## **Iran:** IAEA resolution 'politically-motivated, unconstructive'

## **International Desk**

An anti-Iran resolution recently passed by the United Nations nuclear agency has met with strong condemnation from Tehran, which says such moves would not deter the Islamic Republic's peaceful nuclear program and are in line with the previously failed policies of some Western countries.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s Board of Governors passed a resolution on Wednesday calling on Iran to step up cooperation with the watchdog and reverse what it claimed to be Tehran's barring of inspectors.

The motion proposed by Britain, France and Germany - but opposed by China and Russia - at the IAEA board is the first of its kind since November 2022.

The European troika — also known as the E3 — wrote to the UN Security Council detailing what they labeled as Iran's violations of the 2015 nuclear deal, a step diplomats said aimed to pressure Tehran to resolve the issue diplomatically and to avoid reimposing



UN sanctions. Hours after the approval of the IAEA resolution, Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned the action in the strongest terms and called the

move political. In a late-night statement, the ministry said the passage of the resolution will have no effect on Iran's resolve to continue its peaceful application of the nuclear energy. "The Islamic Republic of Iran views the proposal and approval of this resolution as a politically-motivated and unconstructive move and the continuation of previously failed policies of some Western governments as well as a bid to politically abuse international mechanisms against independent nations," the statement read.

Stressing that Iran is committed to continuing its technical cooperation with the IAEA, the statement said, "The issuance of the resolution will have no effect on the Islamic Republic of Iran's resolve to press ahead with its peaceful nuclear program and to implement its nuclear development plans in line with its rights under related international treaties."

Meanwhile, Iran's permanent ambassador to the UN also reacted to the IAEA's resolution.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the rotating president of the UN Security Coun-

Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi (c) attends the IAEA's Board of Governors eeting at the agency's headquarters in Vienna. Austria on Iune 3. 2024.

cil Joonkook Hwang on Thursday, Amir Saeed Iravani said Tehran's decision to take remedial measures is in full compliance with its inherent right under Iran's 2015 nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The Iranian diplomat also lambasted the three European countries for spearheading the anti-Iran resolution.

Tehran, he said, "rejects all the allegations" in the E3's letter and "reiterates its position concerning its peaceful nuclear program and the JCPOA."

Iravani also said the E3 continues to level unfounded allegations against Iran for non-compliance with JCPOA commitments.

"Iran's decision to take remedial measures was in full accordance with its inherent right under paragraphs 26 and 36 of the JCPOA. in reaction to the United States' unlawful unilateral withdrawal from the agreement on 8 May 2018, and the subsequent failure of the E3 to uphold their commitments. The objective behind Iran's decision, which was made a full year after the US's unlawful withdrawal and the E3/EU's failure to fulfill their sanctions-lifting obligations, was crystal clear: to restore a balance in reciprocal commitments and benefits under the JCPOA," Iran's ambassador to the UN said.

Iravani said the claim that the E3 has consistently upheld its JCPOA commitments is simply untrue. Iran and world powers reached

the landmark nuclear agreement in 2015, under which Tehran curbed parts of its nuclear program in exchange for the removal of sanctions imposed on the Iranian economy.

Tehran started to suspend some of its obligations under the agreement in 2019, a year after the US government unilaterally abandoned the deal and reinstated sanctions on Iran

## Hezbollah hits Israel's Iron Dome with guided missile

UN to blacklist Israel for harming children



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Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement said it has hit an Iron Dome launcher with a guided missile in what could be the first hit on the regime's defense system.

The Lebanese group released a video on Wednesday that confirms the attack. The 90-second clip, captured from the missile's onboard camera, shows it flying towards an Iron Dome launcher at a military base in the northern Israeli settlement of Ramot Naftali near Lebanon. The feed cuts out just before impact. On Thursday, the Israel's military claimed that it was not aware of any damage to its launchers. It could be the first time that a missile launcher one part of the Iron Dome along with radar and control centers - has been hit in an attack. "It appears Hezbollah did hit the Iron Dome launcher with a guided missile," said Joe Truzman, a senior research analyst at the USbased Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

An image emerged Thursday on social media showing the damaged launcher. confirming it was struck. Since October, Hezbollah movement has been exchanging fire with Israeli military in support of Palestinian resistance groups in the Gaza Strip where Israeli regime has killed more than 36,700 people - moston a UN-run school there. ly women and children. Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza, The United Nations has decided to add Israel as a said at least 37 people were regime that harms children killed in Thursday's Israeli in conflict zones, UN Secrestrike on the UN-run school in Nuseirat camp. tary-General António Gu-The United Nations agency terres told Israel's defense attaché in the US, Major for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said hundreds General Hedy Silberman, Israeli media reported on of displaced Gazans were

and it is no longer possible

to influence him." 'The meaning of Israel's inclusion in the blacklist is very problematic and may cause countries in the world to impose an arms

sources said. According to the Palestinian Authority Ministry of Education and Higher Education, more than 15,000 children have been killed since the start of the Israeli onslaught on the Gaza Strip. It noted that the majority of those killed by Israel are school and kindergarten students. Moreover, 64 students from schools in the West Bank. including Al-Quds, have also been killed in the past eight months.

On Friday, Israeli forces bombarded a Gaza refugee camp after a deadly strike



Thursday. sheltering at the school, Despite Israel's weeks-long which was "hit without priefforts to dissuade Guterres or warning". from taking this step, Israel UN Secretary-General Antois expected to be included nio Guterres described the

on the list to be published next week as part of a report to the UN Security Council, according to local Channel 13 News.

concerned the move was

imminent, with sources

saying, "The current sec-

retary-general hates Israel

he called the "deliberate Last month, Ynet News bombing of an UNRWA reported that Israeli ofschool". ficials were increasingly

"Israeli violations of Palestinian rights continue day after day, in full view of the civilized world," Zeid said on X.

strike as "horrific", while

Egypt's Foreign Ministry

spokesman Ahmed Abu

Zeid condemned what