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*Korea's
Liberator*



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IRAN ARMY CHIEF ANNOUNCES \$30,000 BOUNTY



Iran's Army Commander-in-Chief, Major General Amir Hatami, addresses a meeting to honor journalists in Tehran on August 16, 2026. (Photo: IRNA)

Iran's Army Commander-in-Chief, Major General Amir Hatami, has announced a financial reward for anyone who kills or captures an aggressor US soldier, declaring that the era of American military presence in the Persian Gulf is permanently over.

Speaking at a ceremony honoring National Journalist Day, General Hatami revealed a new initiative backed by public crowdfunding campaigns, where Iranian citizens donate money to support the armed forces for defense operations. Under this plan, any individual who kills or captures a US soldier and hands them over to authorities will receive a reward of 5 billion Tomans (approximately \$30,000).

General Hatami added that courageous Iranian women who accomplish this feat will receive double the reward.

Furthermore, the weapon used in the operation will be purchased by the Army at twice its market value and permanently displayed in a dedicated museum. - [PressTV](#)



IRGC COMMANDER WARNS OF SHIFT TO OFFENSIVE POSTURE

A senior commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has warned that while Iran's military actions have remained strictly defensive since the outbreak of hostilities, the armed forces are fully prepared to adopt an offensive posture if necessary, cautioning adversaries to expect "strategic surprises."

Brigadier General Yadollah Javani, the Political Deputy of the IRGC, made the remarks during a televised interview on Monday evening.

He emphasized that the adversary was the initiator of the conflict, noting that Iran's responses have thus far been purely defensive.

However, he warned that this defensive stance is poised to evolve, marking a significant and transformative shift in the military's strategic doctrine.

He pointed directly to the recent appointment decrees of top IRGC commanders, specifically highlighting the mandate given to the new Commander-in-Chief, Major General Ahmad Vahidi.

General Javani noted that the new command decrees are not merely administrative changes but a clear signal to adversaries that Iran's military doctrine is evolving to meet and exceed the challenges of modern warfare.

According to General Javani, General Vahidi's decree emphasizes "maximum deterrence" and introduces a new operational approach: from now on, any defensive action taken by the armed forces will inherently take on an offensive shape to proactively neutralize threats. - [PressTV](#)



TRUMP'S ENVOYS NEVER VISITED KIEV BEFORE

US President Donald Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff and son-in-law Jared Kushner have never visited Ukraine's capital Kiev in the course of their ongoing effort to resolve the Ukrainian conflict, former Ukrainian Prime Minister (2010-2014) Nikolay Azarov said.

"So far, rumors are circulating that they were supposed to come to Russia and visit Kiev. As far as I know, they have never been in Kiev since Donald Trump tasked them with the mission of finding solutions," Azarov said, commenting on the possible visit.

The Financial Times reported on July 31 that the envoys were expected to visit Ukraine soon. Although Kiev had announced their visits multiple times, they have not yet materialized. On August 8, a TASS source said the visit may take place within a week or ten days. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on August 14 that Russian President Vladimir Putin is ready to again meet with Witkoff and Kushner, but the question is what proposals they would bring to the Kremlin.

Earlier, Vladimir Zelensky repeatedly announced the possible arrival of the US envoys to Ukraine, first after Easter, then in the coming weeks, then in summer. In July, he named Ukraine's Independence Day, celebrated on August 24, as a potential date, but no further announcements have yet been made.

Witkoff visited Russia seven times, and was received by Putin on numerous occasions. His latest visit took place in January. - [TASS](#)

US LAUNCHES 49 PROBES INTO WEAPONS SUPPLIES TO UKRAINE



Various agencies and departments in the United States are conducting at least 49 probes into US weapons supplies to Ukraine, data from Ukrainian law enforcement agencies seen by TASS showed. Since the start of 2026, the United States has received 26 appeals over what could be fraud with military aid to Ukraine. Probes into 10 cases have been launched. - [TASS](#)

UKRAINE ATTACKS ON DPR

One civilian died and ten others were wounded in Ukrainian attacks on the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) during the day, DPR's head, Denis Pushilin, said. According to Pushilin, a man was wounded in Debaltsevo after a drone attacked his car, a woman and a man received wounds in Goryanka, two men were wounded in Gorlovka, a man was wounded in the village of Yalynskoye, and a man was injured after an attack on his car on the Donetsk-Peski motorway.

He also said that two residential houses, a civilian infrastructure facility, three trucks, two passenger cars, and emergencies services' vehicles were damaged. - [TASS](#)

GERMANY DENIES VISA TO BOOKER OMOLE

The DKP had invited you to the peace days of the party newspaper *Unsere Zeit* from August 28 to 30 in Berlin. However, the German embassy in Nairobi did not want to issue you with a visa. Why?

On the one hand, because I have already been arrested at home and am confronted with court proceedings. The German authorities could not be sure whether the Kenyan government had even approved my trip. On the other hand, they referred to a "Gofundme" link through which I collect funds for my legal fees. Basically, I was indirectly told that I was at risk of fleeing – that I wanted to go to Germany to avoid prosecution. The embassy works with a checklist that essentially includes 17 reasons for refusal: forged passport, false information and so on. There was a green light on all these points. An 18th point was specially constructed for me: that I am politically persecuted at home and therefore not allowed to travel to Berlin.

How difficult was it to apply for the visa in the first place?

The German embassy hires a broker – a middleman who processes the documents and who has to be paid for it. This was a strict procedure: land deeds, bank statements, the broker's payment, the visa fee – a total of around 84,000 Kenyan shillings (562.90 euros, jW). The communication afterwards was extremely poor. I had applied for a visa category, which was supposed to take ten days to process. Instead, the embassy withheld my passport for a month. So I couldn't fly to Tehran. After a month and several unanswered e-mails, I finally got a call from the embassy.



I was asked about my political activities and why I had previously been denied a visa in Paris. There I had been questioned about my social media posts, especially about my solidarity with Hamas. The same in London.

What interest does the FRG have in not letting you enter the country?

The visa refusal is an attempt to prevent internationalism and solidarity between German and Kenyan comrades, precisely because many people will travel to Berlin for the planned cultural festival. I've been to Berlin before, and until about two years ago I was in most European countries. Since then, it has become increasingly difficult and even risky for me. Next time, I will be accused of supporting terrorist activities simply because I have expressed solidarity with Hamas, which in our view is a national liberation movement, not a terrorist organization, as the German ruling class would like to call it.

Can you file an objection?

Not from Nairobi. I would have to travel to Berlin without a visa to file an objection there – which is absurd. Alternatively, I would have to hire a German lawyer to represent the case there. In practice, it is already impossible for me to challenge the decision at all. How much could a communist working on the African continent realistically pay for a lawyer just to ask the German authorities why they refused the visa?

- [Read the Full Interview at jungeWelt](#)

BREAKING ON X

FILTHY CONDITIONS ON USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

PressTV posts a story on x showing incredibly filthy conditions aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, to contextualize the worsening crises aboard the USA carrier.

<https://x.com/PressTV/status/2089028532546449432>

NORMAN FINKELSTEIN ANTI HAMAS TAKES

Mujamma Haraket on X highlights Norman Finkelstein's latest appearance on "India and Global Left" where he says Hamas leaders engaged in an impulsive gamble, rather than a strategic operation; he further goes on to use a problematic comparison by claiming "Nat Turner, Who had only read the bible"

<https://x.com/MujammaHaraket/status/2088515987247149204>

RUSSIA DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED MC-21

Russia's fully domestically built MC-21 just completed a non-stop 4,000 km flight The jet flew from Irkutsk to Zhukovsky Airport near Moscow in 5 hours 50 minutes — without a single Western component on board Now it's being prepped for painting in the customer's corporate colors – <https://x.com/TheOtherSideRu/status/2088916633481863190>





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CUBA CELEBRATES FIDEL CASTRO'S CENTENNIAL



"Fidel is not only from Cuba. Fidel belongs to all revolutionaries of the world who admire his work and share his ideas. Fidel belongs to all of humanity," Díaz-Canel affirmed. To be a Fidel supporter, he asserted, is to define ourselves as permanent anti-imperialist fighters against all injustices in the world.

From Fidel, the president recalled, we learned that we must always uphold three inalienable principles: the country's independence, the Revolution, and the values and achievements that socialism represents. And the economic and social transformations undertaken are moving in that direction.

"When future historians look back in time, searching for Fidel Castro Ruz, they will no longer see just one man," the president emphasized.

They will see millions who, inspired by his exemplary life, earned a place in history, with the unwavering resolve that this nation has demonstrated. - [Granma](#)

CHINESE ANTI-WAR FILM CHALLENGES HOLLYWOOD'S STORYTELLING CONVENTIONS



The Chinese anti-war film *Once Upon a Time in the Middle East* has sparked considerable discussion on overseas social media platforms even before its international release. Its narrative perspective, distinct from many conventional Hollywood portrayals of war, has prompted some viewers to describe it as one of the most direct and unvarnished critiques of Hollywood.

The story follows Xu Fu, a Chinese chef who becomes embroiled in a desperate struggle to save lives amid the ravages of war in the Middle East. In contrast to long-established Hollywood conventions that often cast Western soldiers, agents or rescuers as central protagonists, the film turns its lens toward ordinary people caught in the grip of conflict. It depicts how individual lives are reshaped by the forces of history, while conveying a quiet sense of goodwill and offering a thoughtful reflection on the human condition.

Against the backdrop of the United States' real-world pursuit of "America First" and unilateralism, which have increasingly raised questions about the credibility of the American-style hero archetype long celebrated in Hollywood blockbusters, *Once Upon a Time in the Middle East* challenges conventional narrative formulas while contributing to a broader rethinking of the logic and values that underpin global storytelling. - [CGTN](#)

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BINH DAN HOSPITAL SETS VIETNAM RECORD WITH NEARLY 4,300 ROBOTIC SURGERIES

Binh Dan Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City has successfully performed 4,278 robotic surgeries over the past decade, setting a Vietnam record as the country's first and leading hospital in robotic surgery by number of cases. The hospital announced the milestone on August 15 at a ceremony marking 10 years of pioneering robotic surgery in Vietnam, held alongside a scientific seminar on robotic surgery in thoracic, general and urological surgery. At the ceremony, Binh Dan Hospital and Seoul St. Mary's Hospital of the Republic of Korea signed a memorandum of understanding to expand cooperation in professional exchange, training and research, particularly in robotic surgery and personalised cancer treatment. [VNA](#)
Photo: Đinh Hằng



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HOW WAS KOREA LIBERATED?

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung formed the Down-with-Imperialism Union in October 1926 and declared a do-or-die war against imperialism. He had never deviated from his determination to achieve the country's independence by the Korean people themselves throughout the anti-Imperialism war.

At that time, the preceding theorists believed that the cause of national liberation in a colonial country depended on the victory of the revolution in the suzerain country. With a clear insight into the limitations of the existing theory on the national liberation movement in colonies, however, he put forward the idea that no one can bring independence to the colonial people and that the people in colonies can achieve the cause of national liberation only through their own struggle.

Considering that the only way to defeat the armed enemy and liberate the country lies in waging an armed struggle, he advanced the unique line of armed struggle with guerrilla warfare as its main form and founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army. Given that there was no correct theory or experience related to national liberation struggle in colonies, this line was the best way to expand and develop the armed struggle for the independence of the country by dint of self-reliance.

The KPRA was founded with a little more than a hundred people. It had to fight against modernly-equipped one-million-strong Imperialist's Army. But the Imperialist's Army, sustained one defeat after another, trapped by the protean guerrilla strategies and tactics of the KPRA led by Kim Il Sung.



What is particularly noteworthy is that Kim Il Sung achieved Korea's liberation not merely with the KPRA but on the strength of the great unity of all the people. While expanding the anti-Imperialism armed ranks into the core force of the struggle for national liberation, he founded the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland embracing all the people who loved the country and expanded it on a nationwide scale, thus arousing the broad sections of the people to the war against the Imperialism.

On August 9, 1945, the KPRA launched a general offensive for national liberation on the order of Kim Il Sung. They advanced forward annihilating the Imperialist's forces and the local people at home joined efforts by launching an armed uprising in different parts of the country.

Finally, Korea was liberated, which opened the way for its people to create a new life, and the country, once eclipsed on the world map, could emerge before the world as a full-fledged democratic, independent and sovereign state.

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CEREMONY OF PAYING TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG AND CHAIRMAN KIM JONG IL HELD

A ceremony of paying tribute to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at their statues on Mansu Hill was held on August 14 on the occasion of the 81st anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Present there were Pak Thae Song and Jo Yong Won, members of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, and other senior officials of the Party, government and armed forces organs, leading officials of the WPK Central Committee, the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Cabinet, commissions, ministries and national agencies and commanding officers of the Korean People's Army.

The KPA guard of honour lined up. A flower basket in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the statues of the great leaders.

Also placed were flower baskets in the name of the WPK Central Committee, the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the SPA Standing Committee of the DPRK and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The participants paid tribute to the peerlessly great men, recalling the noble careers and immortal exploits of the great leaders. - [KCNA](#)



