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## In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

### France's Reign of Terror in Support of Gaza Genocide

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*Why does France which claims that the fall of the Bastille in 1789 delivered it from centuries of monarchial repression and ushered in liberty and respect for human rights, continue to suppress freedom of views, writings, and speech?*

*The answer is obvious. Regimes marching in and out of Elyse Palace are still beholden to the Reign of Terror which did not end in July 1797 as claimed, but is still in force, especially at the service of the racist terrorist illegitimate Zionist entity that was planted in Palestine in 1948.*

*Among the latest victims of the Emmanuel Macron regime is Iranian female researcher based in Lyon, Mahdiah Esfandari, who is languishing in prison for more almost a year.*

*Her fault in the eyes of her jailors is support for the long persecuted people of Occupied Palestine and calls for ending the genocide in Gaza.*

*The 39-year old lady who lawfully and legally resides in France and for the past eight years has worked as a peace-promoting translator, has not been illegally jailed for her social media accounts.*

*She has been accused of 'incitement to terrorism' while the fact is that she is campaigning against the terrorism of Israel.*

*Esfandari is actually a victim of the Paris regime for being a practicing Muslim and that too of Iranian citizenship.*

*She was actually kidnapped by the pro-Zionist French security men and her whereabouts were unknown to her family in Iran until the Iranian government was informed and pressured Paris for information.*

*She is being kept in solitary confinement and has not been produced before a court for hearings of accusations against her, and her right to defend herself, whether personally or through a lawyer.*

*Her case resembles that of Iranian music composer and documentary filmmaker Bashir Biazar, who was detained in Paris last year and held in Metz, a city located over 300 kilometers away.*

*His crime in the eyes of the French regime was a few social media posts critical of Israel's genocide in Gaza.*

*These arrests are proof of the violation of basic human rights by the French regime and its open collaboration in the genocide in Gaza being committed by the racist/terroristic Zionist entity.*

## Pezeshkian Ends China Trip With Call for Financial, Security Alliance



President Masoud Pezeshkian, in the final stage of his visit to China, participated in the ceremony marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

TEHRAN/BEIJING — Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian ended his visit to China on Wednesday after attending the 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) heads of State Summit and SCO Plus meeting, underscoring Iran's role in regional cooperation and multilateral diplomacy.

Pezeshkian departed Beijing for Tehran following a military parade commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two. The president began his trip on Sunday with speeches at the SCO Summit and SCO Plus meeting, both held in Tianjin, China's northern port city.

During the visit, Pezeshkian held bilateral talks with leaders from China, Russia, Turkey, Tajikistan, Pakistan, and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres. He also met with Iranian expatriates in China.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi praised Iran's "active and multilateral" approach

at the summit, saying Pezeshkian's participation demonstrated Tehran's commitment to constructive engagement in regional affairs.

Pezeshkian highlighted Iran's efforts to strengthen regional cooperation by presenting new initiatives during his speeches at both SCO forums.

The SCO, founded in 2001 by China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, focuses on political, economic, and security cooperation in the region. Iran officially joined the organization in July 2023.

At the summit, Pezeshkian proposed the creation of a "Peace-Building Committee" made up of member states' foreign ministers to address ongoing regional crises.

He also suggested an "Accounts and Settlements Mechanism" to bolster financial cooperation within the SCO and mitigate the impact of international sanctions.

In his speech at SCO Plus, which includes additional member and

observer states, Pezeshkian emphasized the forum's value for promoting international peace and highlighted Iran's strategic geographic position within China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a vast infrastructure and economic development project launched by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013.

Pezeshkian reiterated Iran's commitment to resolving issues related to its peaceful nuclear energy program through diplomatic means. He also welcomed Xi's "Global Governance Initiative," which promotes principles such as sovereign equality, adherence to international law, multilateralism, and a people-centered approach to global issues.

During the summit, SCO members adopted over 20 documents covering areas including security cooperation, narcotics control, artificial intelligence, green industry, sustainable energy, science and technology, and multilateral trade, Gharibabadi said.

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### Ministry Praises Irish MEP for Condemning Israeli Crimes

TEHRAN - Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei has commended an independent Irish Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for shedding light on Israel's crimes in the Gaza Strip and denouncing the regime's unprovoked act of aggression against Iran in June, urging the European Union to follow suit.

"Michael McNamara rightly exposed Israel's war crimes and genocide in Gaza, its repression in the occupied West Bank and its criminal act of aggression against Iran," Baghaei said in a post on X on Wednesday.

This is what the European Union, par-

ticularly the three European parties to the 2015 nuclear agreement with Iran, known as the E3—namely France, Germany, and the United Kingdom—"need to heed if they want to be regarded as credible, responsible, law-abiding actors capable of contributing to world peace," he added.

In an address at the European Parliament, McNamara stated that Israel is not acting in "self-defense" against the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas in Gaza, but is rather committing war crimes within the besieged territory.

The independent MEP from Ireland went on to say that Israel is also seeking

to "emasculate" the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank while diverting attention from its actions in Gaza.

McNamara also asserted that Israel's attack on Iran in mid-June was not a "defensive" measure, but rather an "unlawful and unprovoked" strike designed to disrupt the negotiations that were taking place between the Islamic Republic and the United States.

Furthermore, he criticized the EU for its inaction regarding Israel's conduct in Gaza, arguing that it undermines the bloc's stance with respect to upholding international law elsewhere.

## Tehran Slams France Over Obstruction in Citizen's Release

TEHRAN — Spokesperson for the Iranian Foreign Ministry Esmail Baghaei strongly criticized the French government for obstructing the release of Iranian citizen Mahdiah Esfandari, who has been arbitrarily detained in France on baseless charges.

Baghaei said on Wednesday that France has repeatedly rejected proposed locations for Esfandari's release on bail under different pretexts.

"At one stage, it was said that if a place in one of the cities of residence or near her detention spot was introduced, they (French

officials) would cooperate for her release on bail. Several locations were proposed by her family, Ms. Esfandari herself, and our embassy colleagues, but none were accepted by the French authorities on various pretexts," he stated.

Mahdiah Esfandari was detained in France in February 2025 along with several others. The Iranian Embassy in Paris has remained in close contact with her and her legal representatives, with the most recent consular visit taking place on August 18.

A French court has recently re-

jected her request for conditional release, though her defense team is continuing efforts to secure her freedom.

The Paris Prosecutor's Office alleged that Esfandari is being prosecuted on charges of "glorifying terrorism" and offenses related to social media activity.

However, according to her family and Iranian officials, the accusations are unfounded. Esfandari's only activity was posting content in a Telegram channel condemning crimes committed by the Zionist regime against the Palestinian people.

The  
Holy  
Qur'an



*The way (to blame) is only against those who ask permission of you though they are rich; they have chosen to be with those who remained behind, and Allah has set a seal upon their hearts so they do not know.*

The Holy Qur'an (9.93)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:03
Evening (Maghreb)	18:46
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	05:39
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	04:12

## Majlis Backs Progress of Missile, Defense Capabilities

TEHRAN — The Iranian Parliament on Wednesday in a statement supported the continued development of the country's missile and defense sectors, calling for full allocation of resources to strengthen national defense.

The statement praised the achievements of Iranian defense experts as a symbol of the nation's scientific and industrial capabilities, reinforcing Iran's proactive stance against regional security challenges and foreign interference. It highlighted the military's success in countering recent aggression by Israel, demonstrating Iran's resilience.

Members of parliament outlined several key priorities:

Innovation and Youth Engagement: Emphasizing technological innovation and the role of young, skilled scientists in advancing defense capabilities, in line with the Leader's commands.

Strategic Defense Development: Related bodies are urged to strengthen missile power, air defense, cyber capabilities, and

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## Reconstruction After 12-Day War Over 90% Complete

TEHRAN — Alireza Zakani, the mayor of Tehran, has announced that more than 90% of the construction projects for the victims of the "12-day war" have been completed.

On the sidelines of a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Zakani said that the majority of the housing projects for the victims of the imposed war have finished, with more than 92% of all projects completed.

He noted that more than 5,000 buildings have been prepared in the minor construction sector, which is now 100% complete.

Additionally, the mayor highlighted the progress in reinforcement and renovation projects, noting that over 80% of the reinforcement work for damaged buildings has started. In the demolition and renovation sector, more than 70% of the projects are currently underway, he added.

Earlier on August 28, First Vice President Muhammadreza Aref stressed the urgent need to expedite the reconstruction of homes damaged during the 12-day war imposed by the Israeli regime, emphasizing that compensation for losses in production and industrial units is also vital.