

*Iranian parliament speaker says
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A displaced Palestinian is seen in a tent that was destroyed by Israel's bombardment in the west of the city of Rafah in the Gaza Strip on May 27, 2024. (Photo by AP)

Tehran, May 31 (RHC)-- Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf has called on Muslim governments to set aside diplomatic considerations and vigorously stand up for the rights of Palestinians against Israel's months-long atrocities in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Qalibaf made the remark while addressing an open parliamentary session on Thursday after the Israeli regime's deadly attack on a tent camp in the southern Gaza city of Rafah.

The Gaza Health Ministry reported on Sunday that at least 50 people were killed and more than 200 others injured in the wake of a huge fire that broke out following the Israeli military's strike on a tented area for displaced people in Rafah.

"Today, the eyes of the world are on Rafah. The homeless refugees, who have no other shelter than canvas tents, are shelled by the most ruthless creatures on earth, the Zionist criminals. The images of burnt tents and burnt children in Rafah have hurt the feelings of the people of the world and caused their patience to run out," Qalibaf said.

"The world's governments, particularly the Islamic governments, should put aside diplomatic ... considerations and defend the dignity of humanity with all their might," he added. "Inaction against such war crimes will sink mankind into the era of barbarism. Today, not only Palestine, Gaza and Rafah, but also the achievements of human civilization are threatened. The voices of burnt children in Rafah are a testament to humanity's failure to protect the obvious rights of people and a symbol of the governments' indifference to the most humane emotions of their nations."

Qalibaf said the Israeli regime's confrontation with the defenseless Palestinian people is not a political one but a confrontation between the 21st century savagery and defenseless humanity.

"The Zionist regime has set on fire not only the Palestinian children, but the souls and lives of all the people across the world," he said, adding that governments should join hands and stop the occupying regime's killing machine.

Underlining that the U.S. administration is the biggest supporter of the Israeli regime, Qalibaf said: "The spiral of the Zionist brutality must be stopped at any cost, and the nation and the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran will do their best to this end, and will invariably and proudly stand by the oppressed people and the homeless Palestinian children."

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