

Senior Clerics: Attack on Leader Tantamount to War Crime

TEHRAN -- Senior Iranian clerics have said that any attack or threat to the leadership and religious authority is tantamount to a war crime.

Grand Ayatollah Nasser Makarem Shirazi and Grand Ayatollah Hussein Nouri-Hamedani said this in their religious decrees issued on Sunday.

Ayatollah Shirazi said that any person or regime that threatens or attacks the leadership and religious authority in order to harm the Islamic Ummah and its sovereignty is subject to the ruling of confrontation.

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Judiciary: 935 Iranians Martyred in Israeli Aggression

TEHRAN -- The occupying regime of Israel martyred at least 935 people in Iran during its unprovoked 12-day war on the Islamic Republic, judiciary spokesperson Asghar Jahangir announced Monday. The number includes 38 children and 132 women.

Iran responded by launching multiple waves of ballistic missiles and drones at Israel, severely testing Israeli missile defense systems and causing at least \$3 billion in damage. +972 Magazine noted that "Since 1948, Israel's major cities have never faced the kind of sustained threat experienced during this war."

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Israel Expands Gaza Genocide as Minister Visits U.S.

CAIRO/AL-QUDS (Dispatches) -- Israeli strikes martyred at least 60 people across Gaza on Monday in some of the heaviest attacks in weeks as Zionist officials were due in Washington for a new ceasefire push by U.S. President Donald Trump.

A day after Trump called to "Make the deal in Gaza, get the captives back", Israel's strategic affairs minister Ron Dermer, a confidant of prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's, was travelling to Washington for talks on Iran and Gaza, according to an Israeli official and a source familiar with the matter.

Dermer was expected to begin meetings with Trump administration officials on Tuesday, the source in Washington said.

But on the ground in the Palestinian enclave, there was no sign of fighting letting up. The Israeli military issued evacuation orders on Monday to residents in large districts in the northern Gaza Strip, forcing a new wave of displacement.

"Explosions never stopped; they bombed schools and homes. It felt like earthquakes," said Salah, 60, a father of five children, from Gaza City. "In the news we hear a ceasefire is near, on the ground we see death and we hear explosions."

"Look at us, we are not just numbers and not just pictures. Every day martyrs like this," said displaced woman Amani Swalha, standing in the rubble of a Gaza city school hit in a strike. "It is our right to live, and to live with dignity, not like this in humiliation."

Israeli tanks pushed into the eastern areas of Zeitoun suburb in Gaza City and shelled several areas in the north, while aircraft bombed at least four schools after ordering hundreds of families sheltering inside to leave, residents said.

At least 58 people were killed in Israeli strikes on Monday, health authorities said, including 10 people killed in Zeitoun and at least 13 killed southwest of Gaza City. Medics said most of the 13 were hit by gunfire, but residents also reported an airstrike.

Twenty-two people, including women, children and a local journalist were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a beachfront cafe in Gaza City, medics said. The Palestinian Journalist Syndicate said more than 220 journalists had been killed in Gaza since the war began in October 2023.

The bombardment followed

new evacuation orders to vast areas in the north, where Israeli forces had operated before and left behind wide-scale destruction. The Zionist military ordered people there to head south, saying that it planned to fight Hamas militants operating in northern Gaza, including in the heart of Gaza City.

Alongside talks on Gaza ceasefire prospects, Dermer also plans to discuss Netanyahu's possible visit to the White House in coming weeks, according to the source familiar with the matter.

In the Israeli occupied territories, Netanyahu's security cabinet was expected to convene to discuss the next steps in Gaza. The security cabinet session on Sunday ended without any agreement on the war in Gaza, and deliberations were about to continue on Monday.

On Friday, Israel's military chief claimed the present ground invasion was close to having achieved its goals, and on Sunday, Netanyahu alleged that new opportunities had opened up for recovering the hostages, 20 of whom are believed to still be alive.

Regime officials, however, told the Israel Hayom newspaper they reject the army's assessment that Operation Gideon's Chariots is nearing completion, stating that Hamas has not yet been defeated.

Officials cited in the report added that Hamas still maintains senior leadership, organized forces, and operational control in the field.

Israel Hayom said Friday that Trump and Netanyahu had reached a preliminary agreement on a new strategic vision for West Asia, which reportedly includes a roadmap to end the war in Gaza within two weeks.

Palestinian and Egyptian sources with knowledge of the latest ceasefire efforts said that mediators Qatar and Egypt have stepped up their contacts with the two warring sides, but that no date has been set yet for a new round of truce talks.

A Hamas official said that progress depends on Israel changing its position and agreeing to end the war and withdraw from Gaza. Israel says it can end the war only when Hamas is disarmed and dismantled. Hamas refuses to lay down its arms in the face of Israeli non-stop atrocities, to which the occupied West Bank is a bare witness.

Israeli foreign minister Gideon

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Zionists Wake Up to Extent of Iran's Retaliation Cities Looking Like Ruined Gaza



This combination of pictures shows destroyed buildings in the wake of Iran's retaliatory strikes on Israeli occupied cities.

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- An Israeli official has confirmed that the Zionist regime's drones worth "hundreds of millions" of dollars have gone missing in Iran during its aggression against the Islamic Republic.

The regime's Yedioth Ahronoth paper carried a report, citing the official, who said the invading unmanned aerial vehicles had "disappeared" within the Iranian territory.

Meanwhile, the city of Bat Yam in the Israeli-occupied territories looks like the destroyed areas in the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of Iran's retaliatory strikes, according to Israeli Hebrew-language media.

The daily Calcalist reported that according to new data, approximately 18,000 people have been evacuated from homes destroyed by Iran's missile attacks.

Of these, 12,000 have been relocated to hotels while the remainder have been housed in rental apartments.

Analyses reveal that four cities—including Bat Yam, Tel Aviv, Rehovot, and Ramat Gan—were severely damaged by Iran's missile attacks, while a critical shortage of available housing plagues displaced settlers.

Earlier, Bat Yam's mayor, Tzvi Brod, disclosed the extensive

damage resulting from Iran's missile attacks on the city.

Speaking to Israeli Channel 10, Brod characterized the assault as "the harshest blow in the city's history," revealing that a 120-dunam (about 40-acre) residential area was entirely wiped out.

The mayor emphasized that the single-day Iranian bombardment produced destruction on an unprecedented scale, noting this now stands as the most catastrophic attack ever witnessed across the occupied lands, not just in Bat Yam.

Estimates suggest the destruction caused by Iran's strikes will

drive mid-term spikes in housing prices.

According to reports from real estate offices in northern Tel Aviv, there is insufficient apartment inventory in the area, leaving uncertainty over where displaced families will relocate.

The Israeli regime launched its unprovoked aggression on the Islamic Republic on June 13, with American backing, assassinating several top-ranking military commanders, scientists, and many other ordinary civilians, including women and children.

On the same day, Iranian armed forces, spearheaded by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), launched an unprecedented retaliatory campaign against the Israeli regime known as Operation True Promise III.

As the Iranian armed forces pounded Israel and its military and industrial infrastructure, using many new-generation missiles that precisely hit the designated targets, the embattled regime was forced to unilaterally cease its aggression against Iran on June 24.

Following the unilateral move, Iran too, halted its retaliatory campaign after carrying out 22 waves of successful attacks against the Israeli-occupied territories.

The Israeli health ministry confirmed 29 fatalities and 3,238 injuries from the Iranian retaliatory attacks, though observers say the figure is likely to be much higher due to Israel's history of censoring casualty statistics.

Gallup Poll: National Pride Declining in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only 36% of Democrats say they're "extremely" or "very" proud to be American, according to a new Gallup poll, reflecting a dramatic decline in national pride that's also clear among young people.

The findings are a stark illustration of how many — but not all — Americans have felt less of a sense of pride in their country over the past decade. The split between Democrats and Republicans, at 56 percentage points, is at its widest since 2001. That includes all four years of Republican President Donald Trump's first term.

Only about 4 in 10 U.S. adults who are part of Generation Z, which is defined as those born from 1997 to 2012, expressed a high level of pride in being American in Gallup surveys conducted in the past five years, on average. That's compared with about 6 in 10 Millennials — those born between 1980 and 1996 — and at least 7 in 10 U.S. adults in older generations.

"Each generation is less patriotic

than the prior generation, and Gen Z is definitely much lower than anybody else," said Jeffrey Jones, a senior editor at Gallup. "But even among the older generations, we see that they're less patriotic than the ones before them, and they've become less patriotic over time. That's primarily driven by Democrats within those generations."

America's decline in national pride has been a slow erosion, with a steady downtick in Gallup's data since January 2001, when the question was first asked.

Even during the tumultuous early years of the Iraq War, the vast majority of U.S. adults, whether Republican or Democrat, said they were "extremely" or "very" proud to be American. At that point, about 9 in 10 were "extremely" or "very" proud to be American. That remained high in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, but the consensus around American pride slipped in the years that followed, dropping to about 8 in 10 in 2006 and con-

tinuing a gradual decline.

Now, 58% of U.S. adults say that, in a downward shift that's been driven almost entirely by Democrats and independents. The vast majority of Republicans continue to say they're proud to be American.

Independents' pride in their national identity hit a new low in the most recent survey, at 53%, largely following that pattern of gradual decline.

Democrats' diminished pride in being American is more clearly linked to Trump's time in office. When Trump first entered the White House, in 2017, about two-thirds of Democrats said they were proud to be American. That had fallen to 42% by 2020, just before Trump lost reelection to Democrat Joe Biden.

But while Democrats' sense of national pride rebounded when Biden took office, it didn't go back to its pre-Trump levels.

"It's not just a Trump story," Jones said. "Something else is going on, and I think it's just

younger generations coming in and not being as patriotic as older people."

Other recent polling shows that Democrats and independents are less likely than Republicans to say that expressing patriotism is important or to feel a sense of pride in their national leaders.

Nearly 9 in 10 Republicans in a 2024 SSRS poll said they believed patriotism has a positive impact on the United States, with Democrats more divided: 45% said patriotism had a positive impact on the country, while 37% said it was negative.

But a more general sense of discontent was clear on both sides of the aisle earlier this year, when a CNN/SSRS poll found that fewer than 1 in 10 Democrats and Republicans said "proud" described the way they felt about politics in America today.

In that survey, most Americans across the political spectrum said they were "disappointed" or "frustrated" with the country's politics.