

President Raisi Calls for Halt to Israeli 'Killing Machine'

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi said Saturday Muslim countries and free nations in the world must take a "decisive and immediate" action to stop the Israeli "killing machine" as the war on the besieged Gaza is claiming more civilian lives. In a phone call with Omani Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, Raisi warned the unlimited support by Western countries, particularly the United States, for the crimes of Israel has led to more complication and deterioration of the situation.

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FM Amir-Abdollahian Demands Immediate UN Action

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said here the United Nations must put an immediate end to Israel's brutal aggression against the Palestinians "before it is too late."


"The opportunity for a political approach is just for today and tomorrow is too late," Amir-Abdollahian said in a meeting with the UN special coordinator for the Middle East peace process, Tor Wennesland.

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Despite Days of Most Violent Israeli Airstrikes, Gaza Missiles Hit Deep Into Zionist Cities

GAZA/AL-QUDS (Dispatches) -- Thousands of Palestinians fled the north of the Gaza Strip on Saturday from the path of an expected Israeli ground invasion, while the Zionist regime pounded the area with more airstrikes.

The occupying regime has been attacking the besieged enclave frenziedly after Hamas fighters stormed through occupied towns last Saturday and killed some 1,300 Zionists.

Gaza authorities say more than 2,200 people have been martyred, a quarter of them children, and nearly 10,000 wounded.

Israel had given the population of the northern half of the Gaza Strip, which includes the enclave's biggest settlement Gaza City, until Saturday morning to move south.

As the deadline passed, troops were massing around the Gaza Strip. Outside Gaza, hardline prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited Israeli infantrymen and told them to be ready for "the next stage," without elaborating.

Hamas has told people not to leave and says roads out are unsafe. It says dozens of people had been martyred in strikes on cars and trucks carrying refugees on Friday.

In Gaza City's Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood, in the area Israel ordered evacuated, warplanes bombed a residential area during the night hitting several houses, according to residents who took refuge at the nearby Al Quds hospital.

"We lived a night of horror. Israel punished us for not wanting to leave our home. Is there brutality worse than this?" a father of three said by telephone from the hospital.

"I was never going to leave, I prefer to die and not leave, but I can't see my wife and children die before my eyes."

The Palestinian Red Crescent said it had received an Israeli order to evacuate the hospital by 4:00 pm, but would not do so because it had a humanitarian duty to keep providing services to the sick and wounded.

One million people, almost half Gaza's population, have fled their homes in the past week including hundreds of thousands headed south from northern Gaza after the Israeli order, the UN's Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA said.

In Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, where Israeli planes struck a four-storey building overnight, neighbors rushed to rescue people.

A Gaza journalist filmed an

ambulance crew searching for survivors of a nighttime airstrike. A paramedic could be seen walking into an alley lit by a headlamp when a huge flash from another strike burst in front of him. Medics raced into ambulances and sped off as planes roared above. One injured medic screamed: "My eyes! My eyes!"

Hamas's armed wing said nine captives including four foreigners had been killed overnight due to Israeli airstrikes.

Attacks on Gaza failed to halt Hamas missile strikes deep into Israeli cities. Air raid sirens wailed in central Occupied Palestine on Saturday and rockets smashed into a greenhouse in Asqalan and wounded four people at a kibbutz.

Hamas has vowed to fight until the last drop of blood, and says the order to leave the north of the enclave is a trick to force residents to give up their homes.

The Israeli violence in Gaza has been accompanied by the deadliest clashes at Lebanon's northern border since 2006, raising fears of war spreading to another front.

Lebanon's Hezbollah movement said it had fired at five Israeli outposts in the Shebaa Farms area with guided missiles and mortar bombs.

The United States has firmly backed its ally the occupying regime of Israel.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, on a lightning tour of the Middle East, sought China's cooperation in preventing the Israel-Hamas conflict from widening during a phone call with his Chinese counterpart.

Washington is determined to ensure Iran and resistance groups such as Lebanon's Hezbollah do not enter the conflict.

Israeli raids on the eighth day of its ongoing bombardment in Gaza have killed an average of over two Palestinians every 10 minutes, the Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor said in a statement.

Saturday was shaping up to be the deadliest day since the Zionist regime started a brutal indiscriminate bombing campaign in Gaza.

Non-stop raids across overcrowded areas on Saturday have so far left at least 310 people martyred by the time of filing this report. Scores more were martyred since this tally was announced by the Palestinian ministry of health.

On average, at least 273 Palestinians have been killed each day since 7 October. However,

Ayatollah Khamenei: Gaza Movement Will Lead to Complete Victory



Ayatollah Khamenei meets with Sheikh Zakzaky and his family in Tehran on Saturday.

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei said Saturday the movement that has started in Palestine will continue and lead to the complete victory of the Palestinians.

Ayatollah Khamenei touched on the situation in the Palestinians territories, including the besieged Gaza Strip which is currently under the most ferocious Israeli airstrikes for a seventh day since a Hamas blitzkrieg last Saturday.

"Today, one of the manifestations of the power of Islam is the very events that are happening in Palestine," he said during a meeting with prominent Nigerian cleric Sheikh Ibrahim Zakzaky here.

"The incidents of the recent days in Palestine, especially the bombings and the martyrdom of women, children and men, injure the heart of every human, but they also show the incredible power of Islam in Palestine," he said.

"And with the grace and mercy of God Almighty, this movement that has started in Palestine will go further and lead to the complete victory of the Palestinians," Ayatollah Khamenei said. "Everyone in the Islamic world has a duty to help the Palestinian people."

The Leader said the Islamic movement is expanding in different parts of the world such as Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, and "with God's grace,

the success of this movement will continue with greater strength".

Ayatollah Khamenei said the formation of the Islamic system and a government based on the political Islamic thought in Iran after many centuries is one of the aspects of the power of Islam.

"The Islamic Republic has become stronger day by day since its establishment and will become stronger in the future," he said.

The Leader also appreciated Sheikh Zakzaky's efforts and those of his family in Africa, saying the growing power of Islam in the world despite immense conspiracies is a result of such efforts.

"You are an example of a real mujahid [Islamic fighter] in the cause of Allah and we hope that you will be able to continue your fight" for the sake of Islam, Ayatollah Khamenei said.

Zakzaky and his wife arrived in Tehran on a warm welcome Wednesday after the termination of his home arrest in Abuja.

In 2015, Nigerian army troops attacked Sheikh Zakzaky's residence and a place of worship belonging to the Islamic Movement in Nigeria, killing over 3,040 of his supporters in Zaria, Kaduna state.

Sheikh Zakzaky and his wife have lost their six sons, three of whom were killed during the Zaria massacre.

fighters fired several rockets at four Israeli positions along the Lebanese border. Amir-Abdollahian added: "I want to warn the war criminals and those who support this entity before it's too late to stop the crimes against civilians in Gaza, because it might be too late in few hours."

The Iranian foreign minister said he will be contacting UN officials in the Middle East because "there is still an opportunity to work on an initiative (to end the war) but it might be too late tomorrow."

The possibility of a new front in Lebanon brings back bitter memories of a monthlong war between Hezbollah and Israel in 2006 that ended in a tense stalemate.

Amir-Abdollahian said he met Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, who briefed him on the movement's conditions in Lebanon.

"I know about the scenarios that Hezbollah has put in place," Amir-Abdollahian said. "Any step the resistance (Hezbollah) will take will cause a huge earthquake in the Zionist entity."

"I found out in the conversa-

resistance front possesses the capability to stand up against the apartheid Israeli regime for a long period of time.

He also scoffed at Washington's call on Palestinian groups to exercise restraint while it is supplying the Zionist military with various types of ammunition to be used against ordinary people in the Gaza Strip.

Amir-Abdollahian said some international and Western authorities are in contact with Iranian officials, and the two sides are exchanging views on the latest developments in Palestine.

He said Iran and Syria's support for the Palestinian resistance is known to all, but the recent operation by fighters from Hamas and other groups was purely Palestinian in nature.

Amir-Abdollahian also pointed to the critical and miserable situation in Gaza, stressing the need for concerted efforts to prevent further Israeli atrocities in the enclave.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran has therefore demanded an emergency foreign ministerial meeting of the Organization of