

Al-Aqsa Storm Operation revived Palestinian cause, Iran's foreign minister says

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchibexpressed strong support for the Palestinian people following their victory in Gaza, stating that the October 7 Al-Aqsa Storm operation revived the Palestinian cause.

In an interview with Al Jazeera, parts of which were aired on Friday, Araghchi praised the operation, saying it brought the Palestinian cause back to life and turned it into the top priority in the region and globally. He also reaffirmed Iran's readiness to assist the people of Gaza, offering congratulations for the victory and the return of prisoners to Palestinian resistance forces.



Israeli forces raid home of freed Palestinian prisoner, assault U.S. journalist

Gen. Bagheri: Iran's Army makes grand advances in electronic warfare

Iran's Army has made grand achievements in acquiring new combat sciences and techniques, developing a substantial advantage in utilizing robotics, artificial intelligence, and electronic warfare.

Tehran - ISNA - Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Bagheri made the remarks on Tuesday, as he addressed the Army's Ground Force personnel during the main phase of a military exercise in western Iran. General Bagheri said the drills demonstrated the armed forces' readiness to counter the enemy in electronic warfare. He said the Iranian military forces will effectively provide security and comfort for the nation.

During the two-phase maneuvers, the Iranian general said, various operations were conducted, including assessing the readiness of helicopter units and performing parachute drops by the 55th Airborne Brigade.

The exercises also included evaluating offensive and defensive flight operations of drones, he said.

"Due to the development and promotion of artificial intelligence and robotics, modern battles have significantly changed from those of the past," General Bagheri stated. "Accordingly, the ground forces maximized their use of contemporary knowledge and technologies during the current exercise, successfully implementing robotic operations with equipment produced by the Research and Self-Sufficiency Organization of the Army's Ground Force."

The two-day drills, conducted along the western borders of Kermanshah province, concluded on Tuesday.

Brigadier General Karim Cheshk, Deputy Operations Chief of the Ground Force, said all predetermined objectives set by the participating units in this exercise were achieved.

During the drills, the Army practiced comprehensive assaults on terrorist positions with heavy aerial support from helicopters and armored drone units, among other operations.

Brigadier General Kiomars Heydari, commander of the Ground Force, announced during a visit to the region that Iran's helicopter missile range has increased from 2 kilometers to 200.

Iran's supreme leader :

US embodies colonialism in today's world



On the auspicious anniversary of Eid al-Mab'ath, the day on which Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was appointed to prophethood, Imam Khamenei met with a number of officials and ambassadors from Islamic countries in the Imam Khomeini Hussainiyah on Jan. 28, 2025.

Tehran - ISNA -Imam Khamenei opened the meeting by extending his congratulations to the Iranian nation, the Islamic Ummah, and all freedom-seekers around the world on the occasion of Eid al-Mab'ath.

He highlighted the significance of this celebration coinciding with Bahman [February], a month that marks the victory of the Islamic Revolution, which itself emerged from the event of the Bi'tha.

"The Bi'tha is one of the greatest and most significant events in human history, as it brought about a tremendous intellectual and perceptual transformation, ushering in an unparalleled transformation among the people of that era and in subsequent periods," he stated.

The Leader of the Revolution described the US government as the head of arrogant and colonial powers, as well as a government influenced by the world's financial elites. He argued that the major financial cartels are constantly scheming to alter the identity and interests of nations and expand their colonial influence. "As the Quran states, they desire whatever causes you difficulty," he said.

Referring to Quranic verses that portray the hatred and grudge of Islam's enemies as greater than what is apparent in their words and behaviors, he said, "When members of the US Congress applaud and encourage a murderer responsible for slaughtering thousands of children, or when they award a medal to the captain of the American ship that shot down an Iranian passenger plane with 300 passengers, these are examples of their evil nature, hostilities, and grudges that are concealed behind diplomatic smiles." Imam Khamenei emphasized the necessity of vigilance in global interactions, stating, "We must understand that behind diplomatic smiles lie hidden enmities and hatred. We should open our eyes and remain alert to whom we are dealing with and speaking to."

The Leader described one of the key messages of the Prophet's Mab'ath for all Muslim governments and nations as the belief in the truth that "honor belongs to God." He said, "With divine honor, no enemy or foreign element will be able to exert negative influence in either spiritual or physical domain."

He said the prophets were equipped with two tools, namely reason and faith, for transforming human societies. He added, "By awakening the reason and faith inherent in human beings, they assist humanity in finding the path to growth and the Straight Path. The repeated emphasis in the Quran on reflection, reasoning, and contemplation is rooted in this very point."

Imam Khamenei characterized faith—and its central pillar, monotheism—as the core of the Islamic worldview and the foundation for building an Islamic society. He stressed, "The Mab'ath was not a sudden event confined to a single day, but rather a continuous and ongoing process. By employing reason and faith, one can draw upon its blessings and lessons in all eras to bring about intellectual and practical transformation and address problems."

Iran tries to be a reliable partner in regional developments



Iranian Vice President says the economic diplomacy of Iran places increasing importance on regional and multilateral mechanisms. Tehran, IRNA – Iranian Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref has said that the Islamic Republic of Iran's continuous effort is to be an effective and reliable member and partner in regional arrangements.

Speaking at the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Prime Ministers' meeting on Friday, Aref said that Iran's becoming an observer in the Eurasian Economic Union is another step to deepen ties, which shows the country's more effective role in the activities of this important economic body in the future.

Aref traveled to Kazakhstan on Thursday to attend the EAEU Prime Ministers' meeting and the 2025 Almaty Digital Forum.

Aref said that Iran's economic diplomacy placed increasing importance on regional and multilateral mechanisms and expressed Tehran's readiness to expand ties with other countries in key fields such as energy, new technologies, and transit.

He also said that apart from the creation of the Iran-EAEU corridor and to facilitate trade between the six member states, Iran is ready to strengthen the transit capacities of its ports in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman to connect the landlocked member states of the EAEU to world markets. Iranian Vice President says the economic diplomacy of Iran places increasing importance on regional and multilateral mechanisms. Tehran, IRNA – Iranian Vice President Mohammad Reza Aref has said that the Islamic Republic of Iran's continuous effort is to be an effective and reliable member and partner in regional arrangements.

Iran committed to enhancement of ties with Kyrgyzstan

Iran's First Vice President Mohammad-Reza Aref has said that relations between Tehran and Bishkek have been on the rise over the past decades, highlighting Iran's commitment to expansion of ties with Kyrgyzstan.

Aref, who is on a visit to Kyrgyzstan, made the remarks during a meeting with Kyrgyz Prime Minister Adylbek Kasymaliev. Referring to widespread relations between Iran and Kyrgyzstan on different economic, trade and transportation areas, he urged the need for implementing the agreements already signed between the two nations.

He believed that the presence of both countries in significant regional organizations, such as SCO, ECO and the Eurasian Economic Union provides a chance for further deepening of bilateral relations. Aref invited the prime minister of Kyrgyzstan to attend a summit of Caspian Sea littoral states due to be held in Tehran on February 18.

The Kyrgyz side, in turn, congratulated the Iranian government and nation over the victory anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, noting that his country sees promotion of relations with Tehran of special significance. He expressed hope that Iran would increase its investments in Kyrgyzstan.

Iravani: World must acknowledge Iran losses in fight against terrorism

Iran's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN has called on the international community to acknowledge the deep suffering endured by the Iranian people over decades of the fight against terrorism.

Tehran - ISNA - In a letter to the UN Security Council, Iravani specifically addressed the crimes committed by the anti-Iran terrorist group, the Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization (MKO), against the nation.

The ambassador pointed out that more than ۲۳,... Iranians have fallen victim to terrorist attacks by the MKO.

He urged the international community to hear the voices of the victims without imposing double standards or making baseless accusations.

He further reaffirmed Iran's commitment to fighting terrorism and promoting regional peace and stability in accordance with international law.

