

In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Spokesman: Iran Will Not Hesitate to Support Lebanon



Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani speaks to reporters during a weekly news briefing in Tehran.

TEHRAN – Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kan'ani on Monday warned that any aggression against Lebanon will lead to escalation of tension and unrest in the region.

"Adventurous actions of the Zionists can affect the region and the world. Lebanon is powerful enough to defend its security. Iran considers supporting Lebanon a principle and will not hesitate to do this at the right time," Kan'ani said.

The spokesman said the world has a responsibility to respond decisively to the adventurous actions of the regime.

"The nation, the government, the army, and the resistance front in Lebanon are determined to defend the country," he said, adding the resistance fighters will defend Lebanon more than ever.

The spokesman hailed the snap presidential election in two rounds in Iran that propelled veteran lawmaker Masoud Pezeshkian to presidency.

"Holding two rounds of elections by the Iranian government within a week and 50 days after the martyrdom of President Ebrahim Raisi, coupled with people's participation, is a sign of the depth and the institutionalization of religious democracy in the Islamic Republic of Iran," he said.

Kan'ani said Iran under the late president has gained significant achievements in its policy of good neighborliness and multilateralism.

He pointed to the promotion of cultural, trade and political relations with neighboring countries, resumption of ties with some regional states with which the country's ties had been severed, and Iran's effective role in strengthening regional and extra-regional cooperation within the framework of establishment of security and stability as important examples of those achievements.

The spokesman said the Raisi administration's efforts to have Iran join the BRICS bloc of the emerging economies and the Shanghai

Cooperation Organization during the past three years enabled the Islamic Republic to fulfill its potential.

The Iranian government, he said, could make use of the capacities of the international bodies to deal with important international questions and become an effective member of the Eurasian Economic Union to achieve great economic interests.

The spokesman lashed out at the Canadian government for not allowing the Iranian expatriates to vote in the July 5 runoff presidential election despite its claims to human rights, saying it violated the Iranian society's civil rights.

"The world's public opinion will judge about Canada's anti-human rights measure," he added.

Nevertheless, Kan'ani said, Iran set up several polling stations near the Canadian borders to collect the votes of the Iranian expatriates.

*It is regrettable that this country, which claims to defend the right to

(Continued on Page 7)

Parliament Speaker, President-Elect Meet

TEHRAN -- Iran's Parliament speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf has met with president-elect Masoud Pezeshkian to congratulate him on winning the 14th presidential election.

During the meeting at Pezeshkian's office, Ghalibaf emphasized that the Iranian legislature will extend its full support to the new administration.

He also stressed that effective supervision over the new administration's performance in order to make sure about progress of the country and people's welfare is among basic duties of the Iranian parliament.

Pezeshkian, for his part, hailed people's enthusiastic partici-

pation in the 14th presidential election, stressing the need for empathy and true synergism among all state organs with the goal of solving people's problems and facilitating progress of the country.

Pezeshkian garnered more than 16 million votes out of over 30 million ballots cast in the presidential runoff election, which was held on Friday.

The contest followed an inconclusive first round on June 28 that was held to find a successor to late president, Ebrahim Raisi, who lost his life alongside his foreign minister, Hussein Amir-Abdollahian, and several others in a helicopter

crash in northwestern Iran on May 19.

Pezeshkian's new administration will hold office for four years and is scheduled to be inaugurated and sworn in late July.

On Sunday, Chief of Staff of Iranian Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Bagheri expressed the Armed Forces' readiness to cooperate and interact with Pezeshkian's administration.

"As in the past, we announce the readiness of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate and interact with the 14th administration," the top general said.

Chief: Army Aviation Stands on Cutting Edge of Technology

TEHRAN -- A senior commander on Monday praised the capabilities of the Islamic Republic of Iran Army Aviation, saying it is now a "strategic unit" and stands at the cutting edge of technology.

"The Army Aviation is today on the edge of technology, and its weapons and special equipment cannot be compared with those during the Sacred Defense" against the former Iraqi regime's war on Iran in the 1980s, head of the force Brigadier General Kioumars Heidari said here on the sidelines of

a ceremony here to commemorate the martyrs of Iran's Army Aviation.

"Today, the Army Aviation has turned into a strategic force ... from a tactical unit," he said.

Heidari also hailed the unit's offensive capabilities and measures taken towards the mechanization of its navigation system.

The Army Aviation is equipped with strategic missiles, which have a range of 200 kilometers, and all its flying objects can navigate and fly at night, he noted.

Also on Monday, head of the

Iranian Army's Air Defense Force Brigadier General Alireza Sabahifard said his force has always been developing and making progress despite unfair sanctions.

The force, he added, is equipping, optimizing, updating and increasing the efficiency of its air defense systems while upgrading its drones in an attempt to cut reliance on foreign countries.

Sabahifard further expressed hope that Iran's Air Defense Force would be able to share its scientific and technical experi-

The Holy Qur'an

Do they not know that Allah knows their hidden thoughts and their secret counsels, and that Allah is the great Knower of the unseen things?

The Holy Qur'an (9.78)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:10
Evening (Maghreb)	19:44
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:56
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:12

'U.S. Directly Behind Displacement of 40 Million People'

TEHRAN -- A senior member of Iran's Constitutional Council said Monday the United States has been directly involved in the displacement of some 40 million people in 85 countries across the world by conducting military operations.

"The U.S. should not claim to defend human rights because they are the main violators of human rights in the international community," head of the Constitutional Council's Research Institute Abbas Ali Kadkhodaei told an international conference here on Western human rights violations.

He said those who claim to defend human rights are merely spreading lies based on double standard criteria.

The prominent lawyer emphasized that all divine religions have stressed the importance of observing the principles of human rights.

Kadkhodaei said racism is among top crimes committed by the US, adding that the American and European countries are still pursuing racist policies.

He said the U.S. has committed numerous crimes both inside and outside the country, citing the events in Guantanamo Bay as a proof.

The focus of the conference is to examine the violations of human rights by the U.S. and Western countries both within their own borders and in other parts of the world.

US Should Face Justice for Crimes Against Humanity

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

The most notorious violator of human rights around the world is without the least doubt the US.

For several decades, the Democrat and Republican regimes that take turn at the White House to terrorize the world, have committed more crimes against humanity than the most merciless tyrants of history.

Yet, Washington resorts to hypocrisy by feigning verbal respect for human rights, a claim which now no one believes, especially following the torture, abuse, and killing of helpless prisoners from Bagram in Afghanistan, to Abu Ghraib in Iraq, the subhuman prison on Cuba's occupied Guantanamo, and the massacre of over 500,000 people in Syria over a 11-year period.

The current complicity of the US in the ongoing Zionist genocide in Gaza of the Palestinian people is no longer a secret, as the death toll over the past nine months has reached 40,000 civilians (mostly women and children), while almost a hundred thousand have been seriously injured, many of them maimed for life.

According to a recent report, the United States has been directly involved in the displacement of some 40 million people in 85 countries across the world by conducting military operations, supporting tyrannical regimes, and funding terrorists, as well as the economic terrorism of sanctions.

Unfortunately, because of its military power the US has escaped accountability for its terrorism and crimes worldwide. It has bypassed global and regional instruments of justice. It has also warned of reprisals against the International Criminal Court following the recent warrants issued by the ICC for arrest of the US-supported war criminals, such as Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu.

The US, however, is not above international law. It must face justice.

Reports say, after South Africa filed a case against Israel at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for genocide in Gaza, Pretoria's prominent lawyers are preparing a separate lawsuit against the US and UK regimes on the grounds that they are complicit in the Zionist entity's war crimes in Palestine.

The initiative, led by South African lawyer Wikus Van Rensburg, aims to prosecute those who are complicit in the crime in civilian courts in collaboration with lawyers from the US and UK, with whom he is already in contact.

If this happens, it will be a major triumph for international law, and will protect the life, property, and freedom of scores of millions of people all over the world.