



Iran's Missing 'Supreme Leader,' in Written Message, Vows 'Future Free of America' for Strait of Hormuz

April 30, 2026 [breitbart.com](#) reported: "Khamenei's message declared the Strait, in which Iran has for over a month attempted to endanger commercial traffic, a "divine blessing" for his nation that the Islamist terror regime takes seriously. His statement, issued on the occasion of Iran's "National Persian Gulf Day," also contained a commitment to continue the regime's illicit nuclear development — the main issue that the administration of President Donald Trump is seeking to settle with Iran.

The message follows weeks of attempts to end hostilities between Iran and America that began on February 28, when the Pentagon launched Operation Epic Fury and killed Khamenei's father, longtime brutal dictator Ali Khamenei. President Trump announced a ceasefire this month that was initially intended to last two weeks, but has since been extended indefinitely. In public statements on his website, Truth Social, President Trump has explained that the extension was necessary given the large number of senior leaders in the Iranian regime that have been killed, resulting in unclear leadership and an intense power struggle within the terror state's government apparatus. Iranian officials have attempted to deny the discord among their ranks but also have not at press time been able to organize a coherent response to the White House's attempts to construct a long-lasting peace agreement..."

Trump squeezes Iran with maximum pressure — why it hasn't forced a breakthrough

April 28, 2026 [foxnews.com](#) reported: After two months of conflict, neither a deadly bombing campaign nor a blockade on Iranian exports has forced Tehran to make the concessions the Trump administration is seeking.

The campaign has intensified in recent weeks, targeting Iran's oil exports and financial networks while a naval blockade has disrupted shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, a critical artery for global energy flows. U.S. officials argue the combination of military pressure and economic isolation is intended to weaken Iran's capabilities and force it back to the negotiating table on more favorable terms.

While the U.S. has killed Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and dozens of top military and political figures, the regime itself remains intact. His son, Mojtaba Khamenei, was selected to succeed him, and leadership remains firmly hardline.

Aaron David Miller, a former State Department Middle East negotiator and fellow at the Carnegie Endowment, said the administration may have misjudged the type of negotiating partner it would face..."

As Israel becomes a dominant force in the Middle East, where does Turkey stand?

April 27, 2026 [jpost.com](#) reported: "As the smoke cleared over Tehran following the start of the Israeli-US strikes, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was quick to point the finger. "This all began following Netanyahu's provocations," the Turkish leader stated, "we feel deep sorrow and great concern." He went further, issuing a chilling prophecy: "God willing, I have no doubt that Israel will pay the price for this."

To the casual observer, Turkey—which is competing with Iran for dominance of the region—should welcome the strike against the Islamic Republic. However, Turkey's interests in this matter are different from what one might expect.

Dr. Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak, a leading expert on Turkish affairs at the Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Turkey has a vested interest in the survival of the current Iranian regime. "Ankara does not want to see a new 'surprise' in the form of regime change," Yanarocak noted.

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Germany's Merz says Iran is humiliating US as talks stall

April 27, 2026 [msn.com](#) reported: "German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Monday Iran's leadership was humiliating the United States and getting U.S. officials to travel to Pakistan and then leave without results, in an unusually abrupt rebuke over the conflict.

Merz also said he not see what exit strategy the U.S. was pursuing in the Iran war - comments that underlined deep divisions between Washington and its European NATO allies, which had already been festering over Ukraine and other issues.



Turkish President Erdogan

"The Iranians are obviously very skilled at negotiating, or rather, very skillful at not negotiating, letting the Americans travel to Islamabad and then leave again without any result," he said during a talk to students in the town of Marsberg..."

White House Correspondents' Dinner Shooting Suspect Wrote Manifesto, Attended No Kings Protest

April 26, 2026 [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) reported: "The suspected shooter at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner wrote a manifesto and attended a No King's protest, according to a senior Trump administration official.

Cole Tomas Allen, 31, had a manifesto detailing his intention to target officials in the Trump administration, a senior Trump administration official confirmed to Breitbart News. Fox News's Jacqui Heinrich first reported on the details.

Allen allegedly shared a manifesto with family before he allegedly stormed the Washington Hilton — where the dinner was being held in the ballroom—with what NBC News reported was a shotgun, a handgun, and several knives. His brother alerted authorities after receiving the alleged manifesto, Heinrich reported in a post on X.

Allen also attended a leftist anti-Trump No Kings protest, was a regular at the shooting range, and was a member of a group known as The Wide Awakes, Heinrich wrote..."

Germany Unveils Plan to Become 'Strongest Conventional Army in Europe' by 2039

April 23, 2026 [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) reported: "We are developing the *Bundeswehr* into the strongest conventional army in Europe. In the short term, we are increasing our defense and resilience, in the medium term we are aiming for a significant increase in overarching capabilities and in the long term we will establish technological superiority," Pistorius said, per Politico.

According to Politico, the new German military plan states that while the United States is indispensable for NATO, it notes that "Washington is increasingly oriented toward the Indo-Pacific."

The Defense Ministry said that the new German military strategy calls for a "fundamental rethink" on the "overall concept of military defense" consisting of the military strategy and capability profile of the German Armed Forces, a personnel growth plan for the *Bundeswehr*, and a new strategy for the nation's military reserve in addition to a new agenda that aims to "reduce bureaucracy and modernize the system."

"The starting point for this is a fundamentally changed international environment. The security situation has deteriorated significantly—especially since Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine," The Ministry's statement read in part.

"Growing multipolarity and systemic rivalry are also putting pressure on the rules-based international order and increasing volatility, uncertainty, and instability," the text continued.

The plan calls for a military personnel expansion that aims to go from around 185,000 active-duty soldiers to at least 460,000 active and non-active troops. Pistorius pointed out that the new strategy will not focus on fixed numbers but rather on specific capabilities and what the forces can actually do.

The German Defense Minister reportedly stressed that parts of the new military strategy are deliberately being kept under wraps and potential deployments plans will not be made public, and said, "Otherwise we might as well add Vladimir Putin to our email distribution list..."

For God and Country

April 20, 2026 [wnd.com](https://www.wnd.com) reported: "It's not often that Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas speaks in public. Clarence Thomas has now served longer than anyone else on the court – since the fall of 1991.

What he said last week should be heard by every American. He called the nation back to our founding principles. The justice spoke to a full audience at the University of Texas at Austin in an event to honor America at 250.

Speaking of his grandparents, who reared Clarence and his brother, he noted, "They told us, 'We don't have no education and no chance, but you boys are going to have a chance, [and] we going to devote the rest of our lives to you boys. ... It was their devotion, their love, their dedication to raising us right that has made the difference, not the words, though the words expressed as best they could what they intended to do, their devotion is what mattered.'"



German Defense Minister Pistorius



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