

## Hezbollah's new strategy;

## Striking Haifa for Dahieh, Tel Aviv for Beirut

## International Desk

Hamas and Hezbollah resistance groups launched rocket attacks on the occupied territories on Monday on the first anniversary of the former's Operation Al-Aqsa Storm last October.

Hamas's armed wing said it fired a barrage of rockets at Israel's commercial hub Tel Aviv on Monday. The Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades "struck deep into the occupation's territory, targeting the city of Tel Aviv with a barrage of M90 missiles as part of the ongoing war of attrition," the group said in a statement.

Projectiles fired from Gaza set off sirens in central Tel Aviv.

The attack, which also saw missiles launched into northern Israel, injured at least two people. Hamas's armed wing vowed to keep fighting what it described as a "long war of attrition."

"We choose to keep up the fight in a long war of attrition, one

that is painful and costly for the enemy," said Abu Obeida, spokesman of the group's armed wing.

Khaled Meshaal, the former head of Hamas, said on the Al Arabiya TV channel that Hamas's operation on October 7, 2023 took Israel back to "square zero and threatened its existence." Meshaal said last year's daring attack was "a natural response to the occupation and its accelerating plans for settlement, siege and aggression against al-Aqsa," referring to the flash-point al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the occupied Old City of al-Quds.

He also accused Israel of threatening Egypt and Jordan, despite long-standing peace agreements between the countries, saying, "The enemy wants everyone in the region to be subject to him and he does this even with countries that do not fight him."

He added that Israel "attacks Arab and Islamic national secu-

rity everywhere."

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Israel's war on Gaza has claimed the lives of nearly 42,000 Palestinians so far.

Israel has also been targeting Lebanon since October 2023, when it launched the genocidal war on the Gaza Strip. Since late last month, the regime has escalated its strikes on Lebanon, killing more than 2,000 people and displaced thousands of Lebanese.

Lebanon's Hezbollah has been responding to the aggression with retaliatory operations.

On Monday, Hezbollah hit the regime's third-largest city of Haifa with rockets in the first direct attack on the northern city that evaded the regime air defense



Israeli security forces check the damage at a building hit during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip on October 7, 2024 in Kfar Chabad near Tel Aviv.  
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systems. Hezbollah said it targeted a military base south of Haifa with a salvo of "Fadi 1" missiles.

Israeli media said 10 people were wounded in Haifa and Tiberias. Police in Haifa said several buildings and properties were

damaged, with several reports of minor injuries and some people having been taken to a nearby hospital.

UNSC's inaction on Israeli warmongering imperils regional stability: *Iran*

## Qalibaf calls for global 'serious' measures against Israel

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The spokesman of Iran's Foreign Ministry said the inaction of the United Nations Security Council on the Israeli regime's warmongering is seriously endangering stability in the region.

In a statement on Monday, Esmail Baghaei denounced Israel's military assaults against Syria and called for a serious action at regional and international levels to stop the aggression and hold the regime accountable.

Israel frequently targets military positions inside Syria, especially those of the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah, which have played a key role in helping the Syrian Army in its fight against foreign-backed terrorists.

The Israeli regime rarely comments on its attacks on Syrian territories, which many see as a knee-jerk reaction to the Syrian government's phenomenal success in confronting and decimating terrorism.

Damascus has time and again called on the UN Security Council to put an end to the regime's attacks that violate Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Syrian Defense Ministry said on Sunday that Israel had carried out airstrikes on military positions in central Syria, reporting no casualties.

"At approximately 20:05 (17:05 GMT) the Israeli enemy launched an air aggression coming from the direction of north Lebanon, which targeted military sites in the central region, causing material losses," the ministry said in a statement.

Baghaei said Israel continues its genocidal war against the people of Palestine in Gaza and

conducts heavy assaults against Lebanon and Syria.

He added that the Security Council's passivity vis-à-vis the Israeli regime's crimes will bear seriously adverse consequences for global peace and security.

The Iranian spokesman emphasized that Israel's aggression against Muslim and Arab countries exposes the regime's "militancy and expansionism" nature.

Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf in a letter to his counterparts across the world called on the international community to take serious measures to immediately stop the regime's attacks in Palestine and Lebanon.

"The Israeli genocide of the oppressed people of Gaza and the current situation in Lebanon are the examples of the expansionist and arrogant policies of the criminal Zionist regime" he said, adding that the regime's actions are a clear example of crimes against humanity, a flagrant violation of international law and are a serious threat to the peace, security and stability of the region and the world.

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## Pope slams world's 'shameful inability' to end Mideast conflict

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Pope Francis on Monday slammed the "shameful inability" of world powers to end the conflict in West Asia, on the first anniversary of Hamas's Operation Al-Aqsa Storm on Israel's positions in the occupied territories.

"A year ago, the fuse of hatred was lit; it did not sputter, but exploded in a spiral of violence, in the shameful inability of the international community and the most powerful countries to silence the weapons and put an end to the tragedy of war," he said in an open letter to Catholics in West Asia, AFP reported.

"Blood is still being shed, as are tears. Anger is growing, along with the desire for revenge, while it seems that few people care about what is most needed and what is most

desired: dialogue and peace."

The 87-year-old had previously declared Monday a global day for prayer and fasting for peace, following similar initiatives for other conflicts in recent years.

In his letter, the leader of the world's almost 1.4 billion Catholics offered solidarity with followers in the region -- "a small, defenseless flock" -- on what he called "this sad day".

But the pope also addressed "the men and women of every confession and religion who in the West Asia are suffering from the insanity of war: I am close to you, I am with you".

"I am with you, who have no voice, for despite all the talk of plans and strategies, there is little concern for those who suffer the devastation of war, which the powerful impose on others; yet they will be subject



to the inflexible judgement of God," he added.

Nearly 42,000 Palestinians -- mostly women and children in Gaza and more than 2,000 people including top commanders of Hezbollah resistance group in Lebanon have been killed in Israel's strikes

over the past years.

The regime launched its deadly attacks on the Gaza Strip following Hamas's operation in the occupied territories. Israel's campaign has displaced nearly the entire population of Gaza -- 1.9 million of its 2.3 million Palestinians.

## Commander of Iran's Quds Force 'in good health': IRGC

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The top commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, Esmail Qa'ani, is in "good health," the elite force's deputy commander Iraj Masjedi said on Monday, after rumor circulated that he had been out of contact since Israel's heavy strikes on Beirut last week.

"He is in good health and is carrying out his activities. Some ask us to issue a statement... there is no need for this," Masjedi was quoted as saying by Iranian state media in reference to Qa'ani.

Reuters, citing unknown officials, reported on Sunday that Qa'ani, who traveled to Lebanon after the last month assassination of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in an Israeli airstrike, has not been heard from since the onslaught on Beirut late last week that was re-

ported to have targeted high-profile Hezbollah official Hashem Safieldine.

On Monday, Iranian media also published a message from Qa'ani, which was conveyed to a conference in solidarity with Palestinian children in Tehran, adding that the commander could not attend "due to his being in another important meeting."

In the message, Qa'ani extended his salutations to the participants of the event and offered his profound apologies for not being able to take part in the conference due to participation in another special meeting. On January 3, 2020, Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei appointed Esmail Qa'ani as the new head of the Islamic IRGC Quds Force following the US assassination of Major General Qassem Soleimani in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

Invitation  
for Tender

## Second Announcement

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