

Israeli actions 'may force everyone' to act:

Raisi



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi (R) is seen in an interview with Al Jazeera TV in Tehran on October 28, 2023.
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Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said on Sunday that Israel's ongoing bombardment of Gaza "may force everyone" to act in the latest warning issued by Tehran since the start of the Israel-Hamas conflict. "The crimes of the Zionist regime have crossed the red lines, and this may force everyone to take action," Raisi said on X, formerly Twitter. Also in an interview with Al Jazeera TV on Saturday, he slammed the United States' unbridled support for Israel in its war on Gaza, saying, "Washington asks us not to do anything, but they keep giving widespread support to Israel and this is not acceptable."

"The US sent messages to the Axis of Resistance but received a clear response on the battlefield," the president said.

Raisi added that the US and some European countries were trying to block the efforts made to establish a cease-fire in Gaza.

"This is a crime."

The president described US policies on the region as "totally wrong" and said, "Washington will not achieve its goal of creating a new Middle East."

Raisi pointed to Iran's "unwavering" support for Palestine, but noted that "the resistance in Palestine is independent and makes its own decisions without receiving any orders from Tehran."

He further said Israel would not be able to "uproot" Palestinian resistance despite US all-out support.



UN warns of 'more desperate' situation as Israel batters Gaza

International Desk Israel pounded Hamas-governed Gaza on Sunday in an escalating air and ground campaign as the UN warned the situation was "growing more desperate by the hour" in the besieged Palestinian territory. Despite calls for a humanitarian cease-fire and outrage across the world, Israel has intensified its campaign triggered by Hamas's unprecedented attack on October 7 that saw 1,400 people dead and 230 others captured, according to Israeli officials. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu steered Israelis for a "long and difficult war" ahead.

'Intolerable' human suffering

Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the Red Cross, voiced shock at the "intolerable level of human suffering" in Gaza and urged all sides to de-escalate.

"This is a catastrophic failing that the world must not tolerate," she said. Panic and fear have surged inside Gaza, where more than half of its 2.4 million residents are displaced, according to the UN, and thousands of buildings have been destroyed.

Thomas White, UNRWA director in Gaza, said the warehouse break-ins were "a worrying sign that civil order is starting to break down after three weeks of war and a tight siege on Gaza.

People are scared, frustrated and desperate," he said.

UNRWA provides basic services to hundreds of thousands of people in Gaza. Its schools across the territory have been transformed into packed shelters housing displaced Palestinians. Israel has allowed only a small trickle of aid to enter from Egypt, some of which was stored in one of the warehouses that was broken into, the agency said.

UN chief Antonio Guterres said the situation was "growing more desperate by the hour" as casualties increase and essential supplies of food, water, medicine and shelter dwindle.

"The situation in Gaza is becoming

Protesters wave Palestinian flags and hold signs as they take part in a demonstration in support of the Palestinian people, in Madrid on October 29, 2023.
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