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## In the Name of the Most High

### Viewpoint

## Execute War Criminals Without Any Delay

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Are arrest warrants enough to deter war criminals from ending their slaughter of innocent men, women, and children with gay abandon and bombing of towns to rubble?*

*Has the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ever done justice to the victims and their bereaved families by summoning mass murderers to attend court proceedings?*

*What punishment has the International Criminal Court (ICC) handed to the killers of humanity in order to prevent others in the future from committing genocide?*

*These questions, asked by the world people aghast at the 14-month holocaust in Gaza and unfolding of the organized massacre in Lebanon by the illegal Zionist entity with the full support of the super criminal, the US, and its continued supply of the most lethal weapons, demand decisive answers.*

*Mere denunciation of the evil minds, such as the Chief Crime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his now replaced war minister the coward called Yaov (with the misnomer 'Gallant' as surname), who together are responsible for the death of 45,000 people in Gaza, and another 4,000 in Lebanon, is neither implementation of justice nor punishment of the bloodthirsty criminals.*

*The only solution is announcing the death sentence and its carrying out without any delay and waste of time and energy in unnecessary trials, when the evidence against the war criminals is clear.*

*This is what the Leader of the Islamic Revolution said yesterday in his address to a large gathering in Tehran telecast nationally and internationally.*

*"The (ICC) arrest warrant is not enough, Netanyahu's death sentence must be ordered," he said amid vociferous chants of God's Greatness (Allaho Akbar) interspersed with shouts of "death to Israel" and "death to the US".*

*Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei referring to Israel's aggression in the Gaza Strip and in Lebanon, pointed out that the bombing of residential buildings is not a victory but "a crime".*

*He added that the cowardly enemy has not won its wars on Gaza and Lebanon, and it will never be able to do so,*

*It is now interesting to see which of the 124 countries that signed the Rome Statute establishing the ICC, have the courage to arrest the bloodthirsty pair if they step foot in any one of them.*

*Super terrorist US is not a signatory to the ICC and is about to trample international laws by hosting the former Zionist war minister, who should be despatched to the bowels of hell by the justice-loving American people in defence of humanitarian values.*

*Even in occupied Palestine, persons craving for justice and opposed to the war ought to make short work of 'Satanyahu', if in the meantime a drone or a missile fired by any of the factions of the Axis of Resistance does not snuff out his devilish life.*

# Iran's Deterrent Power Unifying Muslim Nations

Chief of Staff Gen. Bagheri:



TEHRAN -- Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Major General Muhammad Bagheri said Monday Iran's deterrent power is a driver of strong ties with Muslim nations.

In a message on the occasion of the Iranian Navy Day, he said Iran's deterrence will bring about prerequisites for shared security and lasting peace, particularly in the West Asia region.

"It will disappoint the enemies who seek to sow discord in the resistance front and among the Muslim nations," he said.

He commended Iran's powerful presence in national and international waters which has been tantamount to sacred determination to boost the country's might and play

an influential role in defending national rights and interests in line with the guidelines of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on maritime supremacy.

Bagheri noted that the national Navy Day manifests lasting acts of bravery of the Iranian naval forces in the face of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein at one of the most sensitive junctures of the Sacred Defense.

The Iranian naval forces have succeeded in dealing heavy blows to the enemy's navy and defending the country's territorial integrity, he said.

Iran's navy has in recent years achieved self-sufficiency in manu-

facturing surface and sub-surface vessels. It has also increased its presence in international waters to protect naval routes and provide security for merchant vessels and tankers.

The Iranian naval forces have also staged military drills with different countries, including Russia, China and Pakistan, over the past years to promote their combat readiness.

They have been involved in joint efforts aimed at countering piracy and maritime terrorism, exchanging information in naval rescue and relief operations as well as sharing operational and tactical experience to enhance the security and stability of international maritime trade.

## Azerbaijan, Iran Hold Second Day of Joint Drills

TEHRAN -- The second day of joint military drills between the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and the Azerbaijani army was held on Monday with a ceremonial salute and tribute to the flags of both nations.

Iran launched the drill in northwestern Ardabil province with Azerbaijan Sunday amid an easing of tensions and improving relations between the two countries.

The four-day Aras Joint Exercise is taking place in Aslanduz district near the Azerbaijan border, according to an IRGC statement.

Special forces of the IRGC are participating in the drill along with the special forces of the Azerbaijani army, signaling increased defense cooperation between the two sides.

The IRGC's statement emphasized that the purpose of the exercise is to "strengthen bilateral relations, collaborate in combating organized illegal armed groups, ensure the security of shared borders, enhance military capabilities and expand defense cooperation at tactical and operational levels" between Tehran and Baku.

On Sunday, a high-ranking Azerbaijani military delegation was received at the Bilasuvar Border Terminal in Ardabil by senior IRGC officials from the province.

During the visit, the Azerbaijani delegation expressed its readiness to take part in more joint exercises aimed at countering "border threats," the IRGC statement added.

The joint drill Sunday follows a two-day naval exercise in the

Caspian Sea held less than a month ago in which the Iranian navy hosted Azerbaijani forces.

The naval exercise, held in northwestern Iran and dubbed AZIREX-2024, featured the Iranian destroyer Deylaman alongside two Azerbaijani vessels under the slogan "Cooperation for Peace and Friendship."

Diplomatic ties between Iran and Azerbaijan had been strained since January 2023 after an attack on the Azerbaijani embassy in Tehran killed one diplomat.

The incident led Baku to close its embassy and evacuate its staff from Iran.

Following extensive negotiations, the embassy reopened in July 2024, marking a step toward normalizing ties between the two neighbors.

## Army Chief: Zionist Regime Has Reached Impasse

TEHRAN -- Iran's army chief says Israel has "reached an impasse", adding and the Islamic Republic will continue to consistently support the "legitimate and just" resistance front in the face of the apartheid regime.

Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi said that the Zionist regime has no plan for "the day after" the war in Gaza.

"It has been more than a year since the genocidal war on Gaza began and the Israelis have reached an impasse and been unable to devise a comprehensive strategy for the post-war Gaza as they are facing new challenges," Mousavi said.

"The resistance front is still active and will remain active

and has dealt severe blows to the Zionist regime over the past months."

He added that the resistance is the main "shield and spear" against oppressive and arrogant enemies.

"Resistance is not confined to military fields but includes all aspects of the components of power," he added.

The Iranian commander pointed to last year's Operation Al-Aqsa Flood led by Hamas against Israel and said the event marked a pivotal turning point, effectively creating a clear division between the pre- and post-operation world.

"Even the most skeptical people have concluded that the Zionist regime

## Embassy Dismisses Iran's Role in Killing of Zionist Rabbi

TEHRAN -- The Iranian embassy in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has categorically rejected any role in the alleged killing of an Israeli-Moldovan rabbi, who had gone missing in the Persian Gulf country several days ago.

The diplomatic mission in Abu Dhabi said that it "categorically rejects the allegations of Iran's involvement in the murder of this individual."

The body of the 28-year-old Zvi Kogan, an ultra-Orthodox rabbi who went missing in Dubai on Thursday afternoon, was found dead on Sunday.

His corpse was discovered in the Emirati city of Al Ain, which borders Oman, though it was not clear if he had been killed there or elsewhere. It was believed Kogan had last been seen at a Kosher supermarket in

The Holy Qur'an

Their apostles said: Is there doubt about Allah, the Maker of the heavens and the earth? He invites you to forgive you your faults and to respite you till an appointed term. They said: You are nothing but mortals like us; you wish to turn us away from what our fathers used to worship; bring us therefore some clear authority.

The Holy Qur'an (14.10)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:52
Evening (Maghreb)	17:12
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	06:51
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	05:23

## FM Araghchi in Portugal for UN Forum on Civilizations

LISBON (Dispatches) -- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi arrived here Monday to take part in the 10th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC).

The forum, held on November 25 and 27 in the town of Cascais, coincides with the 20th anniversary of the UNAOC under the theme of "United in Peace: Restoring Trust, Reshaping the Future — Reflecting on Two Decades of Dialogue for Humanity".

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said the visit trip is in line with Iran's active and influential foreign policy as a representative of one of the oldest civilizations.

The trip also aims to cooperate in diplomatic processes to promote peace based on international interaction, dialogue and understanding, he added.

The 10th UNAOC forum gathers members of the alliance's Group of Friends, political leaders, representatives of international and regional organizations, religious leaders and faith actors, the private sector, civil society, academia, youth, arts and media, as well as donor agencies and foundations.

The participants address the global issues pertinent to peace and security and call for restoring trust and for uniting in peace.

Dubai.

But certain Western media outlets and the Zionist regime missed no time to accuse Iran of being behind the murder without any evidence even prior to the launch of an investigation by Emirati authorities.

The UAE's interior ministry announced in a statement that three suspects of Uzbek national had been arrested on suspicion of involvement in Kogan's murder.

The UAE, along with Bahrain, signed normalization pacts with the Zionist regime during an official ceremony hosted by former U.S. president Donald Trump at the White House in September 2020. Palestinians slammed the deals as a treacherous "stab in the back" of their cause against the Israeli occupation.