Those expecting US policy shift toward Iran 'seriously mistaken': *Leader*



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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei said on Wednesday that anyone expecting a shift in US policy toward Iran was "seriously mistaken", hours after midterm elections dealt a blow to President Donald Trump.

"If there are still those who have even the slightest hope for a change in behavior or political and partisan shifts in the system of domination, or imagine that by granting concessions to America they can dissuade it from hostility toward the Iranian nation, they are seriously mistaken," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a message marking National Day of Fighting Global Arrogance.

Describing such expectations as disregard for the major victories achieved by the Iranian people through trust in God, perseverance and struggle, he said the ultimate desire of the "Great Satan" is the unconditional surrender of the Iranian nation.

The Leader underlined that continuing the strategy of making Iran "ever stronger" through comprehensive progress is the only way to achieve "absolute deterrence".

He stressed that national unity, solidarity and social cohesion must govern the conduct of the Iranian nation and officials.

"The only way to reach the point of absolute deterrence is to continue the strategy of 'Iran ever stronger' along the path of comprehensive progress; and unity, solidarity and social cohesion are the main elements of success in this path, which must govern every individual and collective word and action of the nation and officials," he said.

Referring to developments in the Persian Gulf, particularly the Strait of Hormuz, Ayatollah Khamenei said the situation has demonstrated "the falsity of the myth of America's invincibility."

He said it has also exposed "the weakness and humiliation of governments that rely on a force other than their own people, and the disloyalty and inability of major powers to defend their dependent governments."

"The exercise of Iran's control over the Strait of Hormuz and the destruction of America's military bases in regional countries, although a reaction to America's aggression and crimes in the third imposed war, also constituted an initial jihad against global arrogance on a regional scale," he said.

He warned that "in the event of a repetition of these aggressions, their dimensions will become much wider."

In reviewing the history of American hostility toward Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei traced its roots to more than seven decades ago, citing the August 1953 coup as the starting point of US oppression against the Iranian nation.

Washington has now abandoned even the deceptive conventions and outward appearances of international conduct and is openly pursuing the disintegration of Iran, the submission of its people, the collapse of its political system and the destruction of its ancient and authentic civilization, he added.

However, Ayatollah Khamenei said, the United States has encountered "the solid wall of realities on the ground and the steadfast rock of the determination of the proud Iranian nation" at every stage.

He said the consequences of American miscalculations and arrogant delusions have imposed heavy costs on the American people and governments dependent on Washington.

Democrats win US House, Senate in major blow to Trump

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A voter visits a polling station to cast their ballot during the US midterm elections, in West Columbia, South Carolina, US, on November 3, 2026.
REUTERS

Democrats won control of both chambers of Congress, delivering a decisive rebuke of Republican governance in Washington and ushering in a new era of congressional resistance to President Donald Trump.

Tuesday's midterm elections laid bare voters' deep frustrations over high prices, the war on Iran and concerns over government corruption.

Democrats routed their rivals across the map, flipping states that have voted Republican for decades and that Trump won by double digits just two years ago.

That includes James Talarico's stunning Senate victory in Texas, where no Democrat had won statewide office in more than 30 years, and Annie Andrews' upset victory over Sen. Darline Graham in South Carolina. Trump had thrown his full weight behind both losing candidates.

In Michigan, progressive Abdul El-Sayed — one of a crop of left-wing candidates who prevailed in Democratic primaries — topped Republican Mike Rogers. Even Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, a battle-tested survivor of difficult elections, lost to Democrat Troy Jackson.

The results marked a fundamental unraveling of the coalition that returned Trump to the White House two years ago, with young people and Latinos moving away from Republicans, according to The AP Voter Poll. Only about one-third of Hispanic voters said they backed the Republican in their local US House races.

It was all a major blow to Trump, who spent nearly every day of the last month holding rallies to energize his supporters but was unable to stop a wipeout.

While Trump has proven adept at steamrolling efforts to rein him in, Democratic control will profoundly reshape Trump's final two years in office and hamstring his legislative agenda.

Party leaders have signaled they'll use their new power to ensure Trump's final two years in office are dominated by a series of investigations of top members of his administration and deeper scrutiny of how he's enriched his family. Impeachment of Trump and his Cabinet officials is not off the table. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and tech titan Elon Musk, a former top Trump adviser, are among possible targets for investigations.

In celebratory events Tuesday night, Democratic Senate Leader Chuck Schumer called the results a "generational remake of the Senate map." Democratic House Leader Hakeem Jeffries said "the American people are crying out for transformational change."

Trump immediately sought to shift blame for his party's losses, posting on his social media site before polls even closed on the West Coast that he wasn't on the ballot — even though he spent weeks asking voters to act like he was. He vowed to veto Democrat-controlled legislation, sharing a picture of a red baseball cap with "VETO" stenciled in the style of his trademark "Make America Great Again" campaign swag.

In a late-night phone interview with Fox News, Trump said he didn't consider the elections to be a personal defeat. Voters, he said, "didn't like the candidates."

Trump told Fox News late Tuesday that the Iran war played a role in the stunning midterm election defeat for his Republican Party.

Iranians mark National Day of Fighting Global Arrogance

National Desk

Iranians from all walks of life took to the streets in cities across the country on Wednesday to mark National Day of Fighting Global Arrogance.

In the Iranian calendar, 13 Aban is designated as the National Day of Fight against Global Arrogance. The date commemorates the 1979 takeover of the US Embassy by Iranian students following the Islamic Revolution.

Waving Iran's flags and holding pictures of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, the demonstrators shout slogans against the United States and Israel, which have launched an aggression against Iran since February.

The participants also set fire to US and Israel's flags and carried placards reading "Kill Trump".

They also issued a final resolution demanding retribution for the martyred Leader, the updating of the US-Israeli target bank, and an honorable withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). A statement by organizers condemned the criminal acts of Washington and Tel Aviv, emphasizing the absolute necessity of seeking justice for Ayatollah Khamenei, and the 168 martyred students in the southern city of Minab.

The resolution stressed the need for updating the enemy's target bank in preparation for any fresh war of aggression to ensure that all US-Israeli assets remain within the crosshairs of Iran's armed forces. In a major geopolitical stance, the resolution demanded that Iranian officials initiate an "honorable withdrawal" from the NPT in response to the broken promises and threats of hegemonic powers. Furthermore, the participants pledged unwavering allegiance to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, and called on the Armed Forces to maintain maximum deterrence, preparing for an "immediate, impactful response without geographic limitations."



Iranians burn flags of US and Israel during a rally in front of the former US embassy to mark the National Day of Fighting Global Arrogance in Tehran, Iran, on November 4, 2026.
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The statement concluded by reaffirming Iran's steadfast support for the Axis of Resistance across Palestine, Lebanon, Yemen, and Iraq, stressing that the "unity of fronts" is the decisive factor in shaping the new security order in West Asia. The nationwide rallies were held in over 900 locations across the country under the slogan "Covenant with Martyrs, Battle against Arrogance."



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