

TEHRAN -- President Masoud Pezeshkian here Monday told Azerbaijan's Deputy Prime Minister Shahin Mustafayev that Iran favors any project or measure that would lead to further enhancement of relations with Baku.

There is no need to build walls at the borders to establish security, Pezeshkian said. "The Islamic countries have to open their markets to each other so that the businesspeople can easily work together." Mustafayev expressed his country's eagerness for enhancement of relations with Iran in different economic, commercial, energy, cultural, transit and security areas, as well as completion and expansion of railway and road transportation lines.

GENEVA (Dispatches) -- Parliament speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf said Monday he is echoing the voice of the oppressed but strong people of Lebanon in these hard times.

Addressing the 149th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly here, he said the Lebanese people expect cowardly sorties by U.S.-made warplanes at any moment but they do not hesitate to defeat the "biggest enemy of humanity." The Lebanese, he said, are waiting for our practical measures to help the displaced and establish a sustainable ceasefire that will contain anti-human brutalities of the criminal Israeli regime.

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Netanyahu Mulls Plan to Starve Out Gazans

OCCUPIED AL-QUDS (Dispatches) — Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu is examining a plan to seal off humanitarian aid to northern Gaza in an attempt to starve out Palestinians, a plan that, if implemented, could trap without food or water hundreds of thousands unwilling or unable to leave their homes.

The Zionist regime has issued many evacuation orders for the north throughout the yearlong war, the most recent of which was Sunday. The plan proposed to Netanyahu and the Israeli parliament by a group of retired generals would escalate the pressure, giving Palestinians a week to leave the northern third of the Gaza Strip, including Gaza City, before declaring it a closed military zone.

Those who remain would be considered combatants — meaning military regulations would allow troops to kill them — and denied food, water, medicine and fuel, according to a copy of the plan given to The Associated Press by its chief architect.

The plan calls for Israel to maintain control over the north for an indefinite period to attempt to create a new administration without Hamas, splitting the Gaza Strip in two.

One official with knowledge of the matter said parts of the plan are already being implemented, without specifying which parts. A second official, who is Israeli, said Netanyahu "had read and studied" the plan, "like many plans that have reached him throughout the war," but didn't say whether any of it had been adopted.

On Sunday, the occupying regime launched an invasion of the Jabaliya refugee camp north of the city. The amount of aid reaching the north has declined significantly since Oct. 1, according to the UN.

Human rights groups say the plan would likely starve civilians and that it flies in the face of international law, which prohibits using food as a weapon and forcible transfers. Accusations that Israel is intentionally limiting food to Gaza are central to the genocide case brought against it at the International Court of Justice, charges Israel denies.

A coalition of Israeli NGOs on Monday urged the international community to act, noting that "there are alarming signs that the Israeli military is beginning to

quietly implement" the plan.

"States have an obligation to prevent the crimes of starvation and forcible transfer," they wrote, warning that continuing a "wait and see" approach will enable Israel to liquidate northern Gaza.

So far, very few Palestinians have heeded the latest evacuation order. Some are older, sick or afraid to leave their homes, but many fear there's nowhere safe to go and that they will never be allowed back. Israel has prevented those who fled earlier in the war from returning.

The plan has emerged as Hamas has shown enduring strength, firing rockets into Tel Aviv and regrouping in areas after Israeli troops withdraw, bringing repeated offensives.

After a year of devastating war, Israel has far fewer ground troops in Gaza than it did a few months ago and in recent weeks has turned its attention to Hezbollah, launching an invasion of southern Lebanon. There is no sign of progress on a ceasefire in either front.

Israel's invasion the strip has martyred more than 42,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, with more than half of the them women and children.

The Zionist military attacked tents housing displaced people at Al-Aqsa Hospital in central Gaza, creating a fire which martyred four people and wounded scores of others.

Medical sources cited by Wafa news agency said that the blaze, which broke out following Israeli bombardment early on Monday morning, also wounded around 70 others in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza.

Footage on social media showed tents ablaze and people desperately attempting to douse the fires and rescue people caught in it.

Mahmoud Wahi, who was also seeking refuge at the hospital, said the attack had given him "chills".

"I saw people burning alive and couldn't do anything to help," he said.

The images emerging from Gaza showing burned children and civilians after Israeli airstrikes are "horrendous", German Foreign Ministry spokesman Sebastian Fischer said.

"Unfortunately, this conflict forces

Back-to-Back Hezbollah Blows Stun Zionists



This combo shows the aftermath of Hezbollah's unprecedented drone strike on the Beit Lid military base east of Netanya late Sunday.

BEIRUT (Dispatches) — Hezbollah said it battled Israeli troops on Monday in south Lebanon and launched a barrage of rockets in central Israeli occupied territories on Monday, a day after claiming a deadly drone attack near Haifa.

In a statement, the resistance group said its fighters fired "a salvo of rockets" at the Beit Lid military base east of Netanya. The Israeli military said the rockets were fired from Lebanon toward central territories, setting off sirens in the Netanya and Wadi Ara areas.

Hezbollah claimed in another statement Monday to have launched a series of rockets at the Stella Maris Israeli naval

base northwest of Haifa, saying the attack was "at the service" of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the group's leader who was assassinated in a terrorist Israeli strike on Beirut's southern suburbs last month.

Hezbollah fighters were also "engaged in violent clashes" in the Lebanese frontier village of Aita al-Shaab where an Israeli troop carrier had been targeted "with a guided missile".

Hezbollah says its strikes are in solidarity with its Palestinians fighting a brutal Israeli aggression on Gaza and the West Bank since October last year.

The latest barrages of rockets come nearly two weeks after Israel began a ground invasion into

south Lebanon, marking a major escalation in the war on Lebanon.

The Israeli military has intensified its airstrikes across the country for the past three weeks, a year after cross-border hostilities erupted on Oct. 8, 2023.

Since then, more than 2,300 people have been martyred in Lebanon and over 10,600 others injured, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry.

On Sunday night, Hezbollah said it launched a "squadron of kamikaze drones" at the Golani military base in Binyamina, south of Haifa, in retaliation for Israeli strikes in Beirut, including one last Thursday that martyred at least 22 people. The group added that it simultaneously launched

rockets with a swarm of drones to "overwhelm" Israeli air defenses.

Some of the unmanned aircraft, which included drone models Hezbollah has not used before, penetrated Israeli air defense radars without being detected, it added.

"There was a huge boom and then suddenly ambulances started driving past, first one, then two, then three and more and more," Yousef, the manager of a restaurant near the Binyamina base, told AFP, declining to give his full name for safety reasons.

In a statement on Monday, the Israeli military said four soldiers were killed in the drone attack on the Golani military base, the deadliest strike inside Israel in three

New EU Sanctions Target Iran's Civilian Entities

BRUSSELS (Dispatches) -- The European Union has approved new sanctions against seven Iranian individuals and seven entities, including flagship carrier Iran Air, accusing Iran of delivering ballistic missiles to Russia for use in the Ukraine war.

The listings also include Saha Airlines and Mahan Air, Iran's Deputy Defense Minister Seyyed Hamzeh Ghalandari, prominent officials of the Quds Force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, and the IRGC Aerospace Force.

The sanctions further target the managing directors of the Iran Aircraft Manufacturing

Industrial Company (HESA) and the Aerospace Industries Organization (AIO), an EU statement said on Monday.

President Masoud Pezeshkian stressed late last month that Iran has never supplied Russia with ballistic missiles.

In a meeting with the president of the European Council Charles Michel on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York on September 24, Pezeshkian underlined that Tehran has never provided Moscow with such munitions.

The president said Iran only seeks the cessation of military conflict between Russia and Ukraine and favors peace.

Earlier, Iranian Foreign

Minister Abbas Araghchi dismissed allegations of ballistic missile supply to Russia.

"Once again, U.S. and E3 act on faulty intelligence and flawed logic. Iran has NOT delivered ballistic missiles to Russia. Period," Araghchi said in a post on his X account on September 11.

"Sanction addicts should ask themselves: how is Iran able to make & supposedly sell sophisticated arms? Sanctions are NOT a solution, but part of problem."

Iran and Russia, both hit by Western sanctions, have maintained close ties over the past years.

The two countries have traditionally had close military ties, notably with Iran receiv-

ing the Russian-made S-300 anti-missile system in 2015.

Iranian officials have declared that the country will not hesitate to strengthen its military capabilities, including its missile and drone power, which are entirely meant for defense, and that Iran's defense capabilities will be never subject to negotiation.

Meanwhile, Russia has repeatedly warned that a flow of Western weapons to Ukraine will only prolong the conflict.

Since the start of the war in Ukraine, the United States, alone, has pledged more than \$44 billion in military assistance to Ukraine.

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