

TEHRAN -- The deputy commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said on Tuesday that enemies led by the United States united against Iran in the recent conflict but quickly surrendered.

Brigadier General Ali Fadavi said the adversaries had declared their intent to annihilate Iran before the war but soon recognized Iran's strength, especially after a strike on the largest U.S. military base in the region. "Following the strike on the U.S. military base in Qatar, the U.S. president immediately contacted the Emir of Qatar to request a ceasefire," Fadavi said. "One must ask, 'Did they lack aircraft, troops, missiles, or money that they chose to surrender?'"

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TEHRAN — Iran's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Alireza Enayati on Tuesday underscored the importance of strategic ties between Tehran and Riyadh, saying the two countries will shape the future of the region.

He described the relationship between Iran and Saudi Arabia as a model for regional cooperation and a guarantee of security and sustainable development in West Asia. "The remarkable progress achieved in bilateral relations in a short period is the result of the firm resolve of both countries," Enayati said. "We have covered a long journey in a very brief time and achieved results beyond expectations."

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Viewpoint

Terrorist Trump Terrorizes the UN General Assembly

Iran Advance to World Championship Quarters in Thriller



TEHRAN/PASAY CITY, Philippines -- Iran survived a five-set saga against Serbia to progress to the quarterfinals of the 2025 FIVB Volleyball Men's World Championship in the Philippines.

In the last eighth-final in Pasay City on Tuesday, the Asian squad came back from a set down twice during the game to dominate the tie-breaker and celebrate victorious.

Iran will take on Czechia in one of the two quarterfinal matches set to take place on Thursday.

Iran's veteran libero Muhammadreza Hazratpour produced a commanding performance, repeatedly denying Serbia with sharp reads and precise receptions. Despite a costly error in the third set, Hazratpour recovered quickly and played a key role in the remaining frames.

Serbia started breaking away in the score after 10-10 in the first set, and the gap went as wide as five points at 19-14 before Iran attempted a comeback.

At the end of the set, they denied two Serbian set points to get back within one, but on the third, outside hitter Pavle Peric finished it off with a pulverizing high-flying pipe shot.

Set two stayed competitive through 17-17, and this time it was Iran who broke away, dominated the money time, and took the set by a six-point margin to level the match.

The third set was a real rollercoaster, with the lead changing hands several times. Even after a 20-15 Serbian advantage, Iran found a way to level up and reach the first set point.

The European team reacted with three in a row, crowned by middle blocker Aleksandar Stefanovic's blistering ace that closed the set in overtime. The teams kept the heat up in set four as well.

At a critical moment with Serbia attempting to level the score at 23-23, Hazratpour's well-timed positioning and dig kept the point alive, allowing Iran to close out the set and seize momentum.

Iran's swinging effort proved more fruitful in the end as they persevered through the dramatic epilog to level again, with outside hitter and captain Morteza Sharifi nailing the set winner.

The Asians stormed the tie-breaker on a 4-1 run and never looked back to get the job done with a 3-2 (23-25, 25-19, 24-26, 25-22, 15-9) victory.

Iran's more prolific offense produced 67 spike kills against 60 from Serbia and made the biggest difference toward the outcome. They also outdid the opponents in serving, by 5-4 in aces, and in precision, by 24-27 in unforced errors.

Morteza put up three kill blocks and fired two aces, while swinging at a 56% success rate, to lead the team's scorers together with opposite Ali Hajipour on 23 points apiece.

The latter put away an ace and spiked at a 52% success rate. 20-year-old outside hitter Ali Haghighi, who subbed in for Pourya Khanzadeh, contributed another 18 points, while middle blocker Muhammad Valizadeh chipped in with another 10, including four blocks.

"The game was so tough! Serbia did a great job and pushed until the end, but we were here to win," Sharifi told VBTv. "I would like to thank all the players, because with their help I was able to show a good performance. We were together and believed that we could win this match."

Serbia matched Iran in blocking, with 13 stuffs apiece.

Their opposite, Drazen Luburic, produced a match-high 27 points. Outside hitter Miran Kujundzic added another 17. Middle blocker Aleksandar Nedeljkovic and outside hitter Pavle Peric also reached double digits with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

"In the fourth set, we had a lot of chances to close the match. It was in our hands, but we were not able to kill. In such games, a couple of balls can change a lot," commented Serbia's Romanian head coach Gheorghe Cretu.

"It hasn't been such a great year, but we restarted and, at the beginning, we suffered a lot. These were the first four games together for the guys who played at this tournament. I am happy that they kept together really strong and they showed that we are able to rebuild and have a really strong group."

Back to School in Iran: New Academic Year Begins



Women Table Tennis Athletes Climb in World Ranking



Leader: Negotiations With U.S. Pointless, Harmful

TEHRAN — Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Tuesday praised the unity and solidarity of the Iranian nation during the recent 12-day war, describing it as a "steel fist" against enemies and emphasizing that this cohesion disappointed Iran's adversaries from the early days of the war.

In televised remarks, Ayatollah Khamenei addressed the Iranian people, stressing the importance of continued national unity and the significance of uranium enrichment technology for the country's progress.

He warned against negotiations with the United States that are pre-determined to fail.

"A negotiation that the U.S. dictates the outcome of from the start is useless and harmful because it encourages the tyrant enemy to impose further goals and does not protect us from any harm. No honorable nation or wise politician accepts such talks." Beginning his speech with greetings on the occasion of the new academic year, the Leader urged officials—especially those in education, science, and health sectors—to recognize and utilize the extraordinary talents of Iranian youth.

He highlighted recent international successes, noting: "Our students won 40 colorful medals, including 11 gold medals, in global competitions over the past two months. Despite the 12-day war and its challenges, our students achieved the world's top rank in astronomy and high placements in other fields."

He also praised young Iranian athletes for their recent triumphs in wrestling, volleyball, and other sports.

Marking the anniversary of the martyrdom of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, Ayatollah Khamenei described him



as "a great fighter and an immense asset for the Islamic world, Shi'ism, and Lebanon," adding, "The legacy that Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah created, including Hezbollah, remains and should not be overlooked in Lebanon or beyond."

Paying tribute to commanders, scientists, and other martyrs of the 12-day war, the Leader expressed his heartfelt condolences to their families.

The Leader framed his address around three key themes: the critical role of national unity during the 12-day war and its ongoing importance, the benefits of uranium enrichment, and the firm, wise stance of the nation and government against U.S. threats.

On the first point, Ayatollah Khamenei stated that unity was the main reason for the enemy's failure during the war.

He explained that attempts to assassinate commanders and influential figures aimed to spark unrest and destabilize Tehran, but

"if the enemy could have drawn the people into the streets against the Islamic Republic and disrupted the country's affairs, it could have targeted the regime and sought to eradicate Islam here."

Nevertheless, "quick appointment of successors, the resilience and morale of the armed forces, and orderly governance" contributed to the enemy's defeat, but "the nation was the most effective factor, and with unity and cohesion, absolutely did not fall under the enemy's influence, filling the streets in defense of the Islamic Republic."

He added that the enemy had questioned its own agents in Iran about their failure, to which they replied, "We tried, but the people turned their backs on us and the officials managed the affairs."

Ayatollah Khamenei warned that "this decisive unity still remains and is very effective," rejecting claims that national unity only existed during the war.

"Some say political differences

and ethnic fault lines can cause unrest, but this is completely false," he said. "All ethnic groups are proud to be Iranian. We have natural political disagreements, but against tyrants, all people, today and tomorrow, strike the enemy's head like a steel fist."

Referring to the protests of June this year, he stated, "Those days, streets full of people shouting strong slogans against the cursed Zionists and criminal America showed national unity that still exists and will continue, and all are responsible to preserve and strengthen it."

Addressing uranium enrichment, Ayatollah Khamenei stressed its critical importance to the country, urging experts to explain its benefits.

He said, "Scientists and specialists enrich uranium extracted from our mines into highly valuable enriched uranium, which has numerous applications in agriculture, industry, environment,

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President Pezeshkian: Dialogue Impossible With Bullies

TEHRAN — Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, speaking Tuesday ahead of his departure to New York to attend the 80th United Nations General Assembly, emphasized the importance of dialogue rooted in truth, justice, and mutual understanding.

"Whether the truth comes in any form or face does not matter," Pezeshkian said. "If we pursue truth, justice, and righteousness, there will be no conflict. Sometimes, we simply fail to understand each other, and we must stand together and engage in dialogue to overcome that. But with those who

seek to impose power, bully, destroy, and act mischievously, dialogue is not possible."

Pezeshkian described the UN General Assembly as a unique platform for Iran to express its positions, noting the global presence of representatives and officials from countries worldwide.

Referring to this year's theme, "Convergence and Progress for All," Pezeshkian criticized global powers for unilateralism and authoritarianism. "Those with power ruthlessly and brutally use their tools to annihilate fellow humans," he said.

He condemned the ongoing Israeli violence in Gaza, highlighting the suffering of children amid starvation, lack of medical care, and bombings by Israel. Pezeshkian criticized the support Israel receives from so-called civilized and democratic nations that claim to uphold human rights.

"They preach convergence, but their version means everyone must die to achieve their goals," Pezeshkian said. "True convergence means everyone, regardless of ethnicity, belief, or race, has the right to live as long as they respect others'

rights."

During his visit, Pezeshkian said he intends to meet with global leaders, Iranian nationals abroad, and experts to convey Iran's commitment to peace, security, justice, and humanity.

He reiterated that dialogue should be grounded in respect for sovereignty and the right to life for all peoples. "It is not just Israel that deserves security; this right must be afforded to all people worldwide," he said, expressing hope that Iran's views would be heard clearly at the UN.