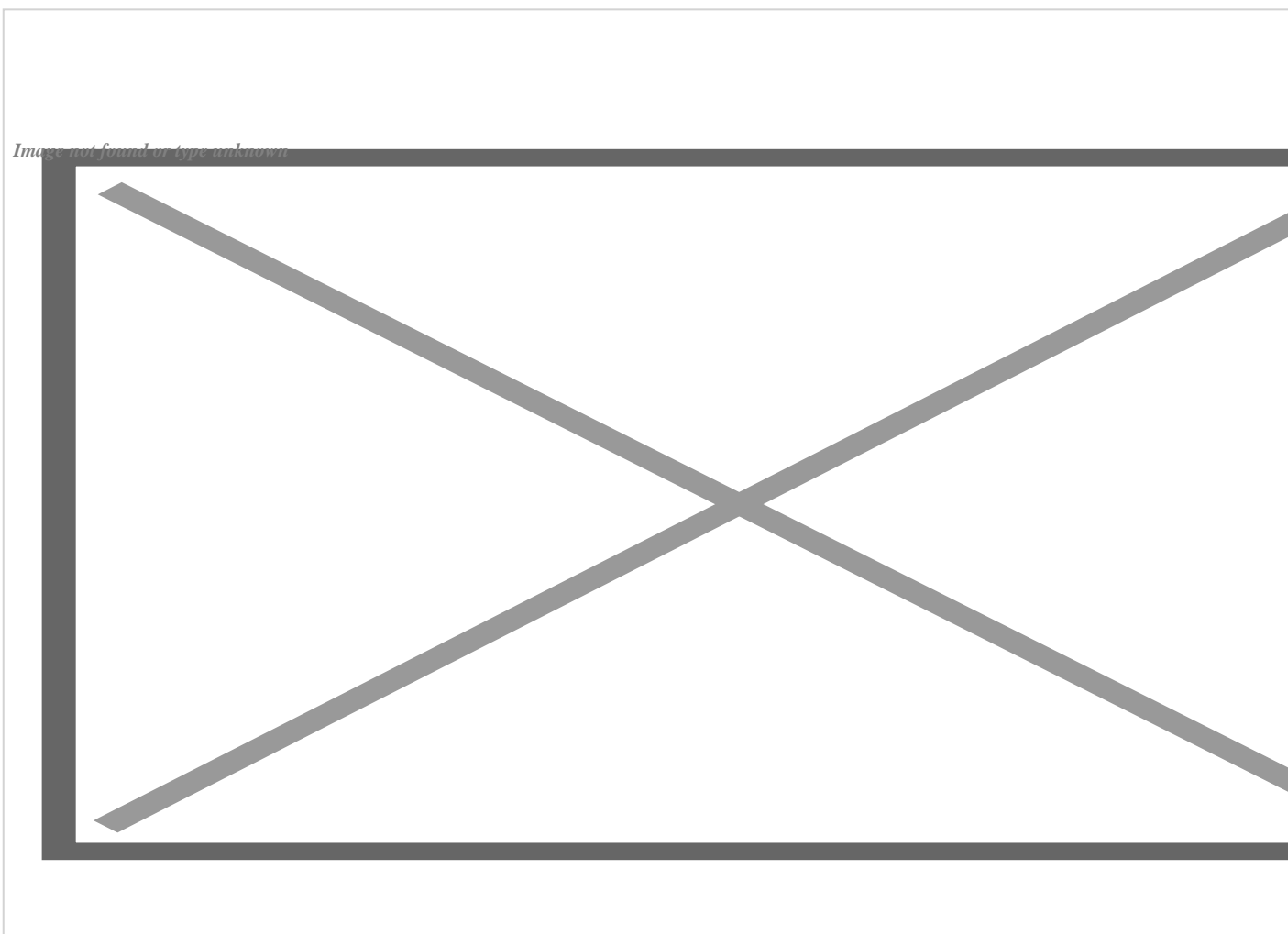


Iran says Israel has normalized child killing, fearing new Palestinian generation



Tehran, August 14 (RHC)-- Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani says killing children has become the norm of how Zionists operate toward the Palestinian territories, noting that the practice exposes the Israeli regime's fear of the new Palestinian generation.

Bagheri Kani made the remarks during a meeting with Qatar's Deputy Foreign Minister for Regional Affairs Mohammed bin Abdulaziz al-Khulaifi in Tehran on Saturday afternoon. "Pesticide has become the norm of Zionist governance and it shows the Zionists' fear about the future," he said, stressing that killing children is condemned by any human criterion or standard.

On Friday, Israel launched a devastating military onslaught against the besieged Gaza Strip, killing dozens of civilians, including at least 17 children, and injuring hundreds more with its airstrikes that lasted

for three consecutive days.

On Thursday, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights raised the alarm over the rate by which the Israeli regime has been killing Palestinian children so far this year. “Inflicting hurt on any child during the course of conflict is deeply disturbing, and the killing and maiming of so many children this year is unconscionable,” Michelle Bachelet said.

Bagheri Kani further said that Israeli rulers are well aware of the potential of the emerging Palestinian generation who would pose a “strategic threat” to the occupiers in the occupied territories.

The governments in Muslim countries, the senior Iranian diplomat added that, should more than ever focus on supporting the Palestinian people in various dimensions. Following their meeting, the Qatari foreign minister said in a tweet that the two sides also discussed the developments surrounding the talks to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear agreement.

On-and-off negotiations have been held in the Austrian capital of Vienna since April last year to revive the JCPOA, which was unilaterally abandoned by the United States in 2018. The Iranian delegation at the talks is led by Bagheri Kani.

Last month, the negotiations were hosted in Doha in a different format, with Tehran and Washington holding indirect talks mediated by the European Union. Tehran has urged Washington to be serious in order to finalize an agreement.

Khulaifi also met on Saturday with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, who underlined the need to implement the agreements reached between Tehran and Doha during Iranian President Ebrahim Raeisi’s latest visit to the Persian Gulf Arab country and the Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani’s trip to Iran.

During their meeting, the two sides exchanged views about the expansion of bilateral relations and topics of common interests. The Qatari diplomat, for his part, stressed his country’s resolve to boost bilateral ties with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

President Ebrahim Raeisi has hailed the resistance of Iran and Venezuela against the Western domination and imperialism, saying the most valuable asset of the two countries is their people who have decided to withstand the hegemonic powers’ excessive demands.

Raeisi visited Doha in late February to attend the sixth summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) in the Qatari capital, where the two neighboring countries signed 14 memoranda of understanding in the fields of aviation, trade, shipping, media, cancelation of visa requirements, electricity, standards, education and culture.

The Qatari emir also visited Tehran in May. During his trip, the two sides agreed to implement joint projects and expand their economic and political ties.

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