**UN warns Gaza faces** humanitarian 'collapse' as battles rage











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## Iran warns of 'crushing response'

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Iran has warned of a "crushing response" to any act of aggression after the United States said it plans to respond to a deadly attack on an American base, for which it held Tehran responsible.

Three US servicemen were killed and at least 25 others wounded in the drone strike on a US base in northeast Jordan near the Syrian border. Washington has blamed the attack on "Iranian-backed groups."

US President Joe Biden said Tuesday he had decided on a response to the drone strike, while insisting he did not want a wider war in the Middle East.

Facing growing pressure in a US election year, Biden said he held Iran responsible for supplying the weapons to the people who carried out the deadly attack.

On the same day, Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations warned that any act of aggression against Iran and its people will be met with a crushing response.

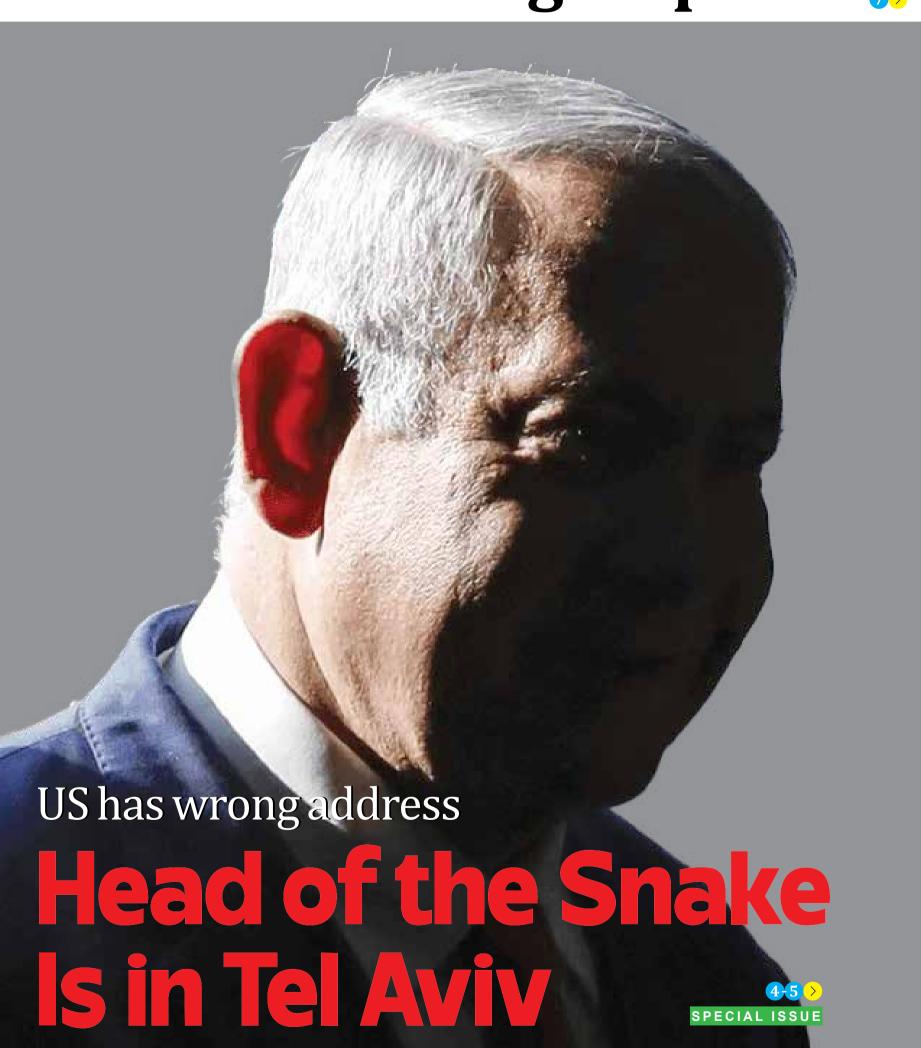
The mission categorically rejected media claims about the exchange of several messages between the US and Iran amid a surge in regional tensions.

"Such messages have not been exchanged at all. Nevertheless, it constitutes a principled policy of the Islamic Republic to respond decisively and forcefully to any hostile move against the country, its interests, and its nationals," it said.

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian also said that Iran's response to the threats will be decisive and immediate.

He said that Washington should stop using the language of threats and fo-Page 7 >

cus on a political solution for the region.





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