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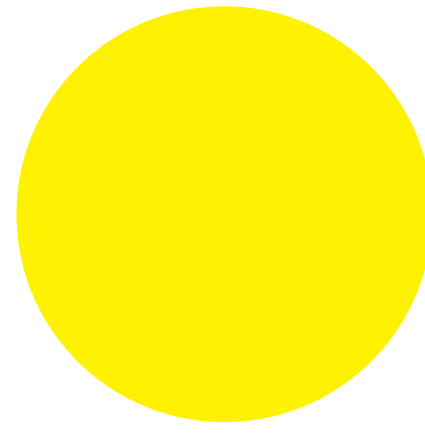
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Why was Iran victorious on the battlefield?



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OPINION

Throughout its political history, Iran has demonstrated that it has never been, and will never be, the initiator of war, even against its top adversaries. However, it has consistently invested in strengthening its defensive capabilities. This is in stark contrast to Western and European nations, which have been historically unreliable and have demonstrated a readiness to engage in military actions against political systems that do not serve their interests. Despite the inevitability of having to prepare for war, a closer look at the political and military track record of Iran reveals a clear adherence to the ethics of warfare, often termed "responsible warfare."

In responsible warfare, Iran observes the following principles: it sets forth initiatives that can either achieve peace or de-escalate to prevent wars; it adheres to ethical principles and international laws during armed conflicts; it distinguishes between soldiers and civilians on the hostile side; it uses military force proportionally according to the nature of the conflict; it upholds principles of justice and fairness in military engagements; it makes efforts to minimize long-term consequences of conflicts; it achieves military objectives while preserving ethical values; it minimizes the impact of conflict on all parties involved, both directly and indirectly.

Iran's defensive reactions to Israel also reflect these notable characteristics.

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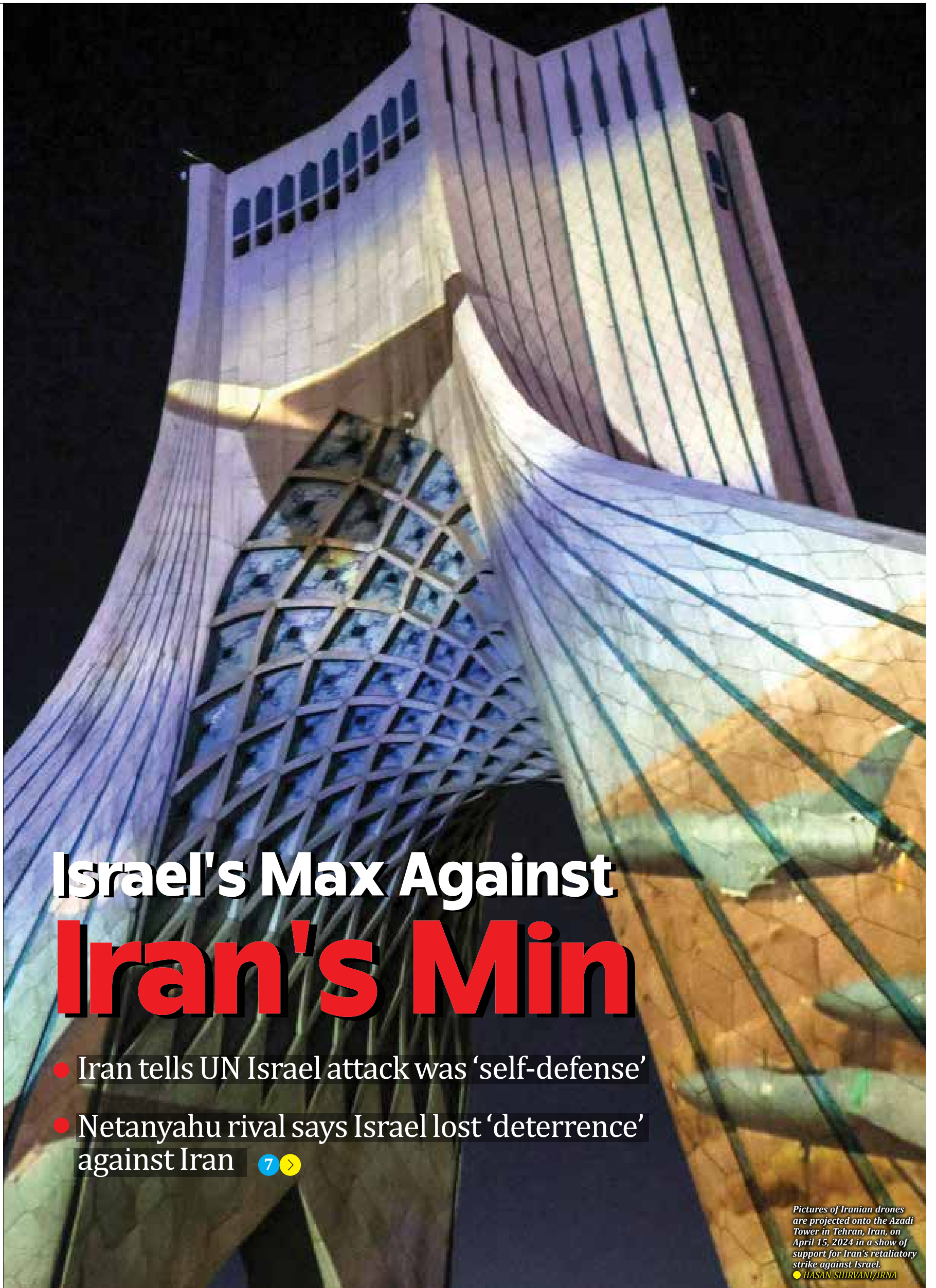


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Pictures of Iranian drones are projected onto the Azadi Tower in Tehran, Iran, on April 15, 2024 in a show of support for Iran's retaliatory strike against Israel.
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