

# Israel in fear Efforts underway to prevent Iran's retaliation



Emergency services work at a building hit by an airstrike in Damascus, Syria, on April 1, 2024.  
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Iran's retaliation for a recent Israeli attack on Iran's consulate in Damascus has raised fears of an all-out regional war in the Middle East region as many countries are actively trying to prevent such an escalation. Iran has vowed to punish Israel for the attack that killed seven members of its Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), including two generals on April 1. At least six Syrian citizens were also killed. Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei said Wednesday that the Israeli regime "must be punished and will be punished" for its strike in the Syrian capital. Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The evil Zionist regime committed another mistake ... and that was the attack

on the Iranian consulate in Syria. The consulate and diplomatic missions in any country are considered to be the territory of that country. When they attack our consulate, it means they have attacked our soil." Last week, the United States, Britain and France opposed a Russian-drafted UN Security Council statement that would have condemned the attack. Iran's mission to the UN said on Thursday that the UN Security Council condemnation of Israel's attack could have prevented the need for retaliation. "Had the UN Security Council condemned the Zionist regime's reprehensible act of aggression on our diplomatic premises in Damascus and subsequently brought to justice its perpetrators, the imperative for Iran to punish this rogue regime might have been obviated," it said on the social media platform X. Diplomatic efforts are underway to prevent a possible Iran's response to the Israeli attack. German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock called on her Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian to urge "maximum restraint"

to avoid further escalation. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said that, "Right now it's very important for everyone to maintain restraint so as not to lead to a complete destabilization of the situation in the region, which doesn't exactly shine with stability and predictability," British Foreign Secretary David Cameron also called the Iranian foreign minister to appeal for "restraint" by the Islamic Republic. The UK's top diplomat, however, got a dressing-down from his Iranian counterpart on Thursday over Britain's refusal to condemn the aggression. "Regarding the Israeli regime's airstrike on the consular section of the Islamic Republic of Iran embassy in Damascus, Amir-Abdollahian criticized the inaction of Britain in condemning" the attack, official news agency IRNA reported. The US has also asked China and other countries, including Turkey and Saudi Arabia, to urge Tehran not to launch a retaliatory attack on Israel. Other western and Arab governments have also sought to convince Iran to show restraint.

## Raisi: Colonial powers disapprove of enhanced Iran-Pakistan ties

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said colonial powers are opposed to the enhancement of bilateral ties between his country and neighboring Pakistan, stressing that enemies are seeking to drive a wedge between the two Muslim nations. Raisi made the remarks in a telephone conversation with his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday night, where he congratulated the Pakistan Peoples Party's co-chairperson for winning a second term as Pakistan's president, Press TV reported. "The development of Iran-Pakistan relations is not agreeable to colonial powers, and they are seeking to drive a wedge between the two Muslim countries," Raisi said. Cooperation in the joint fight against terrorism

should be enhanced, and enemies should not be given the chance to advance their agendas and disrupt friendship between Tehran and Islamabad, the Iranian president added. He also lauding the faith and fervor of young Muslims in thwarting various plots such as those unleashed by the Daesh terrorist group. For his part, Zardari denounced the Israeli airstrike on the consular section of the Iranian Embassy in the Syrian capital city of Damascus. "The vast cultural and historical similarities between the two countries are a suitable ground for the expansion of cultural, commercial, economic relations and the exchange of diverse and numerous capacities between the two sides," the Pakistani

president said. The two neighboring countries witnessed an escalation of cross-border tensions over Iran's counter-terrorism operations. On January 16, Iran launched simultaneous drone and missile attacks on two bases of Jaish ul-Adl, a terror outfit that was formed in 2012 and has conducted several attacks on Iranian soil in recent years. Pakistan carried out strikes on January 17 against, what it called were, bases of the separatist Baloch Liberation Front and Baloch Liberation Army in regions close to Iran's border which Tehran slammed as unbalanced. The two countries fully restored ties in the next weeks as ambassadors resumed duties in late January.

## Spain: 'Clear' signs Europe is ready to recognize Palestinian state

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Friday said there were "clear signs" in Europe that countries in the region were prepared to recognize a Palestinian state. Sanchez had earlier met with his Norwegian counterpart Jonas Gahr Store in Oslo amid his diplomatic campaign to garner support for the recognition of Palestinian statehood. Store said Norway is ready to recognize a Palestinian state together

with other countries. He told reporters that such a decision would need to be taken in close coordination with "like-minded countries." "Norway stands ready to recognize the state of Palestine," Store told a joint press conference with Sanchez. "We have not set a firm timetable," Store added. In November, Norway's parliament adopted a government proposal for the country to be prepared to recognize an independent

Palestinian state. Sanchez is currently on a tour of Poland, Norway and Ireland this week to drum up support for the recognition of a Palestinian state, according to a Spanish government spokesperson. Sanchez said Spain was "committed to recognizing Palestine as a state, as soon as possible, when the conditions are appropriate, and in a way that can have the most positive impact to the peace process."

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Max	0.05	P
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Max	3.5	SiO2
Max	0.7	Al2O3
Max	0.9	CaO
Max	2.5	MgO
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