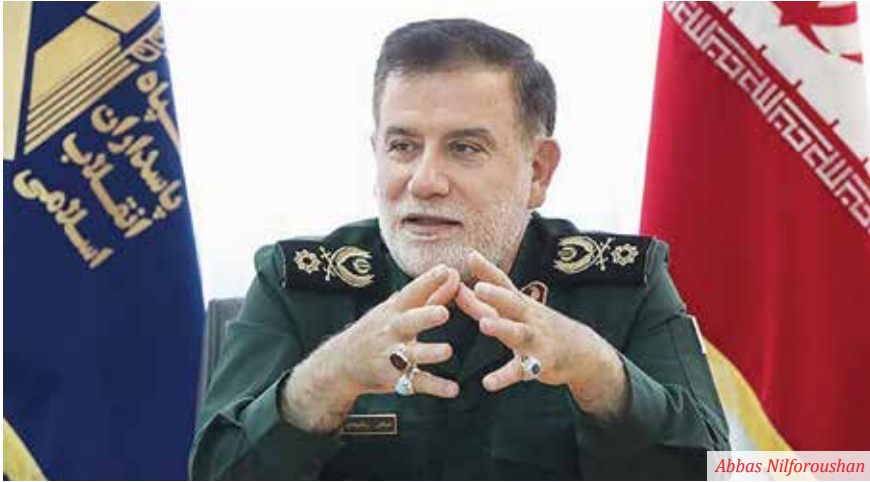


# IRGC confirms martyrdom of senior commander in Beirut raid



Abbas Nilforoushan

Salami, said the death of Nilforoushan, the deputy commander for operations of the IRGC, "will not go unanswered." "This vicious and cowardly act is another clear sign of the terrorist and criminal nature of the Zionist regime and its notorious supporters," Araghchi said. "The diplomatic apparatus will also use all its political, diplomatic, legal and international capacities to pursue the criminals and their backers," he added. Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf also said Israel has gone on an assassination spree against resistance commanders in a desperate effort to prevent its

demise. The terrorist act came almost a year into Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip and deadly aerial assaults on Lebanon. "The Zionist enemy has not achieved its objectives and it has been defeated [on the battlefield], thus it has begun assassinations to survive and avert its demise," he said during an open parliamentary session. "It is not the Zionist regime that has the upper hand, but on the contrary, it has adopted the tactical methods of assassination and psychological warfare in an act of desperation ... to compensate for strategic setbacks." Some other Iranian officials

also condemned the assassinations. On Sunday, Iran's Vice President for Strategic Affairs, Mohammad Javad Zarif, said a response "will occur at the appropriate time and at Iran's choice, and decisions will definitely be made at the leadership level, at the highest level of the state," IRNA reported. The Israeli military has claimed it killed "more than 20" Hezbollah members of varying ranks during its attack on Friday. Hezbollah on Saturday confirmed the killing of Sheikh Nabil Qaouk, who was also targeted in an Israeli raid on the southern suburb of Beirut.

## Iran urges UNSC emergency meeting after Israeli attacks on Lebanon

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Iran on Saturday called for an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council in protest at the Israeli regime's ongoing deadly aggression across the region. In the letter, Iran's UN envoy Amir Saeid Iravani called on the council to "take immediate and decisive action to stop Israel's ongoing aggression and prevent... from dragging the region into a full-scale war."

On Friday, the Israeli regime launched an attack on the suburbs of Lebanon's capital Beirut, which led to the death of the leader of the Hezbollah resistance movement, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, alongside many others, including an Iranian military advisor.

The assassination came amid the Israeli regime's October-present escalation against Lebanon and genocidal war on the Gaza Strip, which have respectively claimed the lives of hundreds of Lebanese and north of 41,500 Palestinians. Women and children comprise the majority of the victims.

Iravani denounced the unbridled aggression as "war crime and crime against humanity."

He said the UNSC had to convene the meeting "to address Israel's terrorist aggression and the continuous atrocities perpetrated by the warmongering Israeli regime in Lebanon and across the region."

"These brazen acts of aggression...pose a grave threat to regional and international peace and security, pushing the entire region into an all-out catastrophe," he cautioned.

The envoy, meanwhile, reminded that attacks on Beirut had been carried out "using US-supplied thousands-pound bunker busters."

He also denounced the US for preventing the council from taking "an effective decision" against the regime, thus providing Tel Aviv with "complete impunity."

"The Security Council must compel Israel to immediately cease its acts of aggression and crimes in Gaza and Lebanon, and comply with relevant UNSC Resolutions."

Iravani reminded that the regime's regional aggression saw it targeting the Iranian Consulate in the Syrian capital Damascus in April, leading to the martyrdom of a commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), his deputy, and five of their accompanying officers.

He asserted that the Islamic Republic "will not tolerate any repeat of such aggression."

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Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) on Sunday confirmed that its military advisor

Brigadier General Abbas Nilforoushan was killed in an Israeli airstrike in Beirut on Friday, in which the secretary general of Lebanon's Hezbollah re-

sistance movement also lost his life. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, in a letter to IRGC Chief Commander Major General Hossein

## Israel launches airstrikes on Yemen

No future envisaged for Israel in region: *Iran's FM*

### International Desk

The Israeli military launched new air strikes on Yemen on Sunday as it continues to expand its war in the region. The Israeli occupation army confirmed that it attacked the Yemeni port city of Hodeidah, saying, "Dozens of air force aircraft" were used in the attacks. The strikes came a day after Yemen's Ansarullah resistance group said it targeted Israel's Ben Gurion Airport with a missile.

In July, Israel also hit Hodeida port, causing what a port official said was at least \$20 million in damage, after an Ansarullah drone strike penetrated Israel's air defenses and killed a civilian in Tel Aviv. The strikes came after the regime intensified its attacks on Lebanon, killing more than 1,600 people, including the leader of Hezbollah resistance movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.

The Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said Israel's assassination of Nasrallah will accelerate



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the regime's decline and leave it with no future in region. "Definitely, this martyrdom is a great loss, but it will not cause any disruption in the resilience," he added.

"With what it did in Gaza and then in Lebanon, the Zionist regime will certainly have no future in the region. It will never see peace. The natural outcome ... is the acceleration of the Zionist regime's collapse." Araghchi also noted that Iran views the United States as a "partner" in the Israeli crime, expressing dismay at the UN Security Council's inability to resolve current problems.

Meanwhile, the commander of IRGC's Quds Force said Iran will stand

by Hezbollah until the liberation of the occupied al-Quds.

"God willing, we will remain by your side in continuing [Nasrallah's] path until the conquest of Palestine and the liberation of Jerusalem," IRNA quoted Esmail Qa'ani as saying in a statement.

On Friday, Israel assassinated Nasrallah in the southern Beirut suburb of Zahiyyeh at the culmination of its intensified acts of terror and aggression in Lebanon over the past two weeks.

Hezbollah and Israel have been exchanging deadly fire since early October, shortly after the regime launched a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip which has claimed the lives of more than 41,000 Palestinians in nearly one year.

## Worldwide rallies against Israel's war on Lebanon, Gaza



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People staged mass protests across the world in denunciation of Israel's war on Gaza and Lebanon. The demonstrators also expressed outrage at Israel's assassination of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.

Israel has killed more than 41,500 Palestinians since it launched its merciless offensive in October 2023. Israel launched the war after some 1,200 people were killed in a retaliatory attack by Palestinian resistance groups. The regime has also launched a deadly war on Lebanon, killing more than 1,600 people there.

In Sweden's capital Stockholm, hundreds of people took to the streets to show their anger at Israel's atrocities against Palestinians and Lebanese.

"Hands off Lebanon," and "Free Palestine" filled the air. Swedish artist and activist Samuel Girma called Israel "a terrorist state," and urged the boycott of trade with the regime following "terror attacks on Beirut and Lebanon."

Similar protests unfolded in Finland's capital Helsinki, where dem-

onstrators demanded an immediate end to Israeli operations in Lebanon.

In Paris, protesters gathered near the Innocents Fountain, holding banners that read "End the genocide in Gaza," and "Boycott Israel."

Protesters also marched from the Levent Metro Station to the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul, chanting, "Murderer Israel, get out of Palestine," and "Murderer Israel, get out of Lebanon."

Protests were also organized in Indian-administered Kashmir where the demonstrators urged their government to halt arms deals with Israel and to stand against the escalating violence.

In Australia, thousands rallied in cities and towns around the country, calling for a ceasefire to the conflicts in both Gaza and Lebanon. People in some Arab countries also took to the streets on Saturday night.

In the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, hundreds of Palestinians marched through the city in support of Gaza and Lebanon.

Participants in the march vowed to continue with the resistance against Israel and avenge the killings

Demonsrators march through the streets against Israeli strikes in Gaza and Lebanon at a protest rally in the central business district of Sydney on September 29, 2024.

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of Nasrallah and slain Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, stressing, "Palestine's message is loyalty to the resistance in Lebanon."

Iranians also staged similar protests across the country against Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon that killed Nasrallah.

Hundreds of people also protested near the Israeli embassy in the Jordanian capital Amman on Saturday evening. People carried pictures of Nasrallah and demanded "revenge for his blood and the blood of the martyrs."

In the Moroccan capital Rabat, people gathered in front of the parliament building to condemn Nasrallah's assassination, chanting slogans like "the resistance will not die," and "Nasrallah, rest, we will continue the struggle."

Around 4,000 people also gathered in the Pakistani capital Islamabad and 3,000 thousand others in the southern port city of Karachi during rallies and funeral prayers for Nasrallah.

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