

## Massive Qom Rally Testifies the Nation's Iron Resolve

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The millions who turned out in the holy city of Qom for the funeral prayer of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, resembled a roaring sea of black-clad mourners stretching for at least seven kilometers from the Jamkaran Mosque to the sacred mausoleum of Hazrat Fatema Ma'souma (SA), was yet another testimony to the iron-resolve of the Iranian nation.

The sight of the five national flag-draped coffins, including the tiny one of the 14-month granddaughter of Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (RA) – Zahra Mohammad Golpayegani – drew torrents of tears from the huge gathering beating chests with chants of "Ya Hussain (AS)" in remembrance of the immortal Martyr of Karbala, in whose footsteps the Leader and the nation tread.

In this month of Muharram that the nation commemorates the heartrending martyrdom of the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), the funeral brings memories of the heartless killing of Imam Husain's (AS) 6-month infant and the afflictions which the Martyr of Karbala's 4-year old daughter, Hazrat Ruqaiyya (SA) endured before ending as another child martyr.

No wonder, Iranians and conscientious people all over the world are calling the current killers Donald Trump of the US and Benjamin Netanyahu of the illegal Zionist entity as present day Yazids – a reference to the Godless Omayyad tyrant.

The unfurling of red flags throughout these ceremonies, coupled with the burning of effigies of the above-mentioned devilish duo, indicate the resolve of the bereaved nation to bring to justice the dastardly perpetrators of the war imposed upon the Islamic Republic.

Trump and Netanyahu will never be able to escape the swiftly approaching humiliating end of their miserable life, as was the fate of the perpetrators of the tragedy of Karbala when the avenger Mukhtar ibn Abi Obaidah Thaqafi started his campaign.

The resurgent nation of Iran is fully determined to reclaim its rights that include not just the control of the Strait of Hormuz but also war reparations, removal of all US bases from the region, release of all frozen assets, uranium enrichment, and the end of Israel.

If those who think that the American regime and the Zionist entity will survive are living in a fool's paradise. Divine Wrath is around the corner and inevitable.

## PUIC Chief Voices Solidarity With Iran

TEHRAN – Secretary General of the Parliamentary Union of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (PUIC) Muhammad Qureshi Nias extended his condolences over the martyrdom of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, expressing solidarity with Iran.

In a message to Iranian parliament speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Qureshi Nias said that as the people of Iran and the Islamic Ummah bid farewell to Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei and his family, he was conveying his sincere condolences and deepest sympathy on behalf of himself and the PUIC Secretariat.

He asked Ghalibaf to convey the union's condolences to the brotherly people of Iran and the family of the martyred Leader.

The PUIC secretary general said the union shares the grief and sorrow of the Iranian nation over the great tragedy and prayed to Almighty God to bestow His infinite mercy upon the martyred Leader and those martyred alongside him and bless their family members, survivors, and the Iranian people with patience and perseverance.

Qureshi Nias also reaffirmed the PUIC's solidarity with Iran during what he described as this eventful period.

The main funeral procession for martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution took place in the Iranian capital of Tehran on Monday, with large crowds taking to the streets from the early hours to participate in the historic ceremony.

## Eslami: Iran's Nuclear Progress Stems From Guidance, Support of Martyred Leader



Martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei (R) visits Iran's nuclear achievements as the head of the Iranian nuclear organization, Mohammad Eslami (L), accompanies him in his visit in June 2023.

TEHRAN - The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) says the Islamic Republic's nuclear industry has achieved its current level of progress through the guidance and support of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

In a televised interview on Tuesday, Muhammad Eslami said that long-term strategic policies devised under the martyred Leader laid the foundation for the development of nuclear technology and power generation in the country.

He noted how, pursuing those policies, Iran continued to advance, despite sustained efforts by enemies to obstruct the country's progress.

"Despite all the obstacles and difficulties that Iran's enemies have created to prevent the country from succeeding, and despite the numerous operations they have carried out since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, by God's grace, this objective, namely the country's progress, has been realized, and Iran's standing has been trans-

formed," he stated.

Turning to the country's scientific and technological development, Eslami said the martyred Leader had consistently backed strategic sectors, including nuclear technology, from the outset.

"In both the defense sector and strategic fields that contribute to national strength, such as nuclear technology, the martyred Leader stood firmly from the very beginning with remarkable perseverance."

He said the country's general policies had been drafted with a view to long-term planning, noting that they had called for the expansion of nuclear power generation and research into nuclear fusion decades before the technology gained broader international attention.

"The country's general policies were formulated with extraordinary foresight. Even at that time, the general policies in the field of energy specifically called for the development of nuclear power plants and nuclear fusion technology. Today, thirty years later, fu-

sion technology is regarded as a new source of virtually limitless energy, comparable to the energy of the sun," he said.

"The developed world is now pursuing this technology at great speed, with countries actively engaged in research in this field. Yet our martyred Leader issued these directives three decades ago," he added.

Eslami said the martyred Leader first emphasized the need to reach 20,000 megawatts of nuclear electricity generation capacity in 2007, describing the target as a continuing national priority.

He said the first unit of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant in southern Iran is currently in operation, while construction of the plant's second and third units is underway.

According to Eslami, plans have also been prepared to build additional nuclear power plants along Iran's southern coastline, in Khuzestan Province, which is likewise situated in the south, and the northern Iranian Golestan Province,

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## Army Spokesperson: Ceasefires Used to Upgrade Combat Capabilities

TEHRAN - Spokesperson for the Islamic Republic of Iran Army Brigadier General Muhammad Akraminia has warned that any miscalculation by adversaries will be met with a crushing and decisive response from Iran's armed forces.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of procession for the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, General Akraminia stated that Iran continuously utilizes ceasefires to

enhance its combat readiness. "We have repeatedly declared that we use any ceasefire opportunity to upgrade our combat capabilities, and we will not lose or overlook a single moment," Akraminia said.

Reflecting on the massive public turnout at the farewell ceremony for Iran's late leader, the spokesperson added, "As our martyred leader stated, these people have been chosen, and God willing, they will carry this revolution forward

to deliver it to its ultimate rightful custodian, Imam Mahdi (AS)."

Akraminia highlighted the global significance of the gathering, expressing hope that the public's presence and the leader's sacrifice would awaken the international community to stand against oppression and global arrogance. He praised the public for creating a lasting, historic epic that he said would foster awakening across Muslim nations.

## Ministry Raps German FM's Remarks on Hormuz Strait, Demands Accountability for War Role

TEHRAN - Iran's Foreign Ministry has denounced German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl's remarks on the Strait of Hormuz, describing them as utterly shameful and a grotesque distortion of reality that reeks of the deceitful Mephistopheles in Goethe's Faust.

In a statement on X on Monday night, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said the German official's rhetoric exposes Berlin's complicity in the illegal US-Israeli war of aggression against the Islamic Republic.

"The German Foreign Min-

ister's rhetoric on the Strait of Hormuz is utterly shameful — a grotesque distortion of reality that reeks of Mephistopheles in Goethe's Faust," Baghaei stated.

"Germany must be held fully accountable for its complicity in military aggression against Iran and bear the heavy costs of its active participation in the crime of aggression," he said.

"No amount of offensive posturing will allow the Berlin regime to evade responsibility for its role in this illegal war and the war crimes committed against the Iranian people," Baghaei said.

The condemnation comes after Wadepuhl publicly opposed any form of tolls or service fees for transit through the Strait of Hormuz and claimed Iran must ultimately pay for mine-clearance operations while rejecting any incentives for Tehran's cooperation.

Wadepuhl has also insisted the vital waterway must be reopened "without any restrictions whatsoever" and without the possibility of levying charges, a position Iranian officials view as blatant interference in the Islamic Republic's sovereign rights.

The Holy Qur'an  
He punishes whom He pleases and has mercy on whom He pleases, and to Him you shall be turned back.  
The Holy Qur'an (29:21)

### PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:09
Evening (Maghreb)	19:43
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:55
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:10

## Defense Ministry: Sanctions Strengthened Iran's Defense Self-Sufficiency

TEHRAN – Defense Ministry spokesperson Brigadier General Reza Taleai-Nik said on Tuesday that comprehensive sanctions and pressures imposed by Iran's adversaries failed to hinder the country's progress and instead helped drive it toward defense self-sufficiency, sustainable deterrence and strategic strength.

Speaking simultaneous with massive funeral procession for the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, Taleai-Nik said the martyred Leader had regarded science, technology and self-reliance as pillars of national power, adding that his strategic approach to scientific and defense development had enabled Iran to build an effective indigenous deterrent capability.

He said Iran had developed and manufactured a broad range of defense equipment using domestic scientific and technological expertise and support for local specialists, adding that these achievements had neutralized the impact of sanctions and turned the country into an exporter of defense equipment.

Taleai-Nik said the experience of the recent U.S.-Israeli-imposed war had further strengthened Iran's defense capabilities, adding that the large turnout at Ayatollah Khamenei's funeral reflected public support for the country's political system and the path he had outlined.

The Strait of Hormuz remains under the full and exclusive authority of the Islamic Republic following the U.S.-Israeli war of aggression.

Iranian forces, led by the IRGC Navy, continue to exercise intelligent control over all traffic through the strategic chokepoint.

Senior Iranian lawmakers have repeatedly stated that the management of the Strait of Hormuz is solely Iran's responsibility as an inseparable part of national sovereignty.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi  
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