

TEHRAN -- Iran said Wednesday the world public opinion is witnessing the moral decline and collapse of the West in the Gaza Strip after the discovery of tens of decomposing bodies of blindfolded Palestinians dumped inside a schoolyard in the northern besieged territory.

"The bodies of many Palestinian civilians have been discovered among the debris and garbage in northern Gaza, where the Israeli occupation forces tied their hands and eyes and then executed them," spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry Nasser Kanaani wrote in a post published on X, formerly known as X.



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## Islamic Revolution Enters the 46th Year

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Today is a Red-Letter day in the history of Iran which 45 years ago with the return home of the Father of the Islamic Revolution from 15 years of exile, started the Ten-Day Dawn that resulted on February 11 in the liberation of the country from the yoke of the British-installed and American-backed Pahlavi regime, to usher changes not just at the national and regional levels but on a global scale.

Imam Khomeini (may his soul rest in peace) had aptly described the grassroots movement of the Iranian people as a "burst of light".

Today if this supernova, lights up the path of nations in the neighbourhood and beyond to assert their independence from domestic despotism and foreign hegemony, its brilliant rays has blind the enemies of Iran, Islam, and humanity.

Iran's progress over the past four-and-a-half decades has been spectacular in every field, as is evident by its success in aerospace, in nuclear energy, in heavy industries, in medicine, in agriculture, in urban development, in education, in culture, in cinematic arts, in sports, in women's rights, and last but not the least in the vital sphere of defence.

A couple of days ago, the present Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, on witnessing the samples of the nation's industrial fields in a wide variety of fields, praised the talents and devotion of the Iranian people in ensuring complete independence.

Iran, which is active today in most international organizations, such as BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Eurasian Economic Union, and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) – to name a few – achieved all these successes in the face of the most intense sanctions illegally imposed on it by the US.

As pointed out by Ayatollah Khamenei, the intensity and multiplicity of threats against Iran by its avowed enemies, actually shows the power of the Islamic system, and how it has defeated these intricate conspiracies.

Today we renew our tributes to Imam Khomeini (RA), who on his historic arrival in Tehran to a red carpet welcome by millions of people, drove straight to the Behesht-e Zahra Cemetery, which was blooming with more and more new graves every day, as the Pahlavi regime continued its killing spree on the orders of its masters in the US.

He chose the resting place of the seemingly dead to address the apparently alive all over the world where consciences had long frozen, if not become lifeless.

Every word, he spoke has been diligently recorded and is punctually aired and screened every year, and does not need to be repeated, including his emphasis on establishing the Islamic Republic system of government, his naming of the US the 'Great Satan', and his promise of support to the oppressed people of Palestine.

He predicted the end of communism, and it is no more. He foretold the collapse of capitalism, and it is on its last legs in the West. He prophesied the weeding out of the cancerous tumour called Israel and its death throes are evident for all despite the desperate bid of the US to prolong its survival.

As a true follower of the holy Qur'an, Imam Khomeini (RA) he pursued the path of the Prophets of God to guide the grassroots movement of the Iranian people to victory and establish the Islamic Republic.

Peace unto the soul of that Sage of the Age who transformed Iran into an invincible power that continues to shake Global Arrogance to its very foundations.

## Gen. Salami: No Threat Will Go Unanswered



IRGC chief Major General Hussein Salami speaks at the funeral of Razi Mousavi, a senior commander in Iran's Quds Force who was assassinated on December 25 in an Israeli strike in Syria, in Tehran on Dec. 28, 2023.

TEHRAN -- Iran will respond to any threat from the United States, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) chief Major General Hussein Salami warned on Wednesday, adding Tehran is not afraid of direct military confrontation with Washington.

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Tuesday he had already decided how to respond to a drone attack that killed three U.S. service members in Jordan on Saturday, but gave no further details about his plan.

Washington has blamed the attack, the first to kill U.S.

troops in the Middle East since an escalation in regional conflict accompanying the Israeli war on Gaza, on Kataib Hezbollah, an Iraqi resistance group. The group said on Tuesday it was suspending military actions against the United States out of respect for the Baghdad government.

"We hear threats coming from American officials. We tell them that they have already tested us and we now know one another. No threat will be left unanswered," Gen. Salami said.

In January 2020, the IRGC

targeted the Ain al-Asad U.S. base in Iraq following a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad that martyred General Qassem Soleimani, the commander of Iran's Quds Force.

Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian told a cabinet meeting: "The U.S. has to stop its threats and focus on a political solution."

Washington "has to accept the resistance as a fact", he said, referring to the alliance of armed groups across the Middle East.

U.S. forces based in Syria, Iraq and at sea have been on

the receiving end of operations carried out by resistance groups since the occupying regime of Israel launched its brutal war on Gaza on Oct. 7.

But Saturday's drone attack in Jordan was the first time U.S. forces had suffered fatalities, raising pressure from American hawks on Biden to target Iran despite the potential risk of a wider escalation. The Islamic Republic has vehemently ruled out any role in the attack, while the Pentagon has said there is no evidence of Iran's involvement in the operation.

Kataib Hezbollah on Tuesday absolved Iran of all responsibility for the drone strike.

"Our brothers in the Resistance, especially in the Islamic Republic, do not even know the nature of our jihad/military operations. Many times they even objected to pressure and escalation against the Americans in Iraq and Syria. Militia are ordered to temporarily defend passively if any hostile American action occurs towards them," it said in a statement.

In Tehran, Gen. Salami also said, "We do not look for war, but we are not afraid of it. This is the well-known truth."

Iran's envoy to the United

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## Yemeni Forces Target USS Gravely in Red Sea

SANAA (Dispatches) -- Yemen's naval units fired "several" missiles at a U.S. Navy warship just off the coast of Yemen in the Red Sea, military spokesman Brigadier General Yahya Saree said on Wednesday.

In a televised speech broadcast live from the capital, Saree said the Yemeni forces carried out an operation against the USS Gravely destroyer.

The missile attack came in support of the oppressed Palestinians and resistance fighters in the Gaza Strip and in response to joint American-British aggression against Yemen, he said.

Saree underscored that all U.S. and British warships in the Red Sea and the Arab Sea, which are participating in the ongoing aggression against Gaza, have become legitimate targets for Yemenis within the fundamental and

inalienable right to defend their homeland and nation, and in reaffirmation of their staunch support of Palestine.

The attacks have forced some of the world's biggest shipping and oil companies to suspend transit through one of the world's most important maritime trade routes. Tankers are instead adding thousands of miles to international shipping routes by sailing around the continent of Africa rather than going through the Suez Canal.

Yemen said on Wednesday it would keep up attacks on U.S. and British warships in the Red Sea in what it called acts of self-defense.

Ameen Hayyan, a military spokesperson, said, "All American and British warships in the Red Sea ... will be targeted within the legitimate defense of our country."

## Armored Vehicles Deployed as European Farmers Ramp Up Protests

PARIS/BRUSSELS (Reuters) -- The French government on Wednesday sent armored vehicles to protect a wholesale food market in Paris, in a sign of escalating tensions as farmers blocked highways in France and Belgium and protests spread elsewhere in Europe.

Spanish and Italian farmers said they were joining the protest movement, which has also hit Germany, that aims to press governments to ease environmental rules and shield them from rising costs and cheap imports.

With all eyes on a summit of EU leaders set for Thursday, the bloc's executive Commission made proposals to limit

farm imports from Ukraine and loosen some green regulations.

But that was unlikely to be enough to quell the anger of farmers who said they would continue to block highways and ports until all their demands were met.

"What is happening at the moment stems from the accumulation of rules that at first you accept... till it becomes too much," said Arnaud Rousseau, head of France's powerful FNSEA union.

While protests have so far been largely peaceful - though French farmers have sprayed

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