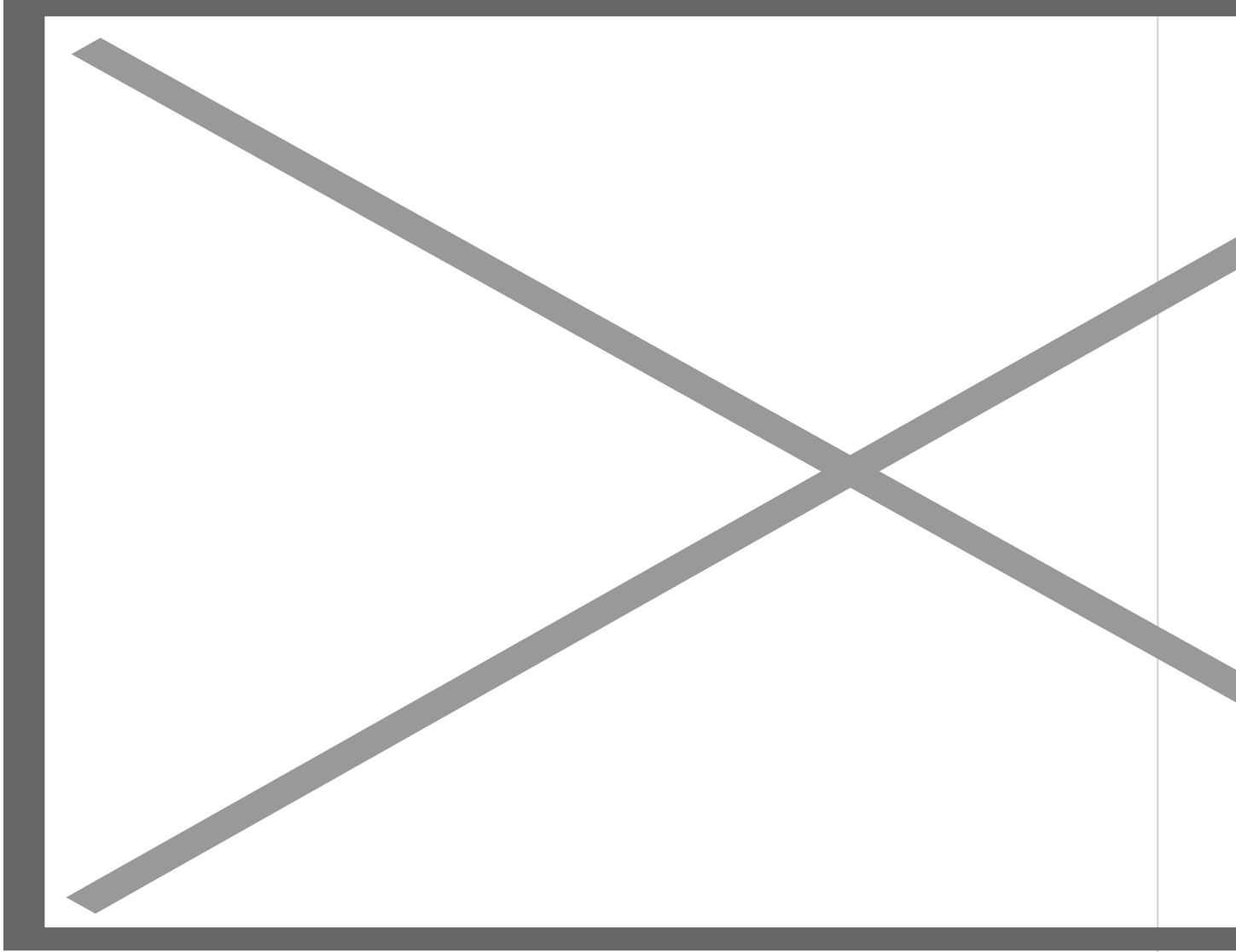


Iran foreign minister urges BRICS intervention to stop Israel's war crimes in Gaza

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Palestinians search for survivors in the rubble of a building at the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip on October 31, 2023. (Photo by AFP)

Tehran, November 8 (RHC)-- Iran has urged the BRICS group of nations to intervene in an active, constructive and responsible manner to stop the Israeli regime's war crimes against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian made the demand in separate letters addressed to his counterparts in the five member states of the BRICS, including Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. In those letters, the Iranian top diplomat expressed "deep concern and sorrow" over the Israeli regime's atrocities against the people of Gaza.

Amir-Abdollahian called on BRICS member states to intervene "in an active, constructive and responsible manner" to stop Israel's onslaught on and war crimes in Gaza and "hold the occupying aggressors to account."

The unprecedented Israeli bombardment of Gaza began on October 7, when the Palestinian territory's resistance groups launched Operation al-Aqsa Storm in the occupied territories in response to the regime's intensified crimes against Palestinians.

The death toll from Israel's genocidal attacks has reached at least 9,770, while more than 26,000 people, mostly women, children and the elderly, have been wounded.

The regime has also cut off the flow of basic supplies, such as water, electricity, medicines and fuel, to one of the world's most densely-populated territories that houses over two million Palestinians.

Amir-Abdollahian mentioned usurpation of Palestinians' lands, massacres of the original inhabitants of Palestine, destruction of Palestinians' homes and farms, attacks on health centers, apprehension and torture of Palestinian men, women, and even children, and insulting the Palestinian nation's dignity as examples of Israel's crimes against the oppressed people of Palestine.

The Iranian foreign minister demanded that the BRICS immediately place the critical situation in Gaza on its agenda to help make up for some of the most important problems of the current global system.

He also asked the BRICS and other global mechanisms like the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Eurasian Economic Union, the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to take steps to realize a just global system by paving the way for the oppressed people to reclaim their rights from the oppressors.

Amir-Abdollahian says the consensus formed in global public opinion against the occupying regime is irreversible, as he hailed the massive rally in Indonesia in solidarity with Palestinians.

Also on Sunday, Amir-Abdollahian addressed a separate letter to the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres concerning the situation in Gaza.

"The international community should mobilize towards preventing realization of another Nakba (Catastrophe)," read the letter, referring to the ethnic cleansing of Palestinian natives by the apartheid Israeli regime in 1948.

The top diplomat described the regime's underway atrocities in Gaza as "war crimes," reminding the UN chief that Tel Aviv has so far either violated or has been the subject of more than 30 UN Security Council resolutions.

Amir-Abdollahian called on Guterres to condemn the regime's violations of the international law. He urged Guterres to take necessary measures towards "immediate and unconditioned" cessation of the underway Israeli war on Gaza, removal of the coastal territory's siege, and providing international humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza.

Amir-Abdollahian warned that the international community's inaction in the face of Israel's crimes in the Gaza Strip will pave the way for a genocide.

This was the second letter written by Iran's foreign minister to Guterres since the ongoing Israeli war on Gaza started.

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