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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Iran Says Reserves Right to Respond to EU Sanctions



The new EU sanctions mainly target Iran's defense achievements.

TEHRAN – Iran on Saturday strongly condemned new EU sanctions against some of the country's officials and entities, stressing that the Islamic Republic reserves the right to respond.

The EU on Friday levied fresh sanctions on a number of Iranian individuals and entities, accusing them of transferring drones and missiles to Russia and undermining peace and security West Asia.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani shot back, slamming the European Union's double standards in dealing with Israel's month-long crimes in the Gaza Strip.

"The European Union, which has been passive and ineffective in dealing with the humanitarian disaster in Gaza and Palestine for the past months and has been criticized by Europe's public opinion as well as people all over the world, once again instead of focusing on the war crimes of the Zionist regime in Gaza and punishing and banning this criminal regime, has put on its list of sanctions

some leading and influential Iranian officials and institutions in the fight against terrorism and ensuring lasting security in the region," he said.

"It is regrettable that the European Union, by resorting to repeated, absurd and baseless excuses and accusations, ignoring the realities on the ground in West Asia, and continuing its failed and ineffective approach, once again resorted to the outdated and ineffective tool of sanctions against sovereign Iran and preferred the Zionist regime's and the United States' satisfaction to the interests of the European Union and nations."

Kan'ani underscored Iran's principled policies, especially in ensuring regional and international peace and security, and strongly criticized the EU double standards.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves the right to respond to this destructive approach by the European Union," he added.

The bans targeted six Iranian individuals and three entities, among whom were Iran's Defense Minister

Brigadier General Muhammad Reza Ashtiani and Major General Gholam-Ali Rashid, the commander of Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, the European External Action Service (EEAS) said Friday.

The sanctions prohibit any EU citizen or company doing business with the listed individuals and organizations.

Iran has vehemently denied having supplied drones or missiles, reiterating on numerous occasions that drones supplied to Russia were delivered to Moscow long before the Ukraine war started in February 2022.

Iranian military experts and technicians have in recent years made substantial headways in manufacturing a broad range of indigenous equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient.

Iranian officials have repeatedly warned that the country will not hesitate to strengthen its military capabilities, which are entirely meant for defense.

Arab Leaders Welcome Iran's Call for Extraordinary OIC Meeting

TEHRAN -- Iran's interim Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani has called for an extraordinary meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to discuss the situation in the Gaza Strip, and end the Israeli genocide.

In a phone call with Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmed Attaf, Bagheri Kani hailed Algeria's efforts and initiatives to circulate a draft UN Security Council resolution to "stop the killing" in Rafah.

He urged Muslim countries to take an urgent and joint action to stop the occupying regime's crimes against the Palestinian people and increase aid delivery to the oppressed Gazans.

Algeria, representing Arab countries on the council, shared the draft resolution with the 15 council members on Tuesday evening after emergency talks about the intensifying Israeli aggression in Rafah.

The Algerian foreign minister, for his part, said Israel's attacks on Rafah blocked the dispatch of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

Attaf said Algiers supports any collective and immediate initiatives by Muslim countries with the purpose of achieving a ceasefire and easing the sufferings of Palestinians living in Gaza.

about the latest developments in the Gaza war, the Zionist regime's crimes in Gaza and Rafah, as well as mutual cooperation between Iran and Algeria," Bagheri Kani wrote in a post published on the social media platform X.

"While thanking the Algerian President [Abdelmadjid Tebboune], Minister of Foreign Affairs and other Algerian officials for their kind messages over the martyrdom of Ayatollah Raisi and Amir-Abdollahian, I supported the efforts and initiatives of the Algerian government at the behest of Muslim countries in presenting a draft resolution to stop the Zionist regime's assaults," he added.

Bagheri Kani also underlined the need for an urgent and joint action by Muslim states to stop Israeli crimes against Palestinians, and step up delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

"Accordingly, I called for an extraordinary meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and the proposal was welcomed," he said.

In another phone conversation with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Bagheri Kani said Israel's crimes in the Gaza Strip aim to make up for the regime's "unprecedented" defeats in various fields.

Such barbaric attacks leave another disgraceful stain on Israel's

record of crimes, he added.

The interim foreign minister emphasized that all Muslim countries in the region are duty-bound to boost cooperation and adopt practical measures to support the oppressed people of Palestine in Gaza, particularly in Rafah.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Bagheri Kani hailed Saudi Arabia's move to provide facilities to the Iranian pilgrims in the holy cities of Mecca and Medina and expressed Iran's full readiness to cooperate with Riyadh in holding the Hajj rituals.

The Saudi foreign minister, for his part, pointed to the recent tragic incidents in Gaza and Rafah and said Israel knows no boundaries to its criminal measures against the people of Palestine.

Separately, Bagheri Kani said in a telephone conversation with Qatar's prime minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdulrahman bin Jassem Al Thani that Israeli "crimes in Gaza will not be without cost".

Ali Bagheri Kani and Sheikh Muhammad, who is also Qatar's foreign minister, discussed ways to develop relations between the two countries.

They also discussed the latest developments in Gaza and the crimes committed by the Israeli regime in Rafah.

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The Holy Qur'an
They desire to put out the light of Allah with their mouths, and Allah will not consent save to perfect His light, though the unbelievers are averse.
The Holy Qur'an (9:32)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:02
Evening (Maghreb)	19:37
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:49
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:05

'Imam Khomeini Replaced Arab Nationalism With Resistance'

TEHRAN – The speaker of the Iranian parliament said here Saturday that the new generation of the Palestinian youth will not allow the Zionist regime's wish to displace Palestinians come true.

Speaking at an international conference titled "Gaza; Oppressed but Resistant", Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf condemned Israeli crimes in Gaza and hailed university students in Europe and the U.S. for their solidarity with the Palestinians.

Ghalibaf pointed to the role that in Iran played in advancing the resistance movement in Palestine. He said the late Imam Khomeini replaced the Arab nationalism, which led to defeats one after another in the war, with Palestinian resistance against the Zionist regime.

He said the new generation of the Palestinians has neutralized plots designed by the Zionists for the Palestinian lands, as the late Imam Khomeini had predicted 60 years ago.

He said current Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has continued the path shown by the late Imam by supporting the Palestinian resistance, where the Palestinian youth are now defeating the Zionist regime.

King Hamad: Bahrain Working to Restore Ties With Iran

MANAMA (Dispatches) -- Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifah says his Persian Gulf country is working to restore diplomatic relations with neighboring Iran after a hiatus of more than eight years.

The 74-year-old monarch made the remarks during a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, where he is on a state visit.

King Hamad stated that Bahrain, as a country that wants peace, forgiveness and human coexistence, needs dialogue and peaceful diplomacy.

"We believe in the principle of good neighborliness and non-interference in internal affairs," he said. "We are working to restore diplomatic relations with Iran as a neighbor."

Hamad said his country welcomes China's support for efforts (Continued on Page 7)

Leader's Epistle to the US Student Movement Strengthens Axis of Resistance

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The Axis of Resistance which is an undeniable manifestation of humanitarian and the striving of justice in the region and on the international level by resolutely confronting tyranny in all its form is not confined to southwestern Asia and parts of Africa or to some segments of the society in Europe.

It is no longer restricted to the indomitable spirit of the Palestinian people eager to achieve martyrdom at the hands of the Zionist butchers backed to the hilt by the mass-murdering regime in Washington.

It is not limited anymore to the Godly campaign of Lebanon's legendary anti-terrorist movement, the Hezbollah with its projectiles piercing usurper Israel's western-propped defences, or to the iron resolve of Yemen's Ansarallah to thwart the terrorism of the US, the UK, and the illegal Zionist entity.

It is not the concern solely of the Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) with their determination to close down the US military bases in Iraq, Syria, and consequently throughout West Asia, through both diplomatic and military measures.

As a matter of fact, the Axis of Resistance has gained a new and invaluable member in the heart of the US itself as is evident by the unstoppable movement of students in almost all American universities, with loud repercussions throughout Canada, Europe, Australia, Japan and South Korea.

These brave young men and women in the face of utmost brutalities by the police forces of Genocidal Joe or more properly Biden the Butcher, are continuing a historical campaign against the holocaust unleashed on Gaza by the barbaric Zionist entity.

By waving the Palestinian flag, donning the Arab kafiyah (head scarf), and arousing the frozen consciences of US citizens, they are calling for freedom of Palestine from the banks of the River Jordan to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, whose repercussions are being felt through Europe as well.

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution, whose keen insight has noticed the power of the American Varsity Movement, has rightly said: "The Resistance Front has grown in strength and will become even stronger."

In his letter to the American student, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has said: "History is turning a page. Besides you students from scores of American universities, there have also been uprisings in other countries among academics and the general public."

He added: "The support and solidarity of your professors is a significant and consequential development. This can offer some measure of comfort in the face of your regime's police brutality and the pressures it is exerting on you. I too am among those who empathize with you young people, and value your perseverance."

Towards the end of his historic letter, Ayatollah Khamenei quoted inspiring Ayahs from the Holy Qur'an to provide further encouragement to the American students:

"So be steadfast as you have been commanded" (11:112).

"Do not oppress and do not be oppressed" (2:279).