

Israeli regime crimes in Gaza example of terrorism: Pres. Pezeshkian

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has termed the crimes by the Israel regime in Gaza as an example of terrorism.
Congratulating the Palestinians' victory over the Israeli enemy, Iranian president emphasized that the people of Gaza and Palestine stood against the Zionist regime and achieved this great victory.
They taught other nations how to stand against terrorism, Pezeshkian added. Referring to the assassination of Supreme Court judges, Pezeshkian said on Monday that the Islamic Republic of Iran is the biggest victim of terrorism in world.

Iran says its military capabilities never subject to any negotiations

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei says the Islamic Republic has never negotiated its military capabilities with other parties, and will never do so.
Baghaei was speaking on Monday during his weekly press briefing in Tehran.
He made the comment in response to an IRNA question that what the Islamic Republic's stance was on the recently made allegations that Iran may withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in case that the so-called snapback mechanism was triggered, and that Iran's ballistic missiles should be part of any negotiation with the incoming Trump administration in the US.
Those allegations were reportedly made following talks in Geneva earlier this month between Iranian and European officials over the 2015 Iran nuclear deal officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and the removal of sanctions on the Islamic Republic.
"Iran has never negotiated its military capabilities with anyone and will not do so," the spokesperson responded.
He said that Iran's threat to withdraw from the NPT is not a new subject, adding that the Islamic Republic had previously made it clear that it would give a proportionate response if the snapback mechanism was triggered to put pressure and gain concessions from the country.
It has been clearly said that misusing the mechanism means that there remains no reason and justification for Iran to remain in some treaties, said Baghaei.
Answering a question on the revival of the JCPOA and possible return of the US to the negotiating table, the spokesperson



stated that the JCPOA is the basis for talks over Iran's nuclear issue.
He said the JCPOA has been endorsed by a UN Security Council resolution giving it a legal status, and therefore all the parties that contributed to the formation of the deal should be basically part of the revival talks.
The spokesperson said that the agreements Iran and Russia signed in 1921 and 1940 remain valid, as they are part of the history of ties between the two countries.
He made the comment as he answered a question on why the two agreements have been referred to in the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Treaty between Iran and Russia, which was announced this past Friday.
According to the spokesperson, Iran considers the ceasefire in Gaza as the failure of the plan to eliminate Palestine.
The Islamic Republic made all-out efforts during the 16-month-old war on Gaza to urge the international community to help stop the Israeli regime's genocide and crimes against humanity, Baghaei said.
Iran believes that the Palestinian people should exercise their legal right to decide their fate, which is also their right recognized under international law, as the only way to save themselves from the Israeli occupation, he noted.
The Iranian diplomat also said his country will continue to support the Palestinian resistance.
Baghaei rejected claims about the end of Hamas's role in the future of Gaza, saying that the Palestinian resistance movement has its roots in the hearts of the Palestinian people.
Therefore, he added, no one can neglect Hamas's influence and presence in the future of Palestine, he added.
On recent comments made by one of the Iranian president's advisors regarding talks with the US, Baghaei said that the stance of the Islamic Republic and the Iranian government on foreign policy issues are announced by official spokespersons.
Those comments have nothing to do with our official stance, and reflect personal views expressed in an interview with a media outlet, Baghaei said.
Deaths of Iranian expats in France
In response to a question on the murder of two Iranian nationals in France, the spokesperson noted that the Iranian embassy in Paris has been pursuing the issue, but no sufficient and compelling information has been received on their deaths and the motive behind their killings.
The Islamic Republic calls for the punishment of the murderer, and expects relevant authorities in France to respond to its questions, he added.
A planned trip by Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi to New York, where he was due to attend a UN Security Council meeting on Palestine on January 20, was called off due to the developments in the past couple of days, notably the Gaza ceasefire, Baghaei explained.
The spokesperson referred FM Araghchi's recent comments regarding Iran's readiness for talks with Europe over the alleged role of the Islamic Republic in the Russia-Ukraine war.
Baghaei said that Iran has already rejected the allegations of any involvement in the war, and announced its readiness to hold talks with Ukraine and any party levelling those accusations.
This issue has been raised in various meetings with European countries, including in the Geneva negotiations held earlier in January, he noted.
The issue of Iran's water rights from the Hirmand River remains a topic of talks between Iran and Afghanistan, Baghaei said, noting that the good neighborliness policy and historical relations between the two nations can help both governments achieve consensus in this respect.
According to the spokesperson, Iran's Expediency Council is currently engaged in re-assessing the Islamic Republic's accession to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in order to come up with a decision on joining the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), a decision which he said will be made by relevant bodies.
The Iranian Foreign Ministry, as one of the parties involved in the process, will provide those bodies with its viewpoints, Baghaei said.

Funeral ceremony held for two judges assassinated in Tehran

A funeral procession was held on January 20, 2025, for two Supreme Court judges assassinated in a terrorist attack two days earlier.Tehran, IRNA – A funeral procession has been held for two Supreme Court judges assassinated in a terrorist attack on Saturday. The ceremony, held on Monday morning in front of the Supreme Court headquarters in Tehran, was attended by many top state officials and judges, including Judiciary Chief Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Ejei and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi. Head of the Supreme Court Mohammad Jafar Montazeri spoke at the event, saying, "Over the past 45 years, many martyrs have nurtured the tree of the Revolution with their blood."
He stated that the "bloodthirsty enemy" wrongly assumes that it can deter Iran from the path of the Islamic Revolution by assassinating these "valuable individuals". "The people and youth must pursue and find the answer to this question: Why have the enemy and global arrogance targeted and assassinated a particular group or movement within the Islamic Revolution since its inception?" he noted. Funeral ceremony held for two judges assassinated in Tehran
Head of the Supreme Court Mohammad Jafar Montazeri speaks at the funeral procession.
Hojjatoleslam Ali Razini, head of Branch 39 of the Supreme Court, and Hojjatoleslam Mohammad Moqiseh, head of Branch 53, were assassinated in a terrorist attack on Saturday morning. They were both known for dealing with cases associated with crimes against national security, spies, and terrorism.
In a statement, the Judiciary's media office said that right after the terrorist act, an attempt was made to arrest the gunman, who then quickly committed suicide.
Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei led the prayers performed over the bodies of the two judges at Imam Khomeini Religious Center on Sunday evening.

Iran's Judiciary chief warns of enemy plots to harm national security

Iran's Judiciary Chief Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Ejei has warned that enemies are conspiring to harm national security and create division within the country.
During a ceremony on Monday, Mohseni-Ejei remarked, "Currently, the enemy is making significant efforts to undermine the values of our youth and is persistently spreading the idea that the Resistance Front has been defeated. However, the victory of truth and the Resistance Front is now closer than ever before."
In light of the current challenges faced by the Zionist regime, the United States, and their allies in the region, he noted, "Prior to the Al-Aqsa Storm Operation, the Zionists believed they could improve their tarnished image and hoped for normalization with some Arab countries. However, they have now become the most detested entity in both the region and the world."
Iran's Judiciary chief emphasized that the Zionists committed crimes and genocide in Gaza for 15 months. Yet, they not only failed to occupy the Palestinian territory but also could not achieve any of their sinister goals, he added.
He stressed the need to remain vigilant against the enemy's attempts to create insecurity and discord within the country. "We must recognize the enemy's plots to undermine security and appreciate the sacrifices made by our intelligence and security forces."
The warning came two days after two Supreme Court judges were assassinated in Tehran after a gunman infiltrated the tribunal building and opened fire. The assailant killed himself after the terrorist attack.

Ayatollah Khamenei leads prayers for two slain senior judges

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has led prayers in Tehran for two Iranian Supreme Court justices who were assassinated on Saturday.
Ayatollah Khamenei led the prayers performed over the bodies of Hojjatoleslam Ali Razini and Hojjatoleslam Mohammad Moqiseh at Imam Khomeini Religious Center on Sunday evening.
The Leader also extended his condolences over the deaths of the two senior judges on Saturday evening hours after they were shot dead in central Tehran.
An assailant infiltrated the tribunal building, opening fire at the pair. The attacker later killed himself.

IRGC Navy unveils strategic underground base

The Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Major General Hossein Salami, has unveiled a strategic underground base belonging to the IRGC Navy.
During the unveiling ceremony on Saturday, Major General Salami said the IRGC's new Navy complex is one of the numerous bases housing combat, missile-launching, and minelayer vessels.
Highlighting the magnificence of the new IRGC Navy complex, he mentioned that the new underground city represents only a small fraction of the IRGC Navy's defensive capabilities.
Regarding the growing preparedness of the IRGC's combat and defense capabilities, the commander emphasized that the IRGC Navy's combat vessels possess excellent ocean navigation capabilities and are ready to safeguard Iran's crucial interests.
Major General Salami reiterated that the IRGC Navy has significantly improved the range, speed, precision, and destructive power of its vessels and naval missiles.
He emphasized, "Today, the IRGC Navy is capable of establishing multiple layers of defense," noting that they will continue to enhance the IRGC's advanced equipment and systems in the future.

Gen. Qa'ani: Gaza ceasefire agreement 'biggest defeat' for Israel

The commander of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has lauded the ceasefire agreement between the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas and Israel as the biggest defeat for the occupying regime.
Brigadier General Esmail Qa'ani said on Sunday that the ceasefire, which came into force on the same day and brought an end to months-long Israeli aggression against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza strip, was the "biggest defeat" the Tel Aviv regime had experienced in its "miserable life" as it failed to achieve any of its goals.
"The bloodthirsty, child-killing butchers of the Zionist regime, after ۱۵ months of unrestrained crimes they committed against the oppressed people of Palestine, Lebanon and the region, were forced to accept a ceasefire today at the pinnacle of humiliation.