attack, with further details expected to be released later.

The attack comes as the US has intensified its aggression against Iran in recent days, carrying out



Smoke billows after an Iranian oil tanker is targeted by four US projectiles in the Persian Gulf on September 5, 2026.
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strikes on several locations across the country.

On Monday, US military attacked Iran's Larak Island in the Strait of Hormuz, killing three people. A day later, US launched missile attacks on different locations in southern cities, killing at least 12 people and wounding scores others. In response to the attacks, Iran's Armed Forces launched a series of retaliatory missile and drone strikes against US military positions in Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and Bahrain.

Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters warned that any continua-

tion of US military aggression would trigger "heavier, broader and more devastating responses," while cautioning countries cooperating with the US military that they would face the consequences.

The latest round of aggression against Iran began on February 28, when US and Israeli forces launched large-scale strikes on Iranian territory.

Iran's Armed Forces responded with daily waves of missiles and drones targeting US and Israeli assets across the region, and closed the Strait of Hormuz to US and allied

vessels.

The Commander of the Khatam al-Anbiya Joint Air Defense Headquarters said on Friday that Iran's Armed Forces had prepared themselves for "any kind of confrontation".

"The confrontation between the front of truth and the front of falsehood will continue, and ... we have prepared ourselves for any kind of confrontation, both today and in the future," Alireza Elhami said.

US President Donald Trump said on August 31 in a one-line social media post accompanied by an AI-generated video that Kharg Island was being "blown to smithereens". Iranian authorities have vowed a strong response if Kharg is attacked.

Iran is the third-largest producer in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and exported 90% of its crude via Kharg Island before the war, but flows have been disrupted since a US blockade of Iranian oil exports began in mid-April.

Spox to Americans:

Do not let anyone turn you into cannon fodder for war you never chose

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Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman highlighted an Israeli daily's proposing the use of debt forgiveness as an incentive for young Americans to enlist in a potential ground war against the Islamic Republic.

"Americans, ask yourselves one question: Why should your sons and daughters be offered debt forgiveness in exchange for fighting and dying in a war Israel wants continued & expanded?" Esmail Baqaei wrote in a post on X on Friday after the idea appeared in an article on The Jerusalem Post. The article, penned by AJ Jaff, a retired Canadian armed forces officer and security analyst, that was published by the paper on August 30, discussed possible ways of generating a larger US military force for such a war and proposed a federally administered debt-forgiveness program



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as one option, Press TV reported.

Jaff wrote that a ground war against Iran would require substantially more US troops than the current number in the active army. He then proposed debt relief as an alternative to conscription.

"Based on American history, however, there is a path forward. Not conscription or a draft in a world war era sense, but enlistment through a 'debt forgiveness program'."

Jaff specifically suggested a federally administered program under which student loans, credit-card balances,

and other loans would be discharged following 24 or 36 months of deployment, alongside an extension of GI Bill benefits. The bill provides educational and training support for qualifying veterans, troops, and their family members

"This is not theoretical," Jaff wrote. "The economics of the indebted American 20- and 30-something make this the most efficient conversion mechanism available" to the US Department of War and the Trump administration, he added.

Baqaei, however, noted how the idea amounted to trifling with ordinary Americans' lives. "Your lives. Your taxes. Someone else's war," he wrote.

"Do not let anyone turn you into the cannon fodder - and the bill - for a war you never chose," the official went on. "Do not let anyone turn your children into mercenaries for their illegal 'war of choice'."

Hezbollah: Israeli attacks show failure of direct talks

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Lebanon's resistance movement Hezbollah on Saturday condemned continued Israeli attacks on the country, saying the ongoing "occupation, assaults, killings and destruction" shows that the path of direct negotiations and a framework agreement with the regime has failed.

Hezbollah in a statement that Israel is continuing to escalate its actions against Lebanon through killings, bombardment, the systematic demolition and blowing up of homes and villages, the removal of signs identifying them and the destruction of basic

infrastructure needed for life in those areas, according to IRNA.

The group said the attacks continuing without any deterrence and under "baseless pretexts".

Hezbollah said the latest Israeli attacks on Friday killed at least four people and wounded dozens more. Hezbollah said the attacks are taking place amid the complete silence of the international community and overt US complicity, while Lebanese officials are entirely absent from their responsibilities.

It accused Lebanese officials of stubbornly sticking to the wrong choices, a concession-making and submissive

approach, and a framework that Israel violates every day.

That approach, Hezbollah said, had brought Lebanon nothing but "shame and humiliation" and has served only to entrench the "occupation" and allow Israel's attacks and actions against the Lebanese people to continue. "This condemned and ongoing aggression, which is carried out with the full participation, cover and planning of the United States, has no justification other than putting pressure on Lebanese officials and blackmailing them to force them to implement agendas whose objectives are known to everyone," Hezbollah said.

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