

Pezeshkian: Enemies have failed to force Iran to surrender

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Monday that Iran's enemies are making every effort to force the country to surrender but have so far failed to achieve their objectives either through war or by assassinating the country's leaders and commanders.

"The enemy is doing everything in its power to force our country into surrender, but it failed in the war and could not undermine the country's resolve by martyring our leaders and commanders," Pezeshkian said during a speech at a ceremony held on the occasion of World Post Day in Tehran.

He accused Iran's adversaries of seeking to seize the country's territory and resources, adding that they made little effort to

conceal their intentions.

"They are seeking to take possession of this land and territory, because they do not even shy away from stating this truth. They openly say they want to take control of the oil in these regions and seize their resources," he said.

Pezeshkian said Iran's enemies are using artificial intelligence and advanced equipment to carry out precision strikes, allowing them to identify exactly which locations to target.

He said the targeting of children reflected the adversaries' view that the deaths of young people would help them achieve their sinister objectives.

"They kill innocent people to achieve their goals. It is shameful that these same people speak about humanity, science and knowledge at the United

Nations. Science that becomes a tool for destroying innocent human beings is a disgrace," the president said.

At least 168 children were killed on February 28 after a US missile struck the Shajarah Tayyebah Elementary School in the southern Iranian town of Minab on the first day of the US-Israeli aggression against Iran.

Pezeshkian also accused the United States of complicity in genocide in Gaza, saying the international community is witnessing the events unfolding there.

"What is happening now in Gaza with the complicity of the United States is, in fact, genocide," he said.

He criticized countries that claim to uphold human rights and humanitarian values, saying they are not only turning a blind



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian addresses a ceremony marking World Post Day in Tehran, Iran, on October 12, 2026.
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eye to the crimes but, regrettably, supporting them.

"Even those who claim to defend human rights and humanity are

witnessing these events but, instead of simply standing by and letting them pass, they are, unfortunately, supporting them

and endorsing these crimes by supplying weapons and equipment. This situation is truly shameful," Pezeshkian said.

Iran expresses readiness to facilitate political dialogue between Riyadh, Sana'a

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Iran expressed readiness to facilitate dialogue between Yemen's Ansarullah resistance movement and Saudi Arabia to end the ongoing conflict between the two sides.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi in a phone conversation with his Saudi counterpart Faisal bin Farhan on Sunday said that Tehran is fully prepared to facilitate a direct political dialogue between Riyadh and Sana'a, stressing that persisting with a military approach in Yemen will only further complicate the regional landscape.

Araghchi expressed deep concern over the worsening situation, stressing that the crises currently plaguing the region fundamentally lack a military solution.

"Insisting on a military approach and disregarding a political solution will only complicate the current situation," Araghchi told the Saudi foreign minister.

He reaffirmed the Islamic Republic's readiness to provide any necessary assistance to help initiate talks between Saudi Arabia and Yemen,



This screen grab taken from CCTV footage released by the Saudi Media Ministry on October 11, 2026, shows the moment King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh was hit by a strike on October 10, 2026.

paving the way for a durable political resolution.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei also on Monday expressed concern about developments on the Arabian Peninsula and reiterated Iran's readiness to facilitate dialogue, noting that escalating tensions would benefit only the Israeli regime.

"We, therefore, do not want hostilities and war to continue between two Muslim countries. Our region is already experiencing enough tension as a result of US and Israeli actions," he said.

Baqaei maintained that the Yemeni people had the right to live with dignity, free from pressure, sanctions, and

blockade, saying that conditions in the country over the past 10 to 12 years were unjustifiable under Islamic principles or international law.

The remarks came as military tensions between Yemen's Ansarullah movement and Saudi Arabia have deteriorated in recent weeks.

At least 14 people have been killed in recent attacks by Ansarullah's forces on Saudi Arabia.

A strike on Riyadh's international airport on Sunday killed one person and wounded 11 others, a day after 13 died in the deadliest strike on Saudi soil in more than a decade.

"The airports and airspace are

exposed to targeting and constitute a theatre of operations for our forces," Ansarullah's military spokesman Yahya Saree wrote on X.

He stressed that Yemeni Armed Forces will continue implementation of the "airport for airport, siege for siege, and escalation for escalation" equation until the Saudi military aggression on Yemen ceases, and the tight blockade against the Arab Peninsula country is lifted completely.

While seizing large swathes of territory along the Red Sea coast in Yemen, the Ansarullah has also attacked Saudi transport hubs, oil facilities and other civilian targets in the world's largest crude exporter.

Saudi Arabia and the Yemeni forces it backs have struggled to contain Ansarullah's advance, despite a counter-offensive aimed at recapturing territory including the area around the Bab al-Mandab strait that is crucial to global energy flows.

The Ansarullah had already controlled the capital Sana'a and most of Yemen's major population centers since the start of the war in 2014.

Regional states witnessed 'ineffectiveness' of US security umbrella: *Armed Forces spokesman*

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Iranian Armed Forces spokesman Abolfazl Shekarchi said on Monday that regional countries have experienced the ineffectiveness of the United States' alleged security umbrella in practice and should stop relying on Washington for their security.

"Regional countries should leave the shelter of the incapable US security umbrella; Washington is incapable of even securing itself in the region, let alone providing security for others. Continued reliance on the purported US security umbrella will amount to nothing but accepting the heavy costs of a wrong calculation and decision," Shekarchi said in a statement. The Iranian military official advised regional countries to learn from the experience, stressing that Iran will not allow the regional order envisioned by the US and Israel to be re-established in the Middle East.

Shekarchi also accused the US of resorting to fuel smuggling to escape a self-created quagmire in West Asia, in which Washington is becoming increasingly mired.

"But the fundamental question is this: Can maritime banditry, theft and fuel smuggling prevent the inevitable defeat of the United States? Never!" he said.

He added that a US propaganda campaign



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and repeated lies by American officials about control over the Strait of Hormuz would not change realities on the ground. Neither psychological warfare nor media claims, he said, would be able to spare Washington the consequences of its failed strategies.

Shekarchi also said recent insults by delusional and foolish US officials regarding Iran's civilization, history and people reflected Washington's desperation and would only strengthen the resolve of the Iranian people.

"We have repeatedly demonstrated our power and determination to our American and Zionist enemies and their allies," he said.

The armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Shekarchi said, are now equipped with greater readiness and capabilities than in the past and would resolutely defend the country's national interests, security and the integrity of the Islamic Republic.

FM spox: Rubio's civilizational rhetoric aimed at 'legitimizing war'

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Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ismaeil Baqaei on Monday said portraying current tensions in the Middle East as a confrontation between Iranian and Western civilizations is aimed at "legitimizing war and aggression."

In response to a question about recent civilizational rhetoric by the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in Athens, Baqaei said Rubio's comments about Greece's history, Western civilization and the ancient wars between Greece and Iran should be viewed as part of Washington's cognitive war against Iran.

During the speech in Athens on Wednesday, Rubio argued that modern-day Western countries have lost their confidence, weakened their



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industries and militaries, and need renewed ambition and power in the future.

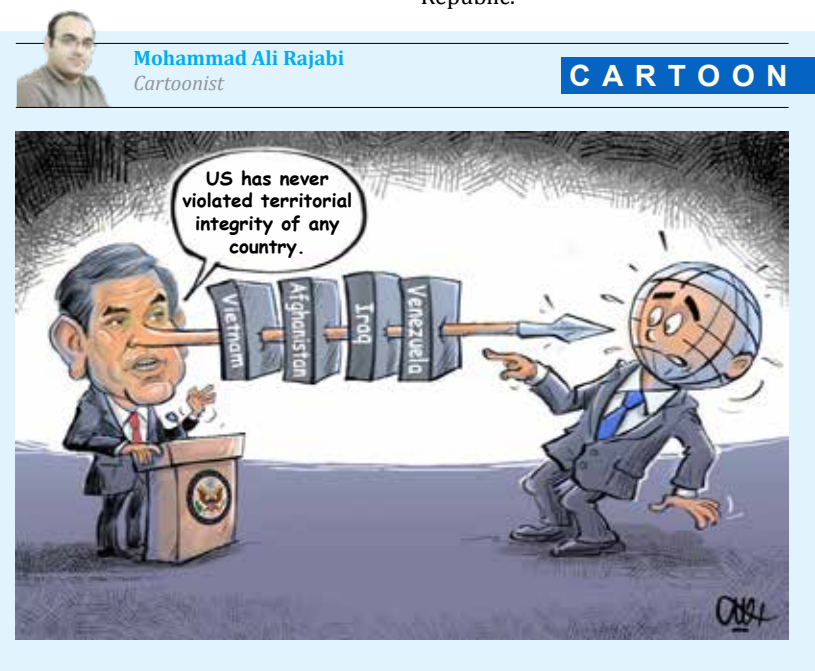
"The Persians plundered the temples, burned the shrines and razed the Acropolis to the ground," Rubio claimed. He subsequently hailed the return of the Athenians and the construction of the Parthenon under Pericles.

"Presenting a distorted interpretation of historical events to justify American

warmongering is both dangerous and an injustice to Greek culture and civilization," Baqaei said.

Baqaei underlined the United States cannot present itself as the representative of Western and Greek civilization. He also rejected attempts to frame relations between Iran and the West as a "clash of civilizations," noting that Iranian civilization had developed through intellectual exchange and engagement with other cultures.

"Iranians have always been competitive, but they have combined competition with interaction. We have never sought to assert our power or sustain our existence by negating others; we have engaged even with our rivals," he said, citing the contribution of Iranian and Muslim scholars to the translation and interpretation of Greek thought.



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