

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei lauded the Iranian Armed Forces for displaying a commendable image of strength and military prowess during Operation True Promise against Israel regardless of how many targets were hit.

He made the remarks during a meeting with a group of high-ranking Iranian military commanders and figures in the capital Tehran on Sunday.

He said the high number of missiles and drones launched during Operation True Promise against targets inside Israeli-occupied territories is a secondary and peripheral matter, stressing that the main issue is the manifestation of the willpower of the Iranian nation and armed forces across the globe, Press TV reported.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the Iranian forces have sincerely and successfully managed to present a good image of their abilities and authority after punishing Israel, exhibited a commendable picture of the Iranian nation, and proved the emergence of Iranians' willpower in the international arena.

The Leader stressed that the latest developments have created a sense of grandeur and magnificence about Is-

lamic Iran in the eyes of the world and international observers.

He praised the efforts and activities of the IRGC, the Iranian Army, and police forces, calling upon the armed forces to continue their efforts and move to face hostilities and enemies by relying on innovative initiatives.

"We should not stop even for a moment because stoppage means backpedaling. Therefore, innovation in the production of weapons and methods, as well as knowledge of the enemy's strategies must always be on the agenda," the Leader stated.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched extensive missile and drone strikes last week on the Israeli-occupied territories. The series of retaliatory strikes, dubbed Operation True Promise, inflicted damage on Israeli military bases across the occupied lands.

It was in retaliation for the Israeli attack on April 1 against the Iranian consulate in Damascus, located next to the embassy building in Damascus's Mezzeh district.

The airstrike killed two senior Iranian military personnel who were on an advisory mission to Syria as well as five of their accompanying officers.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei addresses a group of high-ranking Iranian military commanders and figures in the capital Tehran on April 21, 2024.
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Iranians' willpower displayed

Leader hails Armed Forces' response to Israel

Hamas: US military aid to Israel 'green light' for Gaza 'aggression'

International Desk

Palestinian resistance group Hamas on Sunday condemned the US House of Representatives' approval of billions of dollars in new military aid to Israel, much of which is to strengthen Israeli air defenses.

"This support, which violates international law, is a license and a green light for the Zionist extremist government (Israel) to continue the brutal aggression against our people," Hamas said in a statement.

"We consider this step a confirmation of the official American complicity and partnership in the war of extermination waged by the fascist occupation army against our Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip."

On Saturday, the US House of Representatives approved \$13 billion in military assistance to America's ally, Israel, in its genocidal war on the Gaza Strip. Washington is already Israel's largest military supplier.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the "much appreciated aid bill" showed strong support for Israel and "defends Western civilization".

The Palestinian presidency condemned the bill as "an aggression against the Palestinian people" and a "dangerous escalation".

The money would "translate into thousands of Palestinian casualties in the Gaza Strip" and the occupied West Bank, said Nabil Abu Rudeina, spokesman for Palestinian President Mah-

moud Abbas. "To continue arming Israel after an ICJ decision that finds that there is a possible risk of genocide and a United Nations Security Council resolution that calls for an immediate, sustained cease-fire ... from our opinion, risks complicity," said Bushra Khalidi, West Bank policy lead for Oxfam. Since October 7, the Israel war on Gaza has killed more than 34,000 Palestinians - most of them women and children. Israel carried out deadly strikes in Gaza overnight. The bodies of 13 people, mostly children, were recovered after an Israeli strike hit the home of a family near the southernmost Gaza city of Rafah, the agency said. Other people were believed to be under rubble. A separate Israeli strike on



a home in the Rafah area killed at least three people and wounded others, Civil Defense said. Resident Umm Hassan Kloub, 35, said her children screamed when they "woke up to a nightmare of an explosion".

"Every second we live in terror, even the sound of Israeli aircraft doesn't stop," she said.

"We don't know whether we will live or die. This is not life."

Violence has also flared in the Israeli-occupied West

Bank, where a two-year surge in clashes has further escalated since the war broke out. The Palestinian Red Crescent said Saturday that at least 14 people were killed during an Israeli raid on a refugee camp in the northern West Bank.

Separately, Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinian teenagers near the West Bank city of Al-Khalil, the Palestinian Health Ministry said on Sunday, bringing to at least 483 the number of Palestinians

killed by Israeli troops and settlers in the West Bank since October 7, according to ministry data.

The Israeli army claimed the two people had attempted to stab and shoot troops near the village of Beit Einun.

Mohammad Ali Rajabi
Cartoonist



Iran forecasts floods, heavy rainfalls in 15 provinces

Social Desk

Iran's Water Research Institute has predicted floods and heavy rainfalls in the country's 15 provinces in the coming days.

The institute has warned of heavy rainfalls in the provinces of Kerman, Yazd, Mazandaran, Semnan, Golestan, Isfahan, Fars, Tehran, Alborz, Markazi, Hamedan, Qom and Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari, Sistan and Baluchistan and South Khorasan.

The southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchistan is already grappling with severe floods which have inundated the province southern cities and villages.

At least 10 people have lost their lives in the floods.



Iran president to visit Pakistan, Sri Lanka

International Desk

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi will travel to Pakistan and Sri Lanka to boost ties with the two Asian countries.

Raisi is scheduled to arrive in Pakistan's capital on Monday to meet his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari, Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said. Raisi will be accompanied by "a high-level delegation comprising the foreign minister... as well as a large business delegation," the foreign ministry said in a statement on Sunday.

During his visit Raisi will also meet Pakistan's prime minister, the chairman of the Senate and speaker of the National Assembly.

"They will also discuss regional and global developments and bilateral cooperation to combat the common threat of terrorism," the statement said.


According to the statement, Raisi will also visit major cities including Lahore and Karachi and focus on bilateral and trade ties. The countries will further strengthen ties and enhance cooperation in "trade, connectivity, energy, agriculture, and people-to-people contacts", it added. Pakistan is counting on a joint gas project with Iran to solve a long-running power crisis that has sapped its economic growth.

A \$7.5-billion Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline intended to feed Pakistani power plants was inaugurated with great fanfare in March 2013.

Iranian president will also depart for Sri Lanka to meet the country's officials during a one-day visit.

He is also scheduled to inaugurate Tehran-assisted \$529 million worth Uma Oya multipurpose development project with 120MW hydro power generation capacity, official sources said.

It will be the first visit to Sri Lanka by an Iranian president after then President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's visit in April 2008.



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