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## Iran Chairs UN Rights Council Forum for First Time



This file photo shows a view of the UN Human Rights Council in session in Geneva, Switzerland.

GENEVA (Dispatches) – Iran has chaired the United Nations Human Rights Council 2023 Social Forum for the first time.

Iran's ambassador to the UN in Geneva Ali Bahreini was named the chair of the two-day meeting following a submission from the Asia-Pacific group.

More than 60 participants, including high-ranking officials, diplomats and non-governmental organizations, held expert meetings and discussed issues, including the role of science, technology and innovation in the promotion of hu-

man rights, especially after the coronavirus pandemic.

Back in May, Iran was appointed by the president of the UN Human Rights Council.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said Iran's appointment was a matter of regional rotation, "in consistency with established UN procedures."

The two-day meeting called the "social forum" is an annual meeting that aims to improve dialogue between governments and civil society groups, with this year's theme devoted to technology and human rights.

One of the key goals of the forum is to promote social cohesion based on the principles of social justice, equity and solidarity as well as addressing the social dimension and challenges of the ongoing globalization process.

In an apparent swipe at Western sanctions on Iran, Bahreini opened the session by referring to "colonial policies" that he said deprive countries of revenues and hinder technology transfers and knowledge sharing. Several countries spoke at the session including China, Cuba and Venezuela.

**The Holy Qur'an**

*The idolaters have no right to visit the mosques of Allah while bearing witness to unbelief against themselves, these it is whose doings are null, and in the fire shall they abide.*

**The Holy Qur'an (9.17)**

PRAYER TIMINGS	
Noon (Zohr)	11:48
Evening (Maghreb)	17:25
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:29
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:04

### IRGC Chief: World United Against U.S. More Than Ever

TEHRAN -- The chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Thursday the world today is united against the United States more than ever amid the occupying regime of Israel's brutal massacre of Palestinians.

The bloody nature of U.S. policies is now revealed to the world more than any time, Major General Hussein Salami said, describing the U.S., Britain and Israel as "inseparable parts of an obvious conspiracy".

"They act in three separate geographical parts of the world but with coherently developed policies," Gen. Salami said.

The Zionists, he said, occupied Palestine some 75 years ago through acts of terror and crime and are currently drawing up plans to spread political ignorance among the youths in the Muslim world.

However, the IRGC chief said, the arrogant powers will fail in their bid to deceive the Muslim nations across the world.

The enemies would never clinch a victory in the Gaza Strip, the IRGC chief added.

Gen. Salami said developments in Gaza have prompted Muslims to take revenge on Israel for decades of cruelty and oppression.

Meanwhile, Iran's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations office in Geneva strongly denounced the Zionist regime's efforts at displacement and forcible evacuation of the Gaza Strip's Palestinian population.

"These ruthless attacks will lead to a new displacement crisis. The occupiers have resolved to evacuate Gaza's population, which serves as another example of crime against humanity by the Zionist regime," Mahdi Aliabadi told the Permanent Committee of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

"The members cannot remain indifferent towards this crisis, and simply bear witness to formation of a new crisis of displacement and migration," Aliabadi said.

"It is necessary that the organization adopts a strong and decisive position concerning whatever measure that leads to forcible evacuation of [Gaza's] population," he added.

The envoy called on the international community to seriously consider revoking the Israeli regime's membership of the IOM.

## Syria, Iran Reiterate Support for Palestinians

TEHRAN -- Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian said Friday Palestinian fighters and all the resistance groups in the region are ready to resist the Israeli enemy and counter any move against the defenseless people of Palestine.

In phone conversation with Syrian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Faisal Mekdad, the top Iranian diplomat said the Islamic Republic has made great diplomatic efforts and held consultations with influential countries in the region with the purpose of putting an immediate end to the war crimes and genocide committed by the child-killing Israeli regime and dispatching humanitarian aid to the oppressed Palestinian people.

Amir-Abdollahian emphasized that the occupying regime of Israel and the United States are responsible for the continuation of the Tel Aviv regime's crimes in the killing of civilians, particularly women and children, and destroying key infrastructures in Gaza.

Mekdad, for his part, reaffirmed Syria's principled and unchangeable stance on firm support for Palestine and the resistance front despite its own problems.

The Syrian foreign minister urged the Muslim world to reinforce its unity to confront

the apartheid Zionist regime and called on nations in the region to remain vigilant in the face of plots hatched by the U.S. and Israel.

Amir-Abdollahian also held a phone conversation with Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani.

They underscored the need to swiftly end the Zionist regime's war crimes against the Palestinians in Gaza and dispatch constant humanitarian aid to the besieged territory.

Amir-Abdollahian and Al Thani also discussed certain proposals on establishing a temporary ceasefire and prevent the spread of war.

### FM Amir-Abdollahian Discusses Gaza With President Erdogan

ANKARA (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Hussein Amir-Abdollahian has called on Muslim nations to take "immediate and effective" action to put an end to Israeli war crimes in the Gaza Strip and its blockade on the small territory in a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan here.

Amir-Abdollahian called for sending humanitarian aid to the war-stricken coastal strip and hailed Erdogan's support for Gaza as well as recent massive pro-Palestine rallies held across Turkey.

The Iranian minister also called for an emergency meeting of heads of Muslim and Arab countries on

the situation in Gaza. Amir-Abdollahian said the war against the defenseless Palestinians could any moment spread to other parts of the region, stressing that the responsibility for that would rest with the U.S. government and the Zionist regime.

The Iranian minister said Palestinian resistance forces have informed Iran that they possess the military capabilities needed for a long battle with the regime.

Amir-Abdollahian pointed to U.S. demand that countries show restraint over the situation in Gaza, saying the U.S. is not in a place to call for calm as it directly par-

ticipates in the planning of Israel's brutal attacks on Palestinians.

"The U.S., as a party to the war on Gaza, is in no position to urge other sides to show restraint," he said.

The Turkish president, for his part, said all should work to create mechanisms aimed at protecting the security of the Palestinian people.

He said Turkey's current priority is to help stop attacks on Gaza, remove the blockade and send humanitarian aid to Palestinians trapped in the strip.

Amir-Abdollahian traveled to Qatar before visiting Turkey to discuss the Gaza war and ways to put pres-

sure on Israel to end the bloodshed.

"If the war against the defenseless people of Gaza is not stopped immediately, there is a risk of expanding the scope of war and conflict in the region at any moment," Amir-Abdollahian said in remarks carried by the Iranian foreign ministry.

"It is necessary for Islamic countries to take immediate and effective action to end the war crimes of the Zionist regime, lift the siege of Gaza and send humanitarian aid, and in this regard, the Islamic Republic of Iran emphasizes the necessity of holding an urgent meeting of heads of Islamic and Arab countries," he said.

## 'U.S. Actively Aiding Genocide of Palestinians'

TEHRAN -- Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said Friday the U.S. aid to Israel and political cover for the Zionist regime show America is actively contributing to the genocide of the Palestinian nation.

"America has proven that it is still a determining part of the continuation of the all-out conflict, war crimes and genocide against the Palestinian nation and not part of the solution to the crisis," Kanaani wrote in a post

on the X. He touched on the U.S. House's passage of a \$14.3 billion aid package for the Zionist regime, visits by American officials to Occupied Palestine and their opposition to a ceasefire there.

The spokesman said the United States has used up all its credit to save the Zionist regime from defeat, but God has ordained victory for the Palestinian nation.

"It is glaringly evident that the United States, alongside a

limited number of countries, has effectively taken hostage the United Nations and the Security Council, prioritizing the interests of the racist and criminal Israeli regime at the expense of international peace, security, and human rights," Kanaani wrote separately Thursday.

He said the supporters of the Zionist regime are complicit in its "war crimes" in Gaza.

"The culpability of the authorities within these govern-

ments is as substantial as that of the Zionist regime in the perpetration of these egregious war crimes in Gaza, necessitating their accountability."

Kanaani said the Israeli strike on the Bureij refugee camp, marking the third bombing of a camp in as many days which killed at least 15 people, "vividly showcases the depth of the atrocities and loss of life."

"The overwhelming majority of countries, governments,

and global nations are calling for an immediate cessation of hostilities and an end to the wanton and destructive assaults perpetrated by the Zionist regime against the defenseless Gazans.

"Notably, this plea is echoed universally, save for the American government and a select few European governments, persistently engaging in interventions under the false pretext of championing human rights," Kanaani said.