

Iran Rejects UN Report on Riots

TEHRAN -- Iran on Wednesday rejected a report by a mission mandated by the United Nations over the 2022 riots in the country, saying the establishment of such a mission by the UN Human Rights Council has been "a politically-motivated and unjustified move." Kazem Gharibabadi, the secretary general of Iran's High Council for Human Rights, made the remarks at the 53rd session of the UN Human Rights Council, following a report by a so-called fact-finding mission on alleged human rights violations in Iran during the handling of the riots that erupted in the country last September. (Continued on Page 7)

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Tehran Urges EU to Confront Islamophobia

TEHRAN -- Following the recent desecration of the Holy Qur'an in Sweden, Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has called on Europe to effectively confront Islamophobia. The top Iranian diplomat made the remarks on Tuesday, speaking on the phone with the European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell. The conversation came less than a week after two men stood outside the Swedish capital of Stockholm's central mosque and burned a copy of the holy book following a go-ahead given to them by a Swedish court.

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Ghadeer, The Most Auspicious Eid of Islam

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"And amongst them We appointed Imams to guide (the people) by Our command, when they had been patient and had conviction in Our signs." (Holy Qur'an 32:24) We are on the eve of a very special day in the history of mankind. It is the day that determined the continuation of Divine Guidance for human societies till the end of the world.

It is the day of fulfillment of God's Promise to Prophet Abraham (AS) on making him **"Imam (Leader) of mankind"** (Holy Qur'an 2:124) that the Divine Trust of Imamate will only be for the most pious persons and not for any unjust one who even for a moment had committed sin, deviated from the belief in monotheism, oppressed others and his own self through impolite behaviour, etc.

It is the anniversary of the auspicious 18th of Dhu'l-Hijjah the day on which in the year 10 AH, the Almighty's Last and Greatest Messenger to mankind, while returning to Medina from his Farewell Hajj Pilgrimage, halted in his tracks beside the Pond (Ghadeer in Arabic) in the wilderness of Khom near Juhfa, as Archangel Gabriel descended with an express commandment from the Lord Most High.

"O Messenger! Proclaim what has been revealed to you from your Lord; and if you do it not, then you have not delivered His message, and Allah will protect you from the people; indeed Allah does not guide the faithless lot." (Holy Qur'an 5:67)

As recorded in books of hadith and history by scholars of all denominations, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) instructed those of the huge 120,000 strong caravan of pilgrims who had gone ahead to come back to this place and to call on all those who were trailing behind to hurry up for hearing the important announcement.

He then mounted a makeshift pulpit of camel saddles under the blazing midday sun to deliver a memorable sermon in which he reminded the neo Muslims - many of them recent converts from years of idolatry, ignorance and at times intransigent opposition to the message of Islam - of how diligently he had carried out over the past 23 years the mission entrusted to him by the One and Only God in the most adverse circumstances in the face of the plots and armed battles imposed upon him by the Arabs and the Israelites. The huge gathering nodded in the affirmative. They had come from all corners of Arabia on learning that the **"Mercy unto the creation"**, who had knit fratricidal tribes into the monolithic Muslim Ummah was performing his last Hajj pilgrimage.

The **"Seal of Prophets"**, nine days earlier on the Day of Arafat in his sermon on the plain of Arafat had told the masses of pilgrims of his imminent departure from the mortal world and bequeathed to them the formula of faith and unity in the form of the Hadith Thaqalayn:

"I am leaving behind among you the two priceless things (thaqalyan); the Book of Allah (the Holy Qur'an) and my progeny, the Ahl al-Bayt. Hold fast to them and you will never go astray."

Here at Ghadeer-Khom, he enlightened the masses on the urgent command he has just received from the celestial heavens and what it pertains to, with clear instructions to the huge gathering to convey this message to those not present and to pass it on to sons and descendants.

As people listened with rapt attention and testified that the Prophet was superior to the rest of mankind than their own selves, he said:

"O people! I have not committed any shortcoming in conveying what Allah Almighty revealed to me, and I am now going to explain to you the reason behind revelation of this Ayah: Three times did Gabriel command me on behalf of my Lord, the Source of all peace, to inform everyone, black and white, that: 'Ali ibn Abi Talib is my Brother, my Wasi (Testamentary Legatee) and Caliph over my Ummah and the Imam after me. He is the one whose status to me is like that of Aaron to Moses except there will be no prophet after me, and he is your master next only to Allah and to His Messenger. Allah has already revealed to me the same in one of the fixed Ayahs of His Book, saying: 'Your Master is Allah and His Messenger and those who believe, those who keep up prayers and pay zakat even as they bow down'" (Holy Qur'an, 5:55).

"O people! Comprehend what I have just said, and again do comprehend it, and be (further) informed that Allah has designated (Ali) as your Master and Imam, obligating the Muhajirun and the Ansar and those who follow them in goodness, to obey him. So must (obey) everyone who lives in the desert or in the city, who is a non-Arab or an Arab, who is a free man or a slave, who is young or old, white or black..."

To be brief, the Prophet then raised the hand of Imam Ali (AS) and expressed those immortal words: **"Man kunto Mowlahu wa hadha Aliyun Mowlah"** (For whomsoever I am Master this Ali is his Master).

The Prophet then took oaths of allegiance to the Imam from the huge gathering which had to stay three days at Ghadeer-Khom to complete the formalities of Ba'yat. He also instructed the Muslims to address Imam Ali (AS) from now on as **"Amir al-Momineen"** (Commander of the Faithful).

The Almighty then revealed to the Prophet the Ayah confirming perfection of faith, completion of Divine favours, and decreeing of Islam as the religion of all mankind. (Holy Qur'an 5:3)

Thus, the anniversary of the Day of Ghadeer, according to the Prophet's 6th Infallible Heir, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), is the Greatest Eid in Islam, more significant than Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, because on this day was determined the continuation of Divine guidance for humanity, which has withstood the test of time despite the devilish plot of the Saqifa Bani Sa'da and usurpation of the political leadership of Muslims by imposters. As all denominations of Islam agree, the Prophet's Last Successor, Imam Mahdi (AS), who will reappear in the end times to establish the global government of peace, prosperity and justice, is not the offspring of any Zaid, Bakr, Amr of Arabia, but the direct descendant of Imam Ali (AS) and thus the Heir of Ghadeer.

I end this column with a passage from the special supplication for this day which the faithful recite:

"We stand up for and comply with Allah's command, and follow the example of the Messenger in the matter of affection and friendship for our "Mowla" and "Mowla" of the believers, the Commander of the Faithful, Ali ibn Abi Talib, the servant of Allah, the Brother of His Messenger, the Renowned Truthful, the Decisive Argumentation over mankind, through whom the Almighty helped and supported His Prophet and His manifest true religion..."

The event of Ghadeer is thus a source of unity for the Islamic Ummah.

Zionists Retreat, Palestinians Hail 'Victory' in Jenin



Pictures in the upper column show Palestinians celebrating victory while resistance groups hold a joint news conference in Jenin. Pictures below show mourners carrying the bodies of Palestinians martyred in the Israeli aggression in Jenin and people returning to their homes after the retreat of Zionist troops.

GAZA/JENIN (Dispatches) -- Hours after Israel's leader said a large-scale military aggression against the West Bank city of Jenin was wrapping up, five rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip in retaliation into Occupied Palestine early Wednesday.

Earlier on Tuesday, eight Zionists were wounded by a Palestinian man in a car-ramming and stabbing attack in Tel Aviv.

The Palestinian death toll in

the Jenin operation that began on Monday and stretched into Tuesday, the biggest that Israel has launched in the area in many years, rose to 12, Palestinian health officials said. Four of the dead were under 18 years old, and at least five were claimed by Palestinian resistance groups as fighters. At least 120 people were injured, including 20 seriously, the Palestinian Health Ministry said.

A spokesman for the Zionist military also said on Tuesday evening that a soldier had been killed "by gunfire" during the military raid.

The military aggression sent people fleeing, with as many as 3,000 of the camp's roughly 17,000 residents seeking shelter in schools and other public buildings, or with families elsewhere.

Palestinian resistance fighters paraded in Jenin on Wednesday

and angry crowds confronted senior Palestinian Authority officials, accusing them of weakness.

Hours before the funeral procession, crowds of Palestinians gathered outside the Palestinian Authority's headquarters in Jenin to protest.

Some pelted the building with stones to denounce the PA's inaction during the violent raid on Jenin.

The two-day aggression left a trail of wrecked streets and burned-out cars and sparked fury across the Arab world.

"We stayed inside the house, but then they cut off the electricity then the water," said Muhammad Mansour, a resident of the camp where armored bulldozers tore up streets to expose roadside bombs, cutting power cables and water pipes.

"We ended up running out of bread and supplies ... I've never been through such days."

At a funeral for 10 of the martyrs, thousands of mourners confronted three senior Palestinian Authority leaders, chanting "Get out! Get out!" They forced them to leave under protection of guards who used tear gas to push back the crowds.

Following the retreat of the Zionist force on Tuesday evening, leaders of Islamic Jihad and other

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Teachers Strike in UK Amid Cost-of-Living Crisis

LONDON (Sky News) -- Many schools in England were either fully closed or had reduced the number of classes on Wednesday as teachers resumed their long-running pay dispute with the government.

Teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) returned to the picket lines outside schools and colleges while a number of rallies are being held due to what members say is the government's "running down" of education.

A further strike is planned on Friday, while Wednesday marked the seventh day individual schools in England have faced walkouts by NEU members since February.

Union leaders have warned that schools could face coordinated strike action by education unions in the autumn term if a deal over pay cannot be reached.

There are fears that pupils could miss out on end-of-year activities - including concerts, trips, sports days and opportunities to meet new classmates - during the strikes at schools and sixth-form colleges this week.

Striking teachers marched in Westminster Wednesday and taking part in a rally in Parliament Square.

Speaking from a picket line outside Regent High School in London, NEU general secretary-elect Daniel Kebede said teachers were taking up second jobs amid the cost of living crisis.

He added: "I'm certain [if other] education unions would like strike ballots in the autumn term there will be coordinated action."

The NEU - alongside the NASUWT teaching union, the NAHT school leaders' union and the Association of School and College Leaders - are balloting their members in England to take action in the new school year.

The government offered teachers a £1,000 one-off payment for the current school year (2022/23) and an average 4.5% rise for staff next year after intensive talks with the education unions in March.

But all four education unions involved in the dispute rejected the offer and the decision on teachers' pay in England for next year

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Mass Shooting in Washington: Nine Wounded

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- Nine people were shot and wounded, including two juveniles, early Wednesday in Washington, D.C., police said.

Shortly before 1 a.m. police responded to a report of a shooting on Meade Street in the northeastern quadrant of the U.S. capital, Assistant Chief Leslie Parsons of the Metropolitan Police Department said in a statement on Twitter.

Upon their arrival officers discovered multiple shooting victims, including a 9-year-old and a 17-year-old, Parsons said.

A dark colored SUV seen driving through the neighborhood, stopped and then shot at the victims outside enjoying the July Fourth holiday, Parsons said, calling the shooting targeted.

Several victims were transported to local hospitals by D.C. Fire and EMS while others transported themselves. All the victims suffered non-life threatening injuries, Parsons said. None have been identified.

It was not immediately clear if

there was more than one shooter in the vehicle and no arrests have been made.

The D.C. shooting is the latest in a string of mass shootings over a violent holiday weekend.

Thirty people were shot, two fatally at a block party in Baltimore early Sunday. Authorities say many of the shooting victims were under 18.

On Monday night, a gunman in a bulletproof vest has opened fire on the streets of Philadelphia, killing five people and wounding two boys, 2 and 13, before he surrendered to responding officers, police.

Three people were killed and eight others injured when several men fired indiscriminately into a crowd of hundreds that had gathered in a Texas neighborhood following a festival in the area, authorities said. The shooting in the Fort Worth neighborhood of Como happened late Monday night, about two hours after the annual ComoFest ended.

Wednesday's shooting was at least

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