

Araghchi: Iran not seeking war but ready for war situation

Baghdad against use of own airspace against Tehran: *Iraqi FM*

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Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said his country is not seeking war but is ready for a "war situation" amid Israel's threats of retaliation for Iran's recent missile attack on its military sites.

"We are fully prepared for a war situation. We are not afraid of war, but we do not want war, we want peace and we will work for a just peace in Gaza and Lebanon," he said during a joint press conference with Iraqi counterpart Fuad Hussein in Baghdad.

Araghchi warned that the possibility of new conflict and rising tensions in the region has increased, stressing that all tensions in the region are rooted in the Israel's crimes which the regime first committed in

Gaza, then in Lebanon and may spread in other regional countries.

The Iranian foreign minister said that the attacks by the Israeli regime should be countered and its strikes in Gaza and Lebanon must be stopped.

Araghchi also in a post on X said Iran has "no red lines" in defending itself.

"While we have made tremendous efforts in recent days to contain an all-out war in our region, I say it clearly that we have no red lines in defending our people and interests," Araghchi said.

The Iraqi foreign minister, for his part, said Baghdad was against a regional war spreading to Iran.

"The continuation of the war and its expansion towards the Islamic Republic of Iran and (Israel's) exploita-

tion of Iraqi airspace as a corridor is completely unacceptable and rejected," Hussein said.

He said Baghdad had earlier warned about the consequences of Israeli regime's aggression against Lebanon, adding that the continuation of the conflicts in Gaza and Lebanon has threatened the security and stability of the region.

Hussein said the Israeli regime has threatened to target specific bases in Iran. He said such threats are aimed at dragging Iraq into the war.

He emphasized that his country is in contact with its friends to "push the phantom of war away from the region and Iraq."

Iran fired 200 ballistic missiles towards sensitive military and intelligence targets across the occupied



Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (L) and his Iraqi counterpart Fuad Hussein attend a joint press conference in Baghdad, Iraq on October 13, 2024.

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Palestinian territories on October 1 in response to the regime's deadly atrocities against the country and other regional territories and the assassinations of resistance leaders.

Since then, Israel has repeatedly threatened that it will respond to Iran's attack.

The Iranian foreign minister also held separate talks with the Iraqi prime minister and president during his visit to Iraq.

Iraq's Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani emphasized that Baghdad's

priority is to stop Israel's military aggression against Gaza and Lebanon.

Sudani said that Iraq, with the cooperation of international friends and partners, especially the European Union countries, is making all its efforts to stop the war.

He added that the Iraqi government had previously warned about Israel's plans to expand the war in the region.

Araghchi expressed Iran's appreciation for Iraq's efforts in promoting peace and sending relief aids to

those affected in Gaza and Lebanon. He stated that his visit aims to enhance coordination and consultation on the ongoing situation, confirming that Iran aligns with Iraq's endeavors to prevent the war from escalating.

UNIFIL: Israeli forces crossed Blue Line, 'destroyed' main base gate



Sunday to move peacekeepers deployed in south Lebanon out of "harm's way", claiming Hezbollah was using them as "human shields".

"Mr Secretary General, get the UNIFIL forces out of harm's way. It should be done right now, immediately," Netanyahu said in a video statement issued by his office.

UNIFIL has refused to leave its positions in southern Lebanon.

"There was a unanimous decision to stay because it's important for the UN flag to still fly high in this region, and to be able to report to the Security Council," UNIFIL spokesman Andrea Tenenti told AFP in an interview on Saturday.

Forty countries contributing to the UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon demand an immediate halt to Israel's attacks on peacekeepers.

UNIFIL is tasked with monitoring a cease-fire that ended a 33-day war in 2006 between Israel and Lebanon's resistance movement Hezbollah. It was first established as an interim force in 1978 to confirm Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon.

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nel and property" at the Lebanon border, the force said after the latest attack.

"Breaching and entering a UN position is a further flagrant violation of international law and Security Council resolution 1701," UNIFIL said in a statement.

On Saturday, Israeli soldiers "stopped a critical UNIFIL logistical movement near Mais al-Jabal, denying it passage", the force said, referring to an area in south Lebanon.

A UNIFIL spokesman said that the mission would stay in place despite five of its peacekeepers being wounded and damage to their facilities in Israel's war on Lebanon.

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The United Nations said Israeli tanks burst through the gates of its peacekeeping force base in southern Lebanon after three platoons of Israeli soldiers crossed the Blue Line.

The UN peacekeepers said in a statement two Israeli army Merkava tanks "destroyed" their main gate and "forcibly entered the position" while peacekeepers were asleep.

"The tanks left about 45 minutes later after UNIFIL protested through our liaison mechanism, saying [the Israeli military] presence was putting peacekeepers in danger," it said.

Peacekeepers also reported several rounds being fired about 100 meters (328 feet) north of their position in what appeared to be an attack with some sort of chemical agent.

"Despite putting on protective masks, 15 peacekeepers suffered effects including skin irritation and gastrointestinal reactions after the smoke entered the camp. The peacekeepers are receiving treatment."

The Israeli army must obey its "obligation to ensure the safety and security of UN person-

Speaker: Israel at its weakest position in history



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Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said the Israeli regime is at its weakest position since the beginning of its exis-

tence and that is a chance for Islamic countries to put an end to the "age-old evil" in the region.

The Iranian official made the remarks in an address to an extraordinary meeting of the

Parliamentary Union of Islamic Countries, which was held on the sidelines of an Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) meeting in Geneva on Sunday. Qalibaf said that Israel's crimes are not restricted to Gaza and Lebanon. He said that the regime, which enjoys full support of the US and certain Western countries, seeks to reach a point that can commit crimes against any Islamic leader everywhere in the Islamic world with full immunity.

Qalibaf warned that Israel wants to control all the in-

frastructures of the region, saying that the Muslim world has to take some critical steps to stop the regime before it is too late.

He also said the Muslim countries need to stop any kind of cooperation, dialogue with the regime and stop any political and economic project that would help Israel.

Israel is now trying to hide its unprecedented weaknesses behind aggressive gestures in order to prevent unity among Muslim nations, the Iranian speaker underlined.

Palestine's UN envoy: 'Genocide within genocide' going on in north Gaza

A senior Palestinian diplomat to the United Nations sounded alarm over Israel's ongoing siege of northern Gaza, in which hundreds of Palestinians have been killed over the last week and hundreds of thousands of civilian residents are either trapped or ordered to flee amid intense bombardment. As the military siege in the Jabalia refugee camp and its vicinity entered its 10th day on Sunday, Palestinian authorities said

at least 200 people have been killed since the Israeli operations began earlier this month.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported that at least 17 more people were killed on Sunday morning in central and northern Gaza, including eight members of one family in the Nuseirat refugee camp as well as five people in Al-Ettesalat area west of the Jabalia refugee camp.

"What is happening in northern Gaza now is a

genocide within the genocide," Palestinian Ambassador Majed Bamyia, the deputy permanent observer to the UN, wrote on X. On Saturday, the Israel's military renewed its evacuation orders for Palestinians still living in the decimated northern half of Gaza, although many residents say the fighting and Israeli sniper fire make it impossible to leave.

Israeli military told people that the area includes parts of Gaza City's Sheikh

Radwan neighborhood and sections around Jabalia, the urban refugee camp.

It asked people living there to head south to Al-Mawasi, a coastal area of southern Gaza where hundreds of thousands of people are already displaced. A total of 84% of the territory is currently under evacuation orders, pushing civilians into ever-dwindling "humanitarian zones" which Israel has bombed regardless.

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