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**Viewpoint**

## Yemen's Magnanimous Response to Gaza Truce

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Magnanimity is the hallmark of the brave, the fearless, and the resolute, with full confidence that victory belongs to the righteous, and not to the cowardly aggressors, the occupiers, the usurpers, and the intruders.*

*This is an apt description of Yemen's legitimate Ansarallah-led government, which similar to Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah, has decided to cease its right to attack aggressors in manly response to the ceasefire in genocide-riddled Gaza.*

*This is another proof as to who actually are the terrorists and destroyers of peace and stability and who defends humanitarian values, peace, and regional stability.*

*According to a report from the Sanaa-based Humanitarian Operations Coordination Centre (HOCC), which liaises between Yemeni forces and commercial shipping operators, the "sanctions" on American- and British-owned vessels, as well as ships flying the two countries' flags can navigate the regional waters as long as the illegal Zionist entity observes truce.*

*Its email to shipping industry officials on Sunday, says, "We affirm that, in the event of any aggression against the Republic of Yemen by the United States of America, the United Kingdom, or the usurping Israeli entity, the sanctions will be reinstated against the aggressor."*

*The government of Yemen, however, made clear the continuation of appropriate actions against Israel-linked ships, since the Zionist entity is the crux of the problem.*

*It is worth noting that over a 100 ships have been targeted the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, near the narrow Bab al-Mandeb Strait, a chokepoint between the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula since November 2023.*

*The attacks came after due warnings and the refusal to heed them by the US and UK, which instead openly sided with the Zionist entity by launching attacks on Yemen.*

*Yemen stood its ground and targeted the much superior navies of the aggressors, downing at least 20 of the US' most advanced radar-evading drones.*

*It is now up to Washington and London to respect the principled stance of Yemen. Any violation in this regard will bring a swift response from Sana'a.*

*Yemen is also closely watching the developments in Occupied Palestine, and the Zionist violation of the truce may resume missile and drone attacks on Israel's military and industrial installations.*

# Army Launches Drills Along Eastern Borders



Iran's armed forces have recently stepped up their military drills in response to possible threats.

TEHRAN -- The Iranian army's ground forces on Monday launched extensive security, offensive and counterterrorism drills near the country's eastern borders.

The drills featured successful capture of hypothetical ringleaders and senior members of terrorist outfits, and preemptive attack against terror groups' positions across the country's borders.

The first stage of the exercises saw the special units of the forces' rapid reaction division, especially the 65th Brigade of the Ground

Forces' Special Airborne Forces, crossing the common border, staging deterrent offensive against the groups, and trying to take away and ensnare the terrorist elements.

A specialized operation was carried out to collect intelligence on the identity and gathering of terrorists trying to infiltrate the country.

In doing so, they deployed various stealth and reconnaissance drones against the terrorist positions, destroying the targets with Fajr (Dawn) missiles that can fly

as far as 110 kilometers, and Mohajer (Migrant) drones carrying Qa'em (Upright) bombs.

The operation was accompanied to the heavy airborne fire of helicopter gunships as well as strong firepower deployed by armored and artillery units.

The Army is fresh from taking delivery of as many as 1,000 advanced drones last week. Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh said the drones enable the army to deal fatal blows to the enemy.

## Gen. Bagheri: Iran, Pakistan Need to Safeguard Joint Border

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) -- Iranian and Pakistani military chiefs said here Monday the two countries should pursue a serious fight against terrorism to protect sustainable security in common border areas.

Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Bagheri, who is in Islamabad at the head of a high-ranking military delegation, met with Pakistan's army chief, General Asim Munir.

Bagheri said the two countries have succeeded in making remarkable growth in bilateral consultations, particularly in military and defensive sectors.

He added that "fundamental" measures have been taken to close borders so that traffic between the two countries can be done only through formal crossings.

He pointed to Pakistan's firm determination to battle the Jaish al-Adl terrorist group, saying coordination in border areas and swift exchange of intelligence would help the two countries conduct

swift operations against terrorists.

The top Iranian general welcomed the activation of Iran-Pakistan border markets which will be a step towards ending smuggling and supporting trade activities.

Bagheri also praised Pakistan's strong stance in opposition to the Israeli regime's 15 months of genocidal campaign in Gaza.

The Pakistani army chief, for his part, said regional countries, including Iran and Pakistan, should foster unity at the current sensitive juncture.

Munir added that Pakistan would take necessary and swift actions to end terrorist moves on borders, emphasizing that Tehran and Islamabad seek to broaden their understanding in all issues of common concerns.

He criticized the lack of unity among the Muslim countries in the region and said the inaction of the Muslim world has led to the brutal killing of some 50,000 Palestinians, the destruction of their homes,

and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people in Gaza.

He expressed concern over terrorist activities in the region, particularly in Iran and Pakistan, and called for the promotion of mutual relations in an attempt to establish endurable security in common borders.

Earlier speaking at the Iranian embassy, Bagheri stressed the need to strongly safeguard border areas between Iran and Pakistan "because the enemies seek to exploit our borders and we need more cooperation and coordination."

Pointing to the significance of increasing trade and economic exchanges between the two countries, he said a number of border markets have opened and some others will be inaugurated as well.

The top general added that the armed forces of Iran and Pakistan should cooperate more jointly to fight terrorist and separatist groups and improve security.

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## Foreign Ministry: Defense Capabilities Non-Negotiable

TEHRAN -- Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said here Monday Iran's defense capabilities will never be subject to negotiations.

He made the remarks during his weekly press conference in Tehran, when asked about claims that European countries had asked for limits on Iran's missile program during last week's talks with the Islamic Republic.

"It is not unusual for the parties to raise their arguments, which is not unprecedented. However, what should be considered is that Iran has never discussed its defense and military capabilities

with anyone and never will do so," he said.

During a meeting in the Swiss city of Geneva on January 13, Iranian diplomats and those of the three European countries, namely the United Kingdom, France, and Germany (E3), discussed the removal of illegal sanctions and issues about the country's nuclear program.

The two sides have been conducting on-again, off-again talks since 2021, three years after the United States unilaterally left the 2015 nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and

returned Washington's unlawful sanctions against the Islamic Republic.

Also in his remarks, Baghaei warned of a "reciprocal response" to any misuse of the so-called snapback mechanism, which allows for the return of anti-Iran sanctions suspended under the JCPOA, aimed at exerting pressure on the country.

Iran, he said, will leave the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) if the sanctions are reimposed.

Regarding expectations from the administration of U.S. President-elect (Continued on Page 7)

The Holy Qur'an

Among them are men who molest the Prophet and say, "He is (all) ear." Say, "He listens to what is best for you: he believes in Allah, has faith in the Believers, and is a Mercy to those of you who believe." But those who molest the Messenger will have a grievous penalty.

The Holy Qur'an (9:61)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:16
Evening (Maghreb)	17:40
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	07:12
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:44

## President Pezeshkian Congratulates Gazans on 'Victory'

TEHRAN -- Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Monday congratulated the people of the Gaza Strip on their victory over the Zionist regime which submitted to a ceasefire following a 15-month-long war of genocide on the enclave.

"We congratulate the resisting people of Gaza and Palestine on the occasion of this victory. They stood up to Israel with strength and esteem, and attained this great achievement," Pezeshkian said.

"This resisting people taught other nations how they should stand up to terrorism," he added.

The president referred to the massacres of the Zionist regime and its supporters within Gaza's small geographical area as "an instance of terrorism."

"This is while, they (Tel Aviv and its backers) accuse us of 'supporting terrorism'" he said.

Pezeshkian described the Iranian nation as a victim of terrorism, noting how the enemies have murdered numerous Iranians, including officials, great personalities, and elites, since the Islamic Revolution in 1970.

He offered condolences over the assassination of two high-profile judges in Tehran Saturday, saying "the martyrdom of these dear ones serves as the reason and testament that the Islamic Republic of Iran and this Revolution are a victim of terrorism."

"Our enemies assume that they can incapacitate us," Pezeshkian said.

"However, if the people are with us, no power can incapacitate us," he said, noting that the country's authorities needed to adopt an inclusive approach towards the nation and live up to their commitments to it.

A senior Iranian commander also said the Zionist regime was forced to accept a ceasefire agreement with Hamas, stressing that the Gaza-based Palestinian resistance movement will continue its path stronger than before.

"Despite the Zionists' savage (Continued on Page 7)