

Iran vows revenge for Israeli assassination of IRGC advisers in Syria

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Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has strongly condemned the assassination of five Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) advisers in an Israeli missile strike in Syria, saying such "cowardly" acts will not go unanswered.

"Certainly, the continuation of such terrorist and criminal acts, which are indicative of the increasing failure and defeats of the illegitimate Zionist regime in achieving its malicious goals and the depth of its frustration with the fighters of the resistance front, will not go unanswered by the Islamic Republic of Iran," Raisi said in a statement on Saturday, Press TV reported.

The IRGC said earlier in the day that four of its members serving on a military advisory mission in Syria were assassinated in an Israeli strike on a residential building in Damascus. It said later that a fifth adviser had succumbed to his injuries.

"The recent crimes of the usurping Zionist regime, which.... are committed under the shadow of the support of hegemonic countries, chief among them the United States, and the silence of international organizations will undoubtedly be another stain on the black record of all self-proclaimed human rights advocates," the president said.

He also offered his condolences to the families of the martyrs, the Iranian lead-



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ership, and the entire nation.

Iran maintains an advisory mission in Syria at the request of Damascus to help the war-torn Arab country fight off foreign-backed militants who have been fighting the democratically-elected Syrian government since 2011.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said Iranian military advisers will continue their anti-terror mission in the region in defiance of Israel's "cowardly" assassination operations. "Undoubtedly, the Zionists' defeat against the will of the people of Gaza cannot be compensated by such cowardly terrorist acts," Amir-Abdollahian said in an X post on Saturday.

Also, Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser

Kanaani strongly condemned the "murderous and aggressive" Israeli attack, adding that the repeated violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria and the escalation of aggressive and provocative attacks on various targets in the Arab country by the criminal and child-killing Zionist regime shows the helplessness of Tel Aviv on the battlefield against resistance forces in Gaza and the West Bank in the past hundred days, and a desperate attempt by the regime to spread instability and insecurity across the region.

The Israeli regime has ramped up its airstrikes on Syria since early October, when it launched the ongoing genocidal war against the Gaza Strip.

US forces injured in attack on base in Iraq: Official

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US personnel suffered minor injuries and a member of Iraq's security forces was wounded in an attack on Iraq's Ain al-Asad air base on Saturday, a US official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The US military's Central Command said in a statement that the base was hit by multiple ballistic missiles and rockets from inside Iraq. The statement did not confirm the extent of any US injuries but said personnel were being evaluated for traumatic brain injury, Reuters reported.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, an umbrella group of anti-terror fighters, in a statement published on its Telegram channel claimed responsibility for the attack on the Ain al-Asad air base, located about 160 kilometers (100 miles) west of the capital Baghdad, on Saturday evening.

It said the base was targeted by a large number of rockets and the projectiles "directly hit their targets."

Since the Israel-Hamas war began in October, the US military has come under attack at least 58 times in Iraq and another 83 times in Syria by militias, usually with a

mix of rockets and one-way attack drones.

The US has 900 troops in Syria and 2,500 in Iraq on a mission to advise and assist local forces trying to prevent a resurgence of Daesh, which in 2014 seized large parts of both countries before being defeated.

A senior Iraqi commander has said the Baghdad government is determined to end the presence of foreign troops from the US-led military coalition purportedly formed to fight the Takfiri Daesh terrorist group.

The spokesman for Iraq's Joint Operations Command (JOC), Brigadier General Yahya Rasool underscored that with the presence of capable Iraqi forces, the US-led military coalition in Iraq is no longer needed.

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani on Thursday repeated his call for the US-led coalition to depart his country, stressing that Baghdad demands the immediate withdrawal of the forces due to their destabilizing activities.

"It is also a necessity for preserving constructive bilateral relations between Iraq and the coalition countries," the Iraqi prime minister noted.

UN chief raps Israel for 'heartbreaking' deaths, including 152 staffers'

Iran criticizes 'unfair' UNSC veto mechanism

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United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on Sunday denounced Israel for the "heartbreaking" deaths of Palestinian civilians, including 152 UN staff members in Gaza.

Addressing the opening of a summit of the G77+China in the Ugandan capital Kampala, he called the deaths "a heartbreaking tragedy" for the organization, for their families, and for those they were serving in Gaza.

Guterres was in Kampala to attend the summits of G77+China and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

"Israel's military operations have spread mass destruction and killed civilians on a scale unprecedented during my time as secretary-general," Guterres said.

Lamenting the humanitarian situation in Gaza, Guterres said, "People are dying not only from bombs and bullets, but from lack of food and clean water, hospitals without power and medicine, and grueling journeys to ever-smaller slivers of land to escape the fighting." He also called it unacceptable to resist statehood for the Palestinian people. Guterres added that the refusal to accept the two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians is totally unacceptable, saying denying Palestinians the right to statehood "would indefinitely prolong a conflict that has become a major threat to global peace and security."

Guterres also warned against letting the war spread to other areas of the Middle East. "We must do all we can to prevent spillover of this conflict across the region - in the West Bank, across the Blue Line between Israel and Lebanon, and in Syria, Iraq and the Red Sea." The Gaza Health Ministry said the death toll in the besieged strip has surpassed 25,000 people.

NAM document

A document released late Saturday at the end of the NAM summit included a condemnation of "the illegal Israeli military aggression on the Gaza Strip, the indiscriminate attacks against Palestinian civilians, civilian objects, the forced displacement of the Palestinian popula-

tion" and called for an immediate and durable humanitarian cease-fire.

On the sidelines of the summit of the NAM in Kampala, the UN chief held a meeting with Iran's First Vice President Mohammad Mokhber on Saturday.

The Iranian official criticized the veto power existing in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), calling it an unfair mechanism that weakens the UN position.

"If such a power had not existed, many Palestinian women and children would have not been killed because of Security Council resolutions vetoed by the United States," he added.

He also dismissed the idea of a two-state solution to the conflict between Palestine and the Zionist regime, stressing that the Palestinian people must decide their own fate through the ballot box.

"The Islamic Republic, therefore, rejects a two-state solution to the issue of Palestine and believes that the only democratic solution to the issue is referring to the public votes of all Palestinian people as their right to self-determination without the others making decisions for that nation." Hailing the UN secretary general's stances against the Israeli regime's crimes in Gaza, Mokhber highlighted regional countries' serious concern about the spread of war with the continuation of the Zionist atrocities.

Guterres said that Iran should act as one of the main pillars of what he called a new Middle East where the country should play an active role in promoting peace.

'Immediate halt' to aggression

Meanwhile, Palestinian resistance group Hamas called on Sunday for Israel to immediately stop its "aggression" in Gaza and said only Palestinian people would decide the territory's future. Hamas said in a 16-page document justifying its October 7 attacks in southern Israel that it wanted "the immediate halt of the Israeli aggression on Gaza, the crimes and ethnic cleansing committed against the entire Gaza population."

Reuters, AFP, Tasnim, and Mehr news agency contributed to this report.

TWO STAGE PUBLIC BID FOR SELECTING THE EPCF CONTRACTOR

Phase one of Parsian 1000MW Combined Cycle Power Plant (around 500 MW) on EPCF Basis in Parsian Special Economic Zone

INVITATION NO: 2002090246000006

Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO) with representation of Parsian Jonoub Energy Intensive Industries Development Company (PEIIDC), intends to international two stage public bid for Parsian Combined Cycle Power Plant Project. To do this, after qualification evaluation, a short list of eligible experienced companies will be prepared and on next stage they will be invited to technical evaluation.

Interested companies/consortiums (potential Applicants), those who duly organized, registered, existing and having grade one certificate of EPC for power generation sector and or having grade one or two in design (engineering) and grade one in construction certificate of power generation sector from Iran Plan and Budget Organisation for local Applicants or similar certificate from pertinent authorities in their countries, which to be verified by the respective consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for overseas Applicants; are hereby invited to obtain qualification documents, within ten (10) calendar days after the second posting of this invitation notice, from www.setadiran.ir with invitation No. 2002090246000006 dated January 22, 2024

Deadline for submitting the completed prequalification documents is specified in the Prequalification Questionnaire. It should be noted that Bid process will be done via portal of the government's electronic procurement system (SETAD) available on www.setadiran.ir website. Therefore, Applicants shall conduct the registration process in the mentioned portal and shall receive the electronic signature certificate in order to participate in the Bid, if they have not been a member before.

Bid in brief:

1 **Company:** Parsian Jonoub Energy Intensive Industries Development Company (PEIIDC) on behalf of Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO)

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2 **Invitation subject:** Two stage public Bid of Parsian Combined Cycle Power Plant (500±10% MW) project on EPCF Basis (phase one)

3 **Project's estimated price:** Two hundred eighty-five million (285,000,000) Euros.

4 **Bid Bond:** 1,850,000 Euro The Bid Bond shall be in the form of a bank guarantee issued by an Iranian bank acceptable to the Company According to related circular (governmental transactions guarantees regulation) dated 24/08/1394 as per Iranian calendar (15/11/2015) No. H50659 T/123402. The Bid Bond shall be extendable and shall be valid for six (6) months after the Bid Closing Date.

5 **Source of Fund:** Up to 15% of the Project costs will be supplied by the IMIDRO's internal resources (according to the IMIDRO's resolution No 1182/2-5 dated 17/01/2023 as per Iranian calendar 27/10/1401) and at least 85% of the Project costs shall be financed by the contractor. The contractor will receive ten (10) equal semi-annual consecutive instalments starting 6 months after issuance of the Provisional Acceptance Certificate of the Plant. According to Company decision, the instalments will be paid in Iranian Rial (IRR). The exchange rate will be calculated based on three working days' average exchange rate before the payment date, which to be issued by central bank of the Islamic Republic of IRAN via ETS (<http://www.sanarate.ir/>), Euro Bid (TT).

6 **Place and deadline for receiving documents:** The tender documents will be available from 8:00 a.m 2024 January 22, Monday, to 4:00 p.m 2024 February 3, Saturday, through portal of the government's electronic procurement system (SETAD) available on www.setadiran.ir

7 **The place and deadline:** for submitting the proposal End of office hours, at 4 p.m. 2024 March12, Tuesdaythrough Uploading to the government's electronic procurement system (headquarters) at www.setadiran.ir The physical documents of the tender documents can be delivered after uploading to the electronic procurement system of the government (headquarters) only envelope A to the bidder's address (listed in paragraph 1). Upload and send the rest of the documents, including the quality assessment envelope B and C, only through portal of the government's electronic procurement system (SETAD) available on www.setadiran.ir

8 **The place and time of opening the tender envelope:** 2024 March 13, Wednesday to the address: listed in paragraph 1

9 **Bid Validity Period:** Bids shall remain valid for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of Bid opening.