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MILLIONS JOIN FUNERAL PRAYERS FOR MARTYRED LEADER AYATOLLAH SEYYED ALI KHAMENEI, AT TEHRAN

Millions of mourners from Iran and other countries performed funeral prayers for the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, on Sunday as Ayatollah Jafar Sobhani led the prayers at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Mosalla, attended by large crowds of people.

As the interior of the prayer hall reached full capacity, all entrances to the complex were closed several hours prior to the prayer service held for the body of the martyred Leader.

The streets and pathways surrounding the prayer hall are currently filled with a significant number of individuals who have gathered to pay their respects and offer prayers for martyred Ayatollah Khamenei.

The funeral prayer was held in three stages. The first was offered for the martyred Leader. The second covered Martyr Seyyede Boshra Hosseini Khamenei, Martyr Mesbah al-Hoda Baqeri, and Martyr Zahra Haddad Adel, while the third will be offered for Zahra Mohammadi Golpayegani, the martyred Leader's granddaughter.



The farewell ceremony began early Saturday at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Mosalla

following the martyrdom of the Leader. The gathering has drawn massive crowds paying

their final respects. Funeral processions are scheduled for Tuesday in the

holy city of Qom and Thursday in Mashhad, where the martyred Leader will be laid to rest at the

shrine of Imam Reza. Ayatollah Khamenei was martyred following the launch of the latest bout

of unprovoked American-Israeli aggression against Iran on February 28.

The farewell ceremony began early Saturday and will continue through Sunday at the Grand Imam Khomeini Mosalla.

The main funeral procession in Tehran is scheduled for Monday.

Funeral ceremonies will also be held in Qom on Tuesday, and in Mashhad on Thursday, where the Leader will be laid to rest at the Imam Reza Shrine Special farewell and funeral ceremonies for the martyred Leader will also take place in the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala on Wednesday according to the organizers.

On Friday, official tributes were paid by heads of state, dignitaries from various countries, and religious leaders from



Former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid recently concluded a three-day visit to Iran as part of an Indian delegation. During the visit, he participated in the funeral procession of Iran's Supreme Leader on 3 July, met senior Iranian officials, including the Chief Justice of Iran, and held discussions on regional developments and India-Iran relations. Speaking exclusively to Syed Jaffer Hussain, Editor of Sada-e-Hussaini and Safir News TV, in Muscat, Salman Khurshid shared his experiences from the visit, praised the hospitality of the Iranian people, and emphasized the importance of peace, dialogue, and strengthening the longstanding ties between India and Iran

Israel kills more Gazans, blows up buildings in latest ceasefire violations

An Israeli strike on Gaza City has killed at least one Palestinian and injured several more, as the Israeli forces pushed ahead with shelling and demolitions across the besieged Strip — the latest in a series of reported ceasefire violations. Medical sources told reporters that the body of Mohammad Najib Ashour and several wounded were taken to Al-Shifa Hospital and Al-Ahli Arab Hospital after an Israeli drone targeted a young man riding a bicycle near the Asqula junction in the Zeitoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza City. In northern Gaza, ambulance crews recovered the bodies of two Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in Beit Lahia. Local sources identified them as Bilal Hussein Abu Rabia and Hamza Imad Hamdouna. The two had been missing for days before their bodies were recovered on Saturday.

Telangana invites suggestions on CURE Integrated Governance Bill

It aims to replace the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955, as it has not kept pace with the region's growth.



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The Telangana government on Sunday, July 5, released the Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill, 2026, for public inputs. The bill proposes maintaining de-

centralised administration at the corporation level along with coordination at the metro level, bringing the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation under an

integrated governance system. It aims to replace the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955, as it has not kept pace with the region's growth from a city of 15 lakh people to a metropolitan area of 1.3 crore, the government stated in a release. While major provisions on corporations, standing committees, commissioners, ward committees, election administration, property tax administration, debt collection powers, and animal welfare will continue, some key reforms have also been

introduced. Reforms The new bill will shift property tax from Annual Rental Value to a Capital Value method, delete octroi/dog tax and introduce self-assessment, an Integrated Property Identity Code, and rebates for timely and sustainable payment. A CURE SMART Governance Centre will be established for real-time, multi-agency monitoring and emergency coordination, and a CURE Appellate Authority will be created for speedy grievance redressal.

Congress, AIMIM targeting Hindu votes, says Bandi Sanjay

Bandi Sanjay Kumar alleged that Congress and AIMIM were conspiring to remove Hindu votes during the SIR exercise.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Saturday, July 4, alleged that the Telangana government was misusing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and accused the Congress of colluding with the AIMIM to remove Hindu voters from electoral rolls. Speaking to reporters

at Desaipet village in Bhimaram mandal of Jagtial district, Sanjay claimed that while lower-level officials were willing to carry out the SIR exercise, senior officials and the state government were not extending adequate support. He alleged that officials were not conducting door-to-door verification effec-

tively in areas inhabited by Hindu voters and called on Hindus in Telangana to "remain vigilant." The BJP leader also alleged that attempts to remove the names of Rohingya immigrants from voter lists in some urban areas were being opposed by the AIMIM, with the Congress supporting such efforts.

Open Kannepalli pump, demands KTR; Uttam says not before 2027

Uttam said that switching on the Kannepalli pumphouse will release water into the Annaram barrage, which is plagued with several defects.

Telangana Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday, July 5, denied Bharat Rashtra Samithi's (BRS) claims that abundant water could be supplied to farmers by switching on the Kannepalli pumphouse, saying that storing water in the three barrages, Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla, was highly dangerous. Conducting a press conference at the Secretariat, the minister said that switching on the Kannepalli pumphouse will release water into the Annaram

barrage, which is plagued with several defects in its foundation. He said that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) has advised against holding water in any barrages of the Kaleshwaram project until comprehensive repairs are completed. He accused the previous BRS government for changing the project's original design for political and commercial gain, and said that if the structures had been built properly, North Telangana would not be facing water uncertainty today.

He said that Block 7 of the Medigadda barrage had sunk after the soil beneath it got washed away. Similar deficiencies have been spotted at the Annaram and Sundilla barrages as well, and storing water in them could put the downstream towns at risk, he said. "The government has launched an extensive repair program and the project would be functional by this time next year. Engineers were finalising the designs, and construction will begin as soon as the floodwater



recedes," he said. To protect farmers while the Kaleshwaram is under repair, the state government is designing a new project so that water can be pumped from Tummidihatti, he added.

PEACE IN LEBANON IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT IRAN: QALIBAF



Qalibaf made the remarks in a Sunday meeting with Muhammad Fneish, a senior member of the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah, who was in Tehran to attend funeral ceremonies for the late Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Qalibaf said in the meeting that the recent US-Israeli aggression against Iran, which caused conflicts in the wider West Asia region, including in Lebanon, proved that peace in the region can only be achieved through Iran.

The senior official said the memorandum of understanding reached between Iran and the United States last month has set clear conditions for cessation of aggression against Iranian-allied resistance forces in the region, including on Hezbollah.

"We had a special emphasis on Lebanon's territorial integrity and sovereignty," Qalibaf said of the negotiations that led to the signing of the Iran-US agreement, in which he led the Iranian negotiation team. He also appreciated Hezbollah's brave fighting against the Israeli regime in support of Iran during the recent US-Israeli aggression against Iran, saying that the fight was a "turning point in history" which showed the "unbreakable bond" between resistance groups and Iran.

Fneish, for his part, said that Hezbollah considers itself a part of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, saying relations between the Lebanese group and the Islamic Republic of Iran have always been brotherly and based on religious and revolutionary bonds.

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