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## Ghalibaf: Knesset Head ‘Disgrace to Humanity’

TEHRAN -- Iran’s Parliament Speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf has condemned the Israeli Knesset chief as a “disgrace to humanity” after the Knesset speaker denied the ongoing starvation of children in Gaza, despite mounting UN evidence.

“Criminal Knesset speaker claims the starvation of Gaza’s children is ‘fake news’. Shame on you!” Ghalibaf wrote Thursday on his official X account, hit out at the Israeli regime for committing the “greatest genocide in history.”

Ghalibaf pointed to multiple United Nations reports confirming famine conditions and widespread child malnutrition in Gaza. “Are UN experts, UNICEF, and international aid organizations lying, while only you tell the truth?” he added. “You are a disgrace to humanity.”

The Iranian speaker’s remarks follow a heated exchange at the Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in Geneva earlier this week, where he denounced the Israeli regime as

the “Nazis of the 21st century,” presenting images of severely malnourished Palestinian children.

In response, the Knesset speaker denied the existence of starvation in Gaza and criticized international media outlets, including The New York Times, for publishing graphic evidence of the humanitarian crisis.

The death toll from starvation and malnutrition in Gaza has reached at least 155, including 89 children, with humanitarian agencies warning of a worsening catastrophe. On Tuesday, the World Food Programme, UNICEF, and the Food and Agriculture Organization jointly stated that Gaza was “on the brink of full-scale famine.”

According to Gaza’s Health Ministry, over 60,200 Palestinians — mostly women and children — have been killed and more than 146,000 injured since October 7, 2023, amid the continued Israeli assault and blockade on the besieged enclave.

## Iran: RSF’s Parallel Government ‘Destructive’ to Sudan’s Stability

TEHRAN – Iran on Thursday voiced serious concern over the deepening conflict in Sudan, warning that the formation of a rival government by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) poses a grave threat to the country’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei criticized the RSF’s move to establish a parallel administration as a “destructive” development, calling it a violation of Sudan’s national unity.

“The establishment of a rival government undermines Sudan’s stability and security,” Baghaei said. “The only solution is for clashes to cease and for a Sudanese-Sudanese dialogue to begin—free from foreign interference.”

Baghaei also condemned external involvement in Sudan’s internal affairs as “very harmful,” emphasizing that regional and international actors should support dialogue rather than fuel divisions.

The RSF, a powerful paramilitary group led by Mo-

hamed Hamdan Dagalo, last week announced the formation of a competing government based in Nyala, southern Darfur—a move that has been condemned by the United Nations and the African Union. Political analysts warn the development could accelerate the fragmentation of the country.

Sudan has been mired in a brutal conflict since April 2023, when tensions between the RSF and the Sudanese Armed Forces, led by Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, escalated into full-scale war. Tens of thousands have been killed, and millions displaced.

The Sudanese army has since retaken Khartoum and several central provinces, while the RSF has consolidated control over much of the Darfur region, excluding the contested city of al-Fashir, where fierce fighting continues.

Sudan recently severed diplomatic ties with the United Arab Emirates, accusing Abu Dhabi of arming the RSF.

# President: No Power Able to Subdue Iranian People



*President Masoud Pezeshkian speaks at a public ceremony in the northwestern city of Zanjan on Thursday.*

TEHRAN -- President Masoud Pezeshkian said Thursday that no foreign power will be able to subdue the Iranian people or obstruct the country’s progress as long as national unity and coherence are preserved.

Speaking during a public ceremony in the northwestern city of Zanjan, Pezeshkian praised the “honorable defense” mounted by the Iranian people, Armed Forces, and security institutions during the recent war, commending their resilience and strategic response.

“The great efforts of the Armed Forces — including the Army and the Islamic Revolution

Guards Corps (IRGC) — proved that, despite sanctions and external threats, Iran’s defenders successfully targeted both the Zionist regime’s Iron Dome and advanced American military assets,” he said.

The president underscored the importance of national sovereignty, asserting that unity between the people and the military apparatus has served as a powerful deterrent against foreign aggression.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said earlier this week that the 12-day conflict demonstrated the un-

matched strength and resolve of the Islamic Republic. He said the episode showcased Iran’s strategic capabilities and the deep-rooted foundations of its system.

“The root of hostility toward Iran lies in the nation’s faith, knowledge, and unity,” Ayatollah Khamenei stated, emphasizing that Iran’s enemies seek to undermine these values but have repeatedly failed.

On June 24, Iranian military operations brought a halt to foreign military escalation following successful retaliatory strikes, with Iran declaring the outcome a firm message to any party seeking to test the country’s red lines.

## Expert: Iran’s Demand for U.S. Compensation Firmly Based in Law

TEHRAN -- An international legal expert has affirmed that Iran’s demand for compensation from the United States over losses sustained during last month’s illegal U.S.-Israeli aggression is firmly grounded in established international law and precedent.

Reza Nasri, an international lawyer and analyst, made the remarks in a post on social media platform X on Friday, following Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi’s call for Washington to explain its unprovoked attack on Iran amid nuclear negotiations and pay reparations before talks can resume. The U.S. State Department dismissed Iran’s demand as “ridiculous.”

Nasri criticized Washington’s “arrogant” rejection, stating the real absurdity lies in the U.S. mocking a demand deeply rooted in binding international legal principles.

“Given Washington’s long-standing practice of shielding itself and its allies from accountability, it is unsurprising that it would reject enforcement of international law as ‘ridiculous,’” Nasri said.

He underscored that Iran’s claim for compensation is “firmly grounded in precedent and binding norms,” referencing key legal standards.

On June 13, Israel launched an unprovoked attack on Iran, triggering a 12-day war that resulted in the martyrdom of at least 1,064 Iranians, including military commanders, nuclear scientists, and civilians. The United States also escalated the aggression by bombing three Iranian nuclear facilities, a serious violation of international law.

In response, Iranian forces struck strategic targets in the occupied territories and the U.S. Al-Udeid air base in Qatar, the largest American

military installation in West Asia. By June 24, Tehran’s successful retaliatory operations effectively halted the aggression.

Nasri emphasized that U.S. involvement in the attacks contravened Article 2(4) of the UN Charter, which prohibits the use of force without Security Council authorization or a valid claim of self-defense.

“Under the International Law Commission’s Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, any unlawful act—including the illegal use of force—creates an obligation to make full reparation,” he said.

He further cited rulings by the International Court of Justice affirming the right to compensation, including the landmark Nicaragua v. United States (1986) and Corfu Channel (1949) cases.

**The Holy Qur'an**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

But if they turn back, say: Allah is sufficient for me, there is no god but He; on Him do I rely, and He is the Lord of mighty power.

The Holy Qur'an (9.129)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:11
Evening (Maghreb)	19:28
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	05:13
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	03:37

## West’s Claims of Iranian Plot Abroad ‘Blatant Lies’

TEHRAN -- Iran’s Foreign Ministry dismissed on Friday the recent accusations from Western countries alleging Tehran’s involvement with international criminal groups in assassination attempts abroad as “baseless and ridiculous.”

Spokesman Esmail Baghaei condemned the joint statement issued Thursday by the United States, Canada, and a group of European nations, describing it as a “blatant blame game” intended to divert attention from the “Israeli genocide” in occupied Palestine.

“The United States, France, and other signatories must themselves be held accountable for violating international law by supporting and hosting terrorist groups,” Baghaei said, referencing recent U.S.-Israeli aggression against Iran in June and the ongoing violence in Gaza.

He characterized the accusations as “blatant lies” and part of a “malicious Iranophobia campaign” designed to pressure the Iranian nation, urging the 14 countries involved — Albania, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, the UK, and the US — to answer for “disgraceful and irresponsible” conduct violating the United Nations Charter.

The Western nations claimed in their joint statement that Iranian intelligence agencies are attempting to “kill, kidnap, and harass” individuals in Europe and North America, allegations Tehran firmly rejects.