

TEHRAN – President Masoud Pezeshkian said Saturday that Iranian universities need to take on a leading role in the settlement of the country's problems.

Addressing a consultative meeting on cooperation between the government and universities here, Pezeshkian stressed the need for the academic centers to play an active role in dealing with national and regional challenges.

The president called on the academics to engage in plans for budgeting reforms, economic progress, and management of resources. "It is necessary to carry out academic research and scientific activities with the purpose of solving the problems," he said.

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TEHRAN – Speaker of the Iranian Parliament Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf will begin a tour of Latin America on Sunday to attend the 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Brazil.

Heading a parliamentary delegation, he will visit Venezuela, Cuba and Brazil where he will attend the BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Brasilia on June 3-5. The forum will bring together presidents of parliament from Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE as well as two of the nine partner countries.

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### Iran-China Railway Link Presents an Economic Bonanza

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### Ali Amirian Wins Silver Medal in Asian Athletics Championships



### UN: 'Catastrophic Situation in Gaza Worst' Since Beginning of Israeli Attacks



## Knesset Member: Gaza Won, Will Win War

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Addressing a protest in Haifa on Saturday, Ayman Odeh, a prominent Arab lawmaker in the Israeli Knesset and head of the Hadash movement, called for an immediate end to the war and the creation of a Palestinian state.

"Gaza won, and Gaza will win," he told the crowd, the Israeli daily Haaretz reported.

Odeh described the ongoing war as "a historic loss for right-wing ideology," arguing it had exposed deep contradictions within Zionist politics.

He also praised protesters in Tel Aviv — most of them Jewish — for taking a stand. But he criticized those who oppose prime minister Netanyahu's regime while ignoring what he called the core issue: the occupation.

"We value you and your persistence, but we cannot accept that you don't see the crux of it all. The judicial coup came from the occupation, and there is no democracy with occupation," Odeh said.

Israeli forces on Saturday killed at least 60 Palestinians and wounded 284 in the past 24 hours, according to the Palestinian health ministry.

Wafa news agency said seven Palestinians, including an entire family, in Israeli airstrikes targeting Gaza City and Khan Younis.

According to the report, Arafat Deeb was killed along with his wife and three children in an Israeli attack on their tent near the Omar Mosque in the Al-Shanti area of Gaza City.

The killings brought the death toll in the besieged enclave since October 7, 2023 to 54,381, including 4,117 killed since Israel broke the ceasefire on March 18.

More than 124,054 Palestinians have been wounded overall. At least 10,000 people are still missing, likely dead and buried under rubble.

Health officials report that over 60 percent of the victims are women and children.

A spokesman for Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital told Al Jazeera Arabic that Israeli forces are "systematically targeting" Gaza's already fragile healthcare sector by striking power sources that keep hospi-

tals running.

"The occupation targets the electric generators that supply hospitals," he said, adding that the army has destroyed "the three largest power generators supplying hospitals in the Gaza Strip."

Without power, hospital departments are shutting down, forcing staff to ration electricity where possible to keep essential services operating.

"The occupation's targeting of electricity generators means a death sentence for patients," the spokesman warned, highlighting that Israeli authorities are also blocking the entry of critical spare parts needed for repairs.

"Various hospital departments cannot continue operating without electricity," he said.

Gaza's hospitals have faced relentless bombardment since Israel launched its war on the besieged enclave nearly eight months ago. Medical teams now find themselves scrambling to save lives with dwindling resources, no fuel, and no reliable power.

"The international community must intervene to pressure the occupation to protect the health system," the spokesman urged.

Meanwhile, Hamas announced on Saturday that it has officially responded to the latest Gaza ceasefire proposal brokered by the United States, a plan that has drawn criticism for favoring Israel.

"After conducting a round of national consultations, and stemming from our deep responsibility towards our people and their suffering, we have delivered our response to the proposal by U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff to the brotherly mediators," Hamas said in a brief statement.

The group said its response aims to secure a permanent ceasefire, ensure a full withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip, and guarantee the sustained delivery of humanitarian aid to the territory.

As part of the proposed agreement, Hamas stated it is prepared to release 10 living Israeli captives and hand over the remains of 18 others, in exchange for an unspecified number of Palestinian prisoners.

## Tehran Warns of 'Appropriate Measures' Climate of Hostility Created by IAEA Against Iran



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Grossi visits Iran's nuclear achievements exhibition in Tehran on April 17, 2025.

TEHRAN – Tehran on Saturday roundly rejected the UN nuclear agency's report, saying "baseless claims about Iran's nuclear program are an excuse to create a climate of hostility against Tehran."

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) and the Iranian Foreign Ministry issued a joint statement after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) issued a "confidential" report to member states on Friday.

The report requested by the agency's 35-nation Board of Governors in November paves the way for a push by the United States, Britain, France and Germany for the board to declare Iran in violation of its non-proliferation obligations.

Using the IAEA report, the four Western powers reportedly plan to submit a draft resolution for the board to adopt at its next meeting the week of

June 9, possibly declaring Iran in non-compliance for the first time in almost 20 years.

European countries could move to trigger snap-back sanctions against Iran that were lifted under the original 2015 nuclear deal ahead of October, when the deal formally expires. Iranian officials have warned strong response to such a move.

The report comes as Iran and the United States have held

several rounds of talks with the aim of reaching an agreement on their nuclear issues, which would remove sanctions on the Islamic Republic and allow Iran to take more confidence-making measures about its nuclear program.

On Thursday, senior Iranian officials dismissed speculation about an imminent nuclear deal with the United States, emphasizing that any agreement must fully lift sanctions and allow the country's nuclear program to continue.

Iran on Saturday rejected the report as "politically motivated" and said Tehran will take "appropriate measures" in response to any effort to take action against the country at the Board of Governors meeting.

"Repeating baseless allegations that cannot be validated, along with expressing excessive concern about this matter, is merely an excuse for creating political atmosphere against the Islamic Republic of Iran," the joint statement said.

It touched on the November 2024 meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors, in which the governments of the UK, France, Germany, and the United States, "in a political and unjustified move, and without regard to the achievements

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## Report: Yemen to Add Israeli Airline to Target List

SANAA (Dispatches) -- The Yemeni Armed Forces (YAF) and Ansarallah resistance movement are planning to begin operations targeting Israel's airline, sources in Sanaa told Lebanese newspaper Al-Akhbar.

This comes after the destruction of Yemenia Airways planes in Israeli airstrikes targeting Sanaa International Airport, the last of which took place on Wednesday.

"The upcoming operations will differ in quantity and quality from previous operations carried out deep inside the Israeli entity," the sources said, adding that the operations "will include Israeli civilian aircraft on the target list."

The last Yemenia Airways plane was destroyed by an Israeli attack on Sanaa airport on Wednesday. Israel said the plane was being used by Ansarallah and the YAF to transport "terrorists". However, Yemeni authorities said their civilian aircraft are used for medical evacuations and pilgrimages.

The last Israeli strikes on Yemen came amid continued Yemeni missile strikes targeting Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv — on which Sanaa has imposed a blockade, causing several major international airlines to suspend flights to the Israeli occupied territories.

The YAF said on Thursday night that it targeted Ben Gurion airport with a hypersonic ballistic missile, causing millions of usurping Zionists to rush to shelters and bringing the airport to a standstill." The Israeli army said it intercepted a missile launched from Yemen.

In early May, a Yemeni ballistic missile made direct impact inside the airport, creating a large crater and injuring several people.

Following the new Israeli strikes on Sanaa Airport, Yemeni President Mahdi al-Mashat warned Israel of a "hot summer."

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## Cambridge Students Relaunch Pro-Palestine Encampment

LONDON (Dispatches) -- Students at the UK's University of Cambridge have relaunched a protest encampment outside Trinity College, one of its largest and wealthiest colleges, calling on the institution to disclose and divest from companies complicit in Israel's war on Gaza.

The group behind the protest, Cambridge for Palestine (C4P), is demanding the University "take urgent steps" to end what it calls its "moral and material complicity in Israel's genocide of Palestinians."

C4P says Trinity College holds investments in companies such as Elbit Systems, Caterpillar, L3Harris Technologies, and Barclays - despite the university's previous commitment to review its "responsible investment" policy following a similar months-long encampment last year.

In a statement, C4P said the renewed protest came after "months of student, faculty, and community frustration"

over the University's failure to honor those pledges.

The group outlined four core demands, including full disclosure of financial ties to companies implicated in Israeli violations of international law, full divestment from them, and reinvestment in Palestinian communities.

This includes support for Palestinian students and academics at Cambridge, rebuilding higher education institutions in Gaza, and forming partnerships with Palestinian universities.

C4P also demanded the need for the university to "protect the academic freedoms and safety of all University of Cambridge affiliates," as well as reversing "targeted anti-protest policies that restrict pro-Palestine speech".

In March, the University was granted a High Court order barring pro-Palestine actions from three locations on its campus until the end of July

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