

# Iran unveils new drone, missile during annual parade

**Pezeshkian:** Iran's military power deters enemies from invasion



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (c) oversees a military parade commemorating Iraq's imposed war in the 1980s in Tehran, Iran, on September 21, 2024.  
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## National Desk

Iran's armed forces held military parades across the country to com-

memorate Iraq's imposed war in the 1980s, with a new ballistic missile and kamikaze drone being unveiled on the 44th anniversary of the Sacred Defense

against the regime of then-Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

According to Tasnim News Agency, 23 ballistic missiles were displayed Saturday, which included 2 Kheibar Shekan missiles, 2 Fatah missiles, 4 Haj Qasem missiles, 2 Qadr H missiles, 2 Emad missiles, 3 Khorramshahr missiles, 4 Sejil missiles and 4 Jihad missiles.

The Jihad is the latest liquid fuel ballistic missile of the IRGC Aerospace Force, which was displayed for the first time in the parade. With a high-explosive detachable warhead, it has a range of 1000 km, the report added.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) also paraded the Shahed-136B, the latest version of the Shahed-136 kamikaze drone, for the first time.

The new military products were showcased at the mausoleum of the late founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, in southern Tehran. The parades were staged to mark the beginning of Iraq's imposed war on Iran between 1980 and 1988.

Addressing the parade, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian praised the country's armed forces, saying that Iran's deterrent power has made it impossible for the enemies to invade

our land.

"Today, our defensive and deterrent capabilities have grown so much that no demon even thinks about any aggression towards our dear Iran," he said.

"With unity and cohesion among Islamic countries... we can put in its place the bloodthirsty, genocidal usurper Israel, which shows no mercy to anyone, women or children, old or young," he added. Other indigenous products put on display in the parade included Kheibar Shekan and solid-fuel medium-range Sejil ballistic missiles, Emad liquid-fuel and medium-range ballistic missile (MRBM), Khorramshahr medium-range ballistic missile as well as Fattah hypersonic medium-range ballistic missile.

Iranian military experts and engineers have in recent years made remarkable breakthroughs in manufacturing a broad range of home-made equipment, making the armed forces self-sufficient. Iranian officials have repeatedly underscored that the country will not hesitate to strengthen its military capabilities, including its missile power, which are entirely meant for defense, and that Iran's defense capabilities will never be subject to negotiation.

## Leader: Muslims should tap inner power to eradicate Israeli cancer



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Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei called on Muslims to summon their "inner power" and remove the "malignant cancerous tumor of the Israeli regime from the heart of Islamic society, which is Palestine."

Ayatollah Khamenei told Muslim ambassadors and participants of an Islamic unity conference in Tehran Saturday that what is urgently needed is to form an Islamic ummah in order to unleash this inner power, Press TV reported.

"What the Zionist regime is doing today and the crimes they commit without shame and concealment in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Syria, they literally are not fighting men, but people from all walks of the society in Palestine," he said.

"They were unable to deal a blow to men in Palestine, so they unleashed their ignorant and malicious anger on small children, on patients in hospitals, and on schools of young children," the Leader added.

"This is because we do not use our own inner power which we should. This internal power can remove and eliminate the Zionist regime, this evil cancerous tumor from the heart of the Islamic society, which is Palestine, and destroy the influence and dominance and bullying intervention of America in the region."

Ayatollah Khamenei said the first step in the unity of the Islamic world is for the Islamic countries to completely cut off their economic relations with "this criminal and terrorist gang that rule Palestine and have usurped the land of Palestine."

"This is the least they can do, and it must be done. They must destroy economic ties, weaken political ties, strengthen press and media attacks, and openly express and show that they are on the side of the oppressed Palestinian nation."

Ayatollah Khamenei said the current situation and the domination of the enemies of Islam and the need felt by some Islamic countries for the support of the US is the result of divisions among Muslims.

"There are now many Islamic countries and about two billion Muslims living in the world, but you cannot call them ummah, because the ummah is a collection that moves towards a goal in harmony and with motivation, but we Muslims today are divided.

"If the Muslims were not divided, they could form a single group with the support and use of each other's facilities, which was more powerful than all the great powers, and they would no longer need to rely on America," he said.

With Islamic governments lacking strong motivation, the Leader said, it is the duty of the Islamic world's elite, namely politicians, scholars, scientists, academics, influential and intellectual classes, poets, writers, and political and social analysts to create this motivation in statesmen. More than 144 Shia and Sunni scholars from 36 countries participated in the 38th International Islamic Unity Conference held in Tehran on Thursday and Friday.

# Israeli raid on Beirut's suburb claims at least 37 lives

## International Desk

An Israeli strike on a Beirut's suburb on Friday claimed the lives of at least 37 people, including three children, as the conflict between the regime and Hezbollah resistance movement has escalated into an all-out war.

Hezbollah, which has been exchanging fire with Israel in support of Palestinians in Gaza for months, on Saturday announced that two commanders of its elite operations unit had been killed by the Israeli strike on Beirut.

Lebanon's Health Minister Firass Abiad said three children were also killed in Friday's strike on an underground meeting room, which left a huge crater in a densely populated neighborhood of Dahieh, a Hezbollah stronghold.

Hezbollah announced that 15 of its operatives — including two top commanders Ahmed Mahmoud Wahbi and Ibrahim Aqil — were killed in the Israeli attack.

Abiad, Lebanon's health minister, said emergency services worked "through the night" to recover victims from the Beirut strike, adding that, "A residential building collapsed on top of occupants" after the Israeli attack.

## Attacks on communication devices

Friday's strike also followed sabotage attacks on pagers and two-way radios used by Hezbollah on Tuesday and Wednesday, which killed 39 people and wounded thousands of others including Iran's Ambassador to Lebanon Mojtaba Amani. Hezbollah blamed Israel, which has so far declined to comment.

Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah vowed Thursday that Israel would face retribution for those blasts. Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said the world body was "very concerned about the heightened escalation," and called for "maximum restraint" from all sides.

On Friday, the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk, told the Security Council the attack on Hezbollah communications devices violated international law and could constitute a war crime.

The pagers and walkie-talkies exploded as their users were in supermarkets, walking on streets and attending funerals, plunging Lebanon into panic.

## War crimes

"I am appalled by the breadth and impact



People gather near a firetruck and damaged vehicles at the site of Friday's Israeli strike in Beirut's southern suburbs, Lebanon, on September 20, 2024.  
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of the attacks," said Turk, adding that it "is a war crime to commit violence intended to spread terror among civilians."

Months of near-daily cross-border exchanges have killed hundreds in Lebanon, mostly fighters, and dozens in Israel and the occupied Golan Heights, forcing tens of thousands on both sides to flee their homes.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel will not achieve its objective of inflaming the region to extricate itself from the Gaza quagmire, stressing, however, that the regime will get a response to its atrocities.

He made the remarks on Friday night upon arrival in New York, where he is

expected to attend the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Speaking to reporters, Araghchi said that Israel's recent terrorist crimes in Lebanon shows that the regime is desperately scrambling to drag the entire region into the dangerous deadlock that it has got itself caught in.

Iran's UN Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani also told the Security Council meeting in New York that Iran will rigorously pursue accountability for the attack on Iran's ambassador.

Iran reserves its right under international law to take all necessary measures to respond to "this egregious violation," Iravani said.

## Pezeshkian to depart for New York today

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian is scheduled to leave Tehran for New York today to attend the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Deputy Director of Communication and Information of the President's Office, Mohammad Mehdi Tabatabai, told IRNA on Saturday that the Iranian president will depart for the United Nations' headquarters in New York at the head of a high-ranking delegation. Pezeshkian is scheduled to deliver a speech at the UNGA session on September 24, where he will express the views and stances of the Islamic Re-

public on various issues.

During his visit, Pezeshkian is also set to hold several meetings, including one with Iranian expatriates in the United States. His agenda includes talks with leaders of divine religions, media directors, think tank representatives, and heads of European and Asian countries.

Additionally, the Iranian president is expected to participate in the Summit of the Future, a high-level event aimed at bringing world leaders together to forge a new international consensus on delivering a better present and safeguarding the future.

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