

Iran to also target US military bases in Middle East

Continue attacks on Israel: IRGC



Tehran (UNI)
The Iranian military has said that it intends to continue attacking Israel and is also planning to strike US military bases in the Middle East, stating that Washington was an active ac-

complice of Tel Aviv's missile strikes on Iranian facilities.
The Iranian Revolutionary Guard's (IRGC) official news agency Fars News, citing an unknown source revealed the government's plans, on

Saturday, citing an unnamed source familiar with the Iranian military leadership plans.
“The war which was launched by the aggression of the Zionist (Israeli) regime will spread to all the territories occupied by this regime and the US bases in the region. The aggressors will receive a decisive and large-scale response from Iran,” the source told the agency.
The Army's Aresh suicide drones were reportedly able to successfully attack intended targets in Israel in “occupied areas”, states Fars News.
The IRGC said the response, co-named Operation True Promise III, involved the aerospace division firing a wave of missiles and deploying armed drones against strategic Israeli targets.
The operation, the statement noted, used a “combination of precision and smart weapon systems”, specifically targeting the Israeli military centers and airbases from which the regime had initiated its criminal aggression.

Iran media says 2 Israeli jets down, Israel denies

Tehran/Jerusalem: Iran's air defence has downed two Israeli Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II fighter jets as well as a large number of micro aerial vehicles, capturing a female Israeli pilot, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported. The Iranian army has not officially confirmed the report. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) rejected the report. In a statement, IDF Arabic-language spokesman Avichay Adraee called the allegations “completely baseless.”
The statements come amid heightened tensions following Israel's large-scale strikes on Iranian military and nuclear facilities, which have raised fears of broader regional escalation. Iran's state-run Press TV reported that Iranian air defences had shot down an Israeli drone near the Fordow nuclear facility, located close to the central city of Qom.

At the same time, Iran is going to continue attacking Israel and will not limit itself by the previously taken measures, the agency added.
Iran's Arash drones hit targets in Israel
Iran's kamikaze drones of the Arash type hit and destroyed targets in Israel on Saturday morning, the semi-official Tasnim News Agency reported.
Arash is an unmanned aerial vehicle with an operational range of over 2,000 km designed and developed by Iran's military experts.
Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps said in a statement on Friday that it had launched a military operation against dozens of targets, including military centers and aerial bases in Israel, in retaliation for Israel's airstrikes, in which a number of high-ranking Iranian military commanders, prominent nuclear scientists and innocent civilians were killed earlier in the day.

Air raid alert announced in Israel due to Iranian drones launch: IDF

Jerusalem: Air raid alert has been announced in a number of areas in Israel due to the launch of drones from the territory of Iran, the Israeli Defence Forces said on Saturday.
“Sirens sounded in several areas across Israel following the identification of UAVs launched from Iran toward the State of Israel,” the IDF said.
In the meantime, the Israeli Air Force was operating to intercept the drones and to eliminate the threat, the IDF said. People were asked to follow the instructions of the Home Front Command, the IDF added.
On Friday, the Israel Defence Forces launched a large-scale operation, Rising Lion, striking Iranian military targets and nuclear program sites. The Israeli Air Force conducted several waves of attacks in various parts of Iran, including Tehran, where a number of high-ranking Iranian military officials were eliminated, including Iranian Chief of General Staff Maj. Gen. Mohammad Bagheri and commanders of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), as well as a number of nuclear scientists. Israel said the operation is aimed at preventing a threat to the Jewish state.
The IRGC said Iran was carrying out Operation True Promise 3 in response to Israeli strikes.
Information about Iran's response emerged after Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei addressed Iranians vowing to respond to Israel's attacks. Khamenei called Israel's attacks a crime and said that Israel will face a “bitter and terrible fate.”

US air defence systems involved in shooting down Iranian missiles

Jerusalem: Israel received help from US air defence systems and a Navy destroyer in shooting down Iranian missiles launched in response to Israel's attack on Iran, The Washington Post reported, citing US officials.
A US official told RIA Novosti on Friday that the United States was assisting Israel in shooting down Iranian missiles.
Anonymous US officials told The Washington Post that the US has both ground-based Patriot missile defence systems and Terminal High Altitude Air Defence systems (THAAD) in the Middle East. American air defence systems, as well as a US Navy destroyer in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, were used to shoot down Iranian missiles heading toward Israel, the officials said.
US fighter jets are also patrolling the sky in the Middle East and the US is shifting its military resources, including ships, in the region, The Washington Post reported.
Iranian permanent representative to the United Nations Amir Saied Iravani told the UN Security Council (UNSC) on Friday that Israel's aggression against Iran was intentional and fully backed by Washington. Iravani emphasized that Iran “will not forget that our people lost their lives as [a] result of the Israeli attacks with American weapons. These actions amount to a declaration of war.”

Israel reports 41 wounded, heavy damage in Iran's retaliatory attack

Jerusalem: Nearly 100 missiles were launched from Iran toward central and northern Israel in two massive barrages, causing significant damage and injuring 41 people, according to the Israeli military and the national emergency service, Magen David Adom (MDA).
The MDA reported two people critically injured, two moderately, four lightly-moderately, while the remaining individuals suffered light injuries or trauma-related symptoms, including panic attacks.
Following the launches, air defence sirens were activated, sending millions of residents to protected rooms and shelters for more than an hour.
Israel Defence Forces (IDF) spokesman Effie Defrin said that



most missiles were intercepted by the air defence system or did not reach their target. He noted that the injuries reported occurred inside

buildings, with several caused by shrapnel from intercepted missiles.
Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz said following the launches that “Iran crossed red lines when it dared to fire missiles at civilian population centers in Israel.”
“We will continue to protect the citizens of Israel,” he said, warning that the country would “ensure that Tehran pays a very heavy price for its criminal actions.”
Meanwhile, the IDF denied Iranian media reports that Iran had downed an Israeli fighter jet and detained its pilot.
In a separate statement, the IDF said it had attacked earlier Friday Iranian Air Force bases in western Iran, destroying Tabriz Airbase, without providing further details.

No talks possible right now, says Iran

Tehran/Jerusalem (UNI)
Iran has said any kind of dialogue is “meaningless” at the moment, blaming Israel for targeting Iranian territory. Speaking to the semi-official Tasnim news agency, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei accused the US of supporting Israel's assault on Iran, saying the attack would not have happened without Washington's permission.
“The other side acted in a way that makes dialogue meaningless,” Baqaei said of talks the US has held with Tehran in recent months to curb its nuclear programme.
“You cannot claim to negotiate and at the same time, divide work by allowing the Zionist regime [Israel] to target Iran's territory,” he added.
Iranian missiles targeted sites across Israel, injuring at least 40



people, in retaliation for ongoing Israeli attacks on Iran, media reports said.
Iran says Israel has killed 78 people, including senior military officials, and wounded more than 320 people in Iran, as the Israeli military

continues to launch strikes on cities, military sites and nuclear facilities, Al Jazeera reported.
Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned Israel that it “must expect severe punishment” following the “crime” of attacking Iran and killing several top-level military commanders and six nuclear scientists.
Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says the military operation will continue as long as necessary.
The United States has tried to distance itself from Israel's onslaught while warning Iran against attacking American bases in the region.
Senior Hamas leader Izzat al-Risheq has praised Iran's successful targeting of sites “despite all the hype about the Iron Dome, and David's Sling missile defence systems”.

Israeli fire kills 23 people in Gaza

Agencies, Cairo
Israeli fire and airstrikes killed at least 23 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip, most of them near an aid distribution site operated by the U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, local health authorities said.
Medics at Al-Awda and Al-Aqsa Hospitals in central Gaza areas, where most of the casualties were moved to, said at least 15 people were killed as they tried to approach the GHF aid distribution site near the Netzarim corridor.
The rest were killed in separate attacks across the enclave, they added. There has been no immediate comment by the Israeli military or the GHF on Saturday's incidents.
The GHF began distributing food packages in Gaza at the end of May, overseeing a new model of aid distribution which the United Nations says is neither impartial nor neutral. The Gaza health ministry said in a



statement on Saturday at least 274 people have so far been killed, and more than 2,000 wounded, near aid distribution sites since the GHF began operations in Gaza.
Later on Saturday, the Israeli military ordered residents of Khan Younis and the nearby towns of Abassan and Bani Suhaila in the southern Gaza Strip to leave their homes and

head west towards the so-called humanitarian zone area, saying it would forcefully work against “terror organizations” in the area.
The war in Gaza erupted 20 months ago after Hamas-led militants raided Israel and took 251 hostages and killed 1,200 people, most of them civilians, on October 7, 2023, Israel's single deadliest day.

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Ukraine receives 1,200 bodies of dead Ukrainian soldiers

Kyiv: Ukraine has received 1,200 bodies of its soldiers killed in the war with Russia, Ukrainian officials responsible for exchanging prisoners of war said on Saturday. The prisoner exchange coordination committee said in a statement on the Telegram that the return of the bodies was part of the agreements reached by Ukraine and Russia during their talks in Istanbul earlier this month.
Typhoon Wutip leaves 3 dead in central Vietnam
Hanoi: Typhoon Wutip has caused severe flooding in central Vietnam, leaving three people dead, Vietnam News Agency reported on Saturday. Two victims died in Trieu Phong district of Quang Tri province during flood prevention efforts, while another drowned in Hai Lang district, the report said. In neighbouring Quang Binh province, four people remain missing as search and rescue teams continue to expand operations under improving weather conditions.

Woman found dead after house fire
Sydney: A woman has died and a man has been hospitalised after a house fire on Friday night in Sydney in Australia's state of New South Wales (NSW). The NSW Police said in a statement on Saturday that emergency services were deployed to the fire at a terrace house in Petersham in Sydney's inner-west at about 11:50 p.m. local time on Friday.

Canada's Sikhs voice outrage over Modi G7 invitation

Agencies, Toronto
Members of Canada's Sikh community who were warned by police that their lives were at risk and allege the Indian government is responsible for the threat are incensed by Ottawa's invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the G7 summit in Alberta.
Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney invited Modi, although India is not a G7 member, to attend the summit that starts on Sunday as a guest. It will be Modi's first visit to Canada in a decade and a diplomatic test for Carney, a political neophyte.
Canada's relationship with India has been tense since former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in 2023 accused India's government of involvement in the June 18, 2023, murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Sikh separatist leader in Canada.
Modi's government has denied involvement in Nijjar's killing and



has accused Canada of providing a safe haven for Sikh separatists.
“‘Outrage’ is the kind of term that I've heard from people,” Sikh activist Moninder Singh, a friend of Nijjar, said of the invitation.
He and other Sikh leaders plan to hold a protest in Ottawa on Saturday. Carney, locked in a trade war with the United States, is trying to shore up alliances elsewhere and diversify Canada's exports. Carney told re-

porters he invited India due to its importance in global supply chains.
India's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a Thursday press briefing that a meeting between Modi and Carney “will offer an important opportunity for them to exchange views on bilateral and global issues and explore pathways to set or reset the relationship.”
SIKHS FACE THREATS
That rationale rings hollow for Singh, who lives in British Columbia. He has received multiple warnings from police that his life was at risk. One such warning forced him from his home for months in 2023 for his children's safety.
“On a personal level, and on a community level, as well, it was deeply insulting ... Sikh lives aren't as important as the fifth-largest economy in the world that needs to be at the table,” he said.

Donald Trump admin deploys 200 US Marines in LA

To protect Wilshire federal building



deployed since Sunday have also not participated in law enforcement activity. No troops have been injured since arriving in L.A.
“They have watched federal law enforcement arrest personnel as

they were protecting,” Sherman said. “They have not had to detain anyone at this point.”
It's not yet clear what assignments the other 500 deployed Marines will receive in L.A. Sherman said he

couldn't speculate on future operations, but recent training has centered around defending federal property.
“That's the mission we've really focused on them to do,” he said. “They've already started with the Wilshire (Federal) Building today, and we will progress from there.”
The 17-story federal building on Wilshire Boulevard is home to many of Los Angeles' federal offices, including the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Los Angeles field office.
President Donald Trump has made decisions to dispatch over 4,000 National Guard members and about 700 active-duty marines to the Los Angeles area despite the objection of California Governor Gavin Newsom and other local officials.

Two Australians shot in Indonesia's Bali island, one dead

Jakarta: An Australian man was fatally shot and another Australian man injured in a shooting incident on the Indonesian island of Bali just after midnight on Saturday, local police told media. Bali police are currently hunting for two people believed to be involved in the shooting in a villa in the Badung regency on the southern side of the tourism island, spokesperson Ariasandy said, according to news website Detik.com.
The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here. Identified only by their first names, Zivan R, 32, died at the scene, while Sanar G, 35, was seriously wounded and has been taken to intensive care at a hospital, Detik reported.