

IRAN - IRAQ HOSTILITIES*IRANIAN STATEMENT CONCERNING CONTROL AND SEARCH OF VESSELS
DURING CEASE FIREIRANIAN ACCEPTANCE OF UNSC RESOLUTION 598

Today new conditions have been created which call for adoption of new stances in order to continue the sacred defense and protect Islam and the Islamic Revolution.

Although the enemies of Islam, have not for a moment stopped their plots against the Islamic Revolution, recently as the blows of Muslim combatants of Iran on the battered body of Iraq beams more deadly the scope of plots became wider. The world arrogant powers as well as the reactionaries came to help Iraq with all their power. In order to hurt the revolution they did not spare any criminal act and tried to uphold the Baghdad regime through their massive military, financial, political, and propaganda assistance, and armed the Iraqi Army with massive weapons and aid for fresh aggressions and crimes.

In addition, they (arrogant and reactionary worlds) put utmost pressure on Iran and threaten the Iranian nation. Under such circumstances, it is natural for us to try and expose the aggressor and deprive the enemies of Islam and those who are against the independence of nations from taking the initiative in the international scenes.

The announcement of the Islamic Republic's new stance is aimed at implementing this new policy.

It is beyond question that defending Islam and acting bravely is not an act peculiar only to the battlefields but that adoption of new methods which can tip the balance in the favor of Islam and foil enemy plots speaks of courage in its own right.

What has happened is expedient by divine will those on whom the US has always pinned hopes to take power so that it (US) could again dominate the country and (those) who have always acted as Washington's and Saddam's mouthpiece in favoring a compromise with Baghdad should never think that their sinister plots have materialized. Because what is happening is intended to safeguard Islamic ideals and defend the revolution which not only ousted the shah's regime and the US but also replaced the tyrannical regime with the rule of Islam.

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