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### In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

## Faithful Friends and Iniquitous Enemies

By: Kayhan Int'l Staff Writer

*The Palestinians, especially the bombed to bits people of Gaza, are the victims of not just Israeli brutality, US weaponry, and European hypocrisy, but also of Arab complicity in their continued massacre and starvation.*

*If the Zionists and the Americans are open enemies prolonging the genocide, the Arab regimes, especially the rulers of oil-rich states that have stockpiled huge arsenals from which they refuse to give even a few bullets to the Gazans for self-defence, have turned out to be the main hurdle to Arab unity and Islamic solidarity.*

*While continuing their overt and covert diplomatic/trade relations with the illegal Zionist entity, no matter if the death toll in Gaza nears 70,000 and the living remain homeless and hungry, they indulge in their now ritual habit of causing regional rifts by dancing to the tune of the crafty West in backing the UAE's baseless claim to three of Iran's Persian Gulf islands.*

*Their latest disruptive act occurred a few days ago in Kuwait, where at the 29th joint ministerial meeting of the Persian Gulf Cooperative Council (PGCC) and the European Union (EU), the treasonous trio of France, Germany, and Britain in order to distract attention from the Cairo talks for ceasefire in genocide-stricken Gaza, manipulated them into agreeing to a mischievous declaration against Iran – not Israel for its war crimes.*

*The 'diabolical declaration' threatened the Islamic Republic of referral to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) regarding its indisputable sovereignty over the three islands, and called on Iran to bow to US demands for dismantling of not just its civilian nuclear installations, but also its defensive arsenal of missiles and drones for their decisive targeting of Israel's strategic centres and the US base in Qatar during the 12-day war last June.*

*Isn't this a devilish design against the Axis of Resistance that is the only force preventing the Zionist dream of 'Greater Israel' by occupation of all Arab lands between the River Nile in Egypt and the River Euphrates in Iraq?*

*Now we better understand the betrayal of the Palestinians by Arab regimes and their indifference to Israel's holocaust in Gaza because of their subservience to the US and the EU, whose main goal is weakening and splitting of the Muslim Ummah.*

*Islamic magnanimity may have deterred Iran from summoning of the PGCC envoys in Tehran to the Foreign Ministry, which nonetheless summoned ambassadors of the treasonous EU trio in protest to the meddling of their regimes in Iranian and regional affairs.*

*They were told to inform their respective regimes in Paris, Berlin, and London, not to meddle in the affairs of our region, stop misleading and manipulating Arab states, open up their eyes to the US-Israeli crimes against humanity, and realize the futility of their so-called snapback sanctions.*

*According to clauses of the nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT) it is Iran's inalienable right to enrich uranium to whatever degree it requires for its IAEA- certified civilian nuclear projects for generating electricity, upgrading agriculture, developing industries, manufacturing modern machinery, and mastering the medicinal and pharmaceutical fields.*

*International law also permits Iran to fully develop its conventional means of defence to the highest degree in order to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity (including the three Persian Gulf islands of Bu Musa, Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb), as well as deterrents against any aggressor.*

*No doubt, the long persecuted Palestinians, the indomitable resistance forces, and the conscientious countries and people of the world very well know the true friends of the oppressed and the real foes – whether open or secret!*

## IRGC Vows 'Crushing' Response to Any Miscalculation in Persian Gulf



Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Major General Muhammad Pakpour, left, visits Iranian islands in the Persian Gulf along with IRGC Navy chief Rear Admiral Alireza Tangsiri to assess the combat preparedness of naval units.

TEHRAN – The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) commander-in-chief warned on Wednesday that any miscalculation by adversaries in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, or Iranian islands would be met with a “decisive, immediate, crushing and regretful response.”

Major General Muhammad Pakpour made the remarks in a message marking IRGC Navy Day, describing the IRGC naval forces as “a symbol of strong faith, intelligent resistance and deterrent power” under the leadership of Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

He praised the IRGC Navy's strength, attributing it to “commit-

ted human capital, revolutionary management, and advanced technologies in various warfare domains,” which collectively ensure “the region's sustainable security.”

He reiterated the IRGC's commitment to maintaining combat, intelligence, and operational readiness, warning that any hostile act in Iranian waters would provoke an “immediate and overwhelming response.”

Pakpour emphasized the IRGC Navy's role in safeguarding national and regional security and establishing “a new maritime order based on principles of justice, power, and independence of nations

while resisting global dominance.”

IRGC Aerospace Force Commander Brigadier General Majid Mousavi also underlined the full preparedness of his force to decisively and promptly confront any enemy threat or act of aggression.

He said that all damage sustained has been repaired and operational capacity fully restored, four months after Israel launched a 12-day war against Iran.

“By the grace of God, with the restoration of the damage, we are in full readiness to respond swiftly and determinedly to any enemy threats and acts of adventurism,” he said.

## Tehran Condemns 'Destructive' EU Claims on Iranian Islands

TEHRAN -- Parliament Speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf on Wednesday reaffirmed Iran's sovereignty over three Iranian islands in the Persian Gulf and condemned “meddlesome and baseless” claims by the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the European Union.

Ghalibaf's comments came following a joint GCC-EU statement questioning Iran's sovereignty over Abu Musa, Greater Tunb, and Lesser Tunb islands. Iran maintains the islands are an inseparable part of its territory, restored to Iranian control in 1971 after British withdrawal.

“The territorial integrity of Iran has been sealed and consolidated with the blood of hundreds of thousands of brave young people of this land,” Ghalibaf said in parliament. “The Iranian nation will not show

the slightest leniency over it to any delusional party.”

He also condemned the EU's “destructive and divisive” interference in Iran's defense and nuclear programs.

On Tuesday, Iran summoned ambassadors from European states in Tehran to strongly protest the GCC-EU joint statement, which it said contained interventionist and politically charged positions.

Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Majid Takht-Ravanchi reiterated Iran's “absolute and permanent” sovereignty over the islands, calling the European support for contrary claims a violation of national sovereignty.

Takht-Ravanchi also dismissed allegations targeting Iran's missile program as “clear interference” in its internal affairs, emphasizing that Iran's defensive capabilities were essential for national and re-

gional security.

He criticized European envoys for repeating “baseless and stereotypical accusations” about Iran's nuclear program, urging them to take responsibility for undermining the 2015 nuclear deal.

Takht-Ravanchi referenced Europe's suspension of trade with Iran after the U.S. withdrew from the agreement in 2018 and condemned the EU trio's triggering of the deal's “snapback” sanctions mechanism in August, calling it illegitimate given their prior non-compliance.

Ghalibaf also marked the second anniversary of the October 2023 Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, describing it as a strategic blow to Israel that disrupted “global arrogance” and plunged the Israeli regime into an “existential crisis.”

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## Eslami: Nuclear Agency Expands Industrial Output to Benefit Public

TEHRAN -- The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) has expanded its activities from research and development to an industrial phase aimed at directly benefiting the public, its head says.

Muhammad Eslami made the remarks during a briefing to Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, where he also detailed damage to Iran's nuclear sites during the U.S.-Israeli attacks in June.

Eslami, quoted by the committee spokesperson Ebrahim Rezaei, said domestic production of radiopharmaceuticals has been firmly established, has never stopped, and will con-

tinue indefinitely.

He added that the AEOI has achieved nearly 500 milestones since 2022, many with direct public benefits, as it shifts towards industrial applications to boost the national economy.

Eslami highlighted nuclear technology's role in increasing crop quality and quantity, noting the establishment of irradiation centers with a capacity of 500,000 tons.

He also mentioned the use of plasma therapy for diabetic wounds and breast cancer, alongside projects for treating industrial waste and converting contaminated water into usable

water.

Referring to a recent trip to Russia, Eslami said a protocol was signed for the construction of eight nuclear power plants, including one already operational and two under construction.

The agreement includes plants with a combined capacity of 5,000 megawatts in Hormozgan province.

Eslami also criticized the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for failing to protect confidential information despite Iran's repeated warnings.

He clarified that political (Continued on Page 7)

The Holy Qur'an

He it is Who sent His Apostle with guidance and the religion of truth, that He might cause it to prevail over all religions, though the polytheists may be averse.

The Holy Qur'an (9.33)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	11:52
Evening (Maghreb)	17:55
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	06:06
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	04:42

## President Reaffirms Iran's Commitment to Peace, Urges Muslim Unity

TEHRAN – President Masoud Pezeshkian has reiterated Iran's commitment to peace and security in West Asia, emphasizing that Tehran has never pursued nuclear weapons in line with its longstanding policies.

Pezeshkian told Switzerland's new ambassador to Iran, Oliver Bangerter, that Switzerland serves as the protecting power for U.S. interests in Tehran, facilitating diplomatic communication between the two countries since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The Iranian president urged Bangerter to convey to U.S. officials that Iran's nuclear program is peaceful and consistent with the country's core principles.

“The Islamic Republic of Iran has always sought regional stability, peace, and security. The propaganda and baseless claims against Iran's peaceful nuclear program by the U.S. and some European countries lack any real basis,” Pezeshkian said.

He also thanked Switzerland for its cooperation in critical sectors such as pharmaceuticals

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## Iran, Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan Sign Caspian Security Pact

ST. PETERSBURG (Dispatches) – The naval commanders of Iran, Russia, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan signed a strategic cooperation agreement on Wednesday aimed at enhancing security in the Caspian Sea, a key region rich in energy resources.

The pact, finalized during a meeting in the Russian city of St. Petersburg, seeks to strengthen collaboration among the four Caspian littoral states in safeguarding the shared waters, with a firm stance against interference from foreign or extra-regional powers.

Rear Admiral Shahram Irani, Commander of the Iranian Navy, signed the agreement on behalf of Tehran and said the Caspian Sea “belongs to five littoral countries” and that security matters should be handled solely by these states.

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