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## INTERVIEW

A member of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, referring to the fact that Zionist adventurism against Iran puts Israel at risk, emphasized, "If Zionist crimes and threats by the regime and its supporters against us continue, the Islamic Republic will seriously review its nuclear doctrine."



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# Iran to rethink nuclear doctrine if Israeli threats continue

In an interview with Iran Daily, Abbas Golrou added: "The Iranian Parliament is carefully examining the situation, and if Zionist crimes in Lebanon and Gaza continue unabated, and the international community remains silent, and if threats against the Islamic Republic persist, we will be forced to beef up our power-balancing tools, and naturally, our nuclear doctrine is one of them."

He noted, "The parliament and the people's representatives will undoubtedly ask the relevant authorities to seriously review our nuclear doctrine, as we are living in an era where unprecedented crimes are being committed against nations."

"If a war breaks out between armed forces, one side will inevitably emerge victorious, and the other will be defeated, or both sides will suffer the consequences of war. However, when we see a regime using its military might against civilians, engaging in mass killings, and committing crimes against humanity, effectively carrying out genocide, the Islamic Republic is compelled to change its nuclear doctrine," Golrou added.

In response to a question about how the nuclear doctrine would change, he said, "This issue has its own process and related matters, such as the NPT, nuclear agreements, and our parliamentary law on nuclear issues, which we need to amend."

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons or NPT is a cornerstone international agreement aimed at preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the dissemination of nuclear technology, fostering cooperation in the



peaceful application of nuclear energy, and advancing the ultimate goal of achieving nuclear disarmament and comprehensive disarmament.

### Danger of escalation

The parliamentarian, warning about the spread of conflicts in the region, emphasized, "Today, Americans more than anyone else understand both the danger and the negative consequences of the escalation of conflicts and war in the region."

Referring to Israel's recent response to Israel, he said, the country's response "to Zionist aggression, as our military commanders and experts say, was just a military test and a slap on the wrist. But if we assume that the full capacity of the Islamic

Republic and the Resistance Axis is unleashed against the Zionist regime, we'll see what happens in the region and what becomes of the Zionist regime." Iranian military on October 1 launched a direct attack on Israel, firing 180 long-range ballistic missiles with at least 90 percent of them hitting the intended targets. The operation - dubbed Operation True Promise II - came in response to the assassinations of top resistance leaders, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah of Hezbollah, Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas and Abbas Nilforoushan of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC). Following Iran's massive launch of a barrage of ballistic missiles against Israel, the Tel Aviv regime has time and again vowed to launch a retaliatory



Abbas Golrou

attack against the Islamic Republic.

Golrou said, "I'm only mentioning one scenario because I'm not a military expert, but certainly only a small percentage of the Islamic Republic of Iran's military capability was used in this operation against the Zionists."

He stressed, "War, first and foremost, has negative consequences for all parties involved, and its

A projectile is seen in the sky after Iran fired a salvo of ballistic missiles, as seen from Tel Aviv on Oct. 1, 2024.

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continuation and escalation in the region will cripple the global economy, as many of the world's energy routes, including the Strait of Hormuz and the Babel-Mandeb, pass through our region, and the escalation of war will lead to insecurity throughout the region."

"War is also detrimental to regional countries that have close ties with the United States and are pursuing economic development. Essentially, a widespread war has far-reaching consequences for all parties involved, and therefore, no one welcomes war. However, if an incident occurs that leads to further escalation of the war in the region, the Zionist regime's very existence will be at risk."

### Netanyahu driving Jews to brink of disaster

The MP said that the Zionist regime, with [Benjamin] Netanyahu at the helm, are driving the people of the occupied territories and Jewish immigrants to the edge of the cliff. Of course, the Jews themselves have realized this, and recently, in synagogues, they have questioned the prime minister's actions, putting him under pressure, saying, he is putting Israel at risk.

Back in April, the IRGC also launched extensive missile and drone strikes on the Israel. The series of retaliatory strikes - dubbed Operation True Promise - inflicted damage on Israeli military bases across the occupied lands.



A man uses his mobile phone as flames and smoke rise at the scene of buildings hit by an Israeli airstrike in central Beirut, Lebanon, on Oct. 10, 2024.

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