

Jordan says will not allow anyone to 'violate' own airspace

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Jordan said it will not allow any party to the conflict in region to violate its airspace and threaten its citizens' security amid fears of Israel's retaliation against a recent Iranian missile attack on the occupied territories.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi visited Jordan on Wednesday as part of a diplomatic push to end Israeli crimes in the region, which has also taken him to Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iraq and Oman.

During his stop in Jordan, Iran's top diplomat held separate talks with his counterpart Ayman al-Safadi and Jordan's King Abdullah II.

Jordan's King told the Iranian foreign minister that

Jordan will not be a battleground for regional conflicts.

King Abdullah II expressed serious concern regarding the existing circumstances in the region and the serious dangers arising from the expansion of conflict and insecurity.

He reaffirmed Jordan's commitment to assist and participate in initiatives to maintain stability and security in the region.

Jordan's king highlighted the necessity to stop the Israeli war on Gaza and Lebanon "as the first step towards comprehensive calm," according to a Royal Court statement.

Araghchi, for his part, called for greater cooperation and solidarity among Muslim countries in the region to compel the Israeli regime to halt its genocidal

actions and warmongering.

War on Lebanon

Araghchi expressed deep concern and sorrow over the dire conditions facing the displaced people in Gaza and Lebanon, who are currently deprived of basic necessities for survival.

He called for mobilizing all capacities of Islamic countries to collect and send humanitarian aid to the region. Both officials also stressed the need for regional de-escalation.

Also on Wednesday, Araghchi also met with his Jordanian counterpart.

The Jordanian foreign minister echoed the king's remarks, saying that Jordan will "not be a battlefield for anyone and will not allow any party to violate its sovereignty and airspace



Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (c) meets with Jordan's King Abdullah II (r) in Amman, Jordan, on October 16, 2024.



and threaten its citizens' security."

Araghchi also held talks with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres.

Araghchi warned about the consequences of any possible unwise measures by the Israeli regime against Iran.

He underlined that the responsibility for the consequences of the spread of insecurity in the region will rest with the Israeli regime and its main supporter, the United States.

After Iran's missile attack on Israel, there has been speculation that Israel

could strike Iran's nuclear facilities.

However, the spokesperson for Iran's atomic energy agency Behrouz Kamalvandi said the probability

of an attack on Iran's nuclear sites remains low but any potential damage would be "quickly compensated."

"We have always taken

these threats seriously," Kamalvandi said. "We have planned in a way that if they commit any stupidity, the damages would be minimal."

Pezeshkian urges Muslims to 'act as one' against Israel



Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

Masoud Pezeshkian

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said increased pressure on the supporters of the Israeli regime can stop its "killing machine."

In a phone conversation with Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said on Wednesday, Pezeshkian thanked Muscat for its stance on Israeli violations in Gaza and Lebanon, urging "greater unity" among Muslim countries, Press TV reported.

"If Muslim countries act as one, the Zionist regime will not dare commit violations so easily, nor will the US and Western countries be able to support it,"

he said. Pezeshkian also reiterated Tehran's willingness to strengthen bilateral ties with Muscat, noting that relations with Oman are among the Islamic Republic's top priorities and lie within the framework of expanding cooperation with neighboring states.

"Strengthening friendly and amicable relations between regional countries, and expanding regional cooperation, guarantee a shared vision and language to solve our region's problems. This also provides a platform for collective development, promoting the welfare,

peace, and comfort of our nations," he added.

For his part, Sultan bin Tariq hailed Iran's stance on regional issues, including Gaza and Lebanon, and stressed the need for Western countries to avoid double standards in addressing such issues.

He also emphasized that supporting the rights of the oppressed people of Gaza and Lebanon remains a priority for Oman, saying, "Oman has always maintained that the continued support by Western countries for Israel's crimes is neither acceptable nor justified in any way."

Iran to Israel: 'Don't play with lion's tail'

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Iran's government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani warned Israel not to play with the "lion's tail," stressing that Iran is serious about defending itself and does not joke about such matters. Referring to the Iranian foreign minister's visits to regional countries, Mohajerani said the trip aims to establish peace in the region which is in danger of a wider war after Israel's military offensive on Lebanon late last month.

Her remarks came amid Israel's threats of military action against Iran's recent missile attack on the regime's military sites, which the Islamic Republic carried out in response to the assassina-

tion of the leaders and top commanders of resistance movements in region. Mohajerani warned about the consequences of any military attack on Iran.

On October 1, Iran responded to the Israeli assassination of Hamas political bureau chief Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and IRGC general Abbas Nilforoushan by launching as many as 200 ballistic missiles toward the regime's military and intelligence bases all over the occupied Palestinian territories.

Dubbed Operation True Promise II, the retaliatory strike dealt a severe blow to the regime all the more ruinous than its prequel in April, with Tel Aviv having

so far declined to reveal the extent of loss it suffered despite vowing to respond on several occasions.

While the Israeli regime has threatened to retaliate, Iranian officials have warned that Tehran is "ready" to respond to any adventurism. The United States has also announced it is sending an advanced anti-missile system, known as THAAD, and a number of troops to Israel to defend the regime against any Iranian missile attack on the occupied territories.

Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh on Wednesday downplayed as part of a "psychological warfare" the US deployment of the THAAD anti-missile system. Speaking with reporters on

the sidelines of a weekly cabinet session in Tehran, Nasirzadeh said, "THAAD is an anti-ballistic [missile] system. It is not anything new and had already been brought up."

"We consider such measures by the enemy to be in line with a psychological war. There is no specific problem," he added. "None of the threats issued by the Zionist regime is new."

Since October 2023, the regime has launched a devastating war on the Gaza Strip where more than 42,000 Palestinians - mostly women and children - have been killed in the Israeli strikes. It has also intensified its strikes on Lebanon since late last month, killing more than 2,300 people there.

France: 'War in Gaza must stop now'

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France's Ambassador to the United Nations Nicolas de Riviere on Wednesday called the humanitarian situation in Gaza "catastrophic," saying that, "War in Gaza must stop now."

Speaking at an emergency meeting at the UN Security Council regarding the ongoing Israeli conflicts, Riviere said, "We can no longer accept that humanitarian trage-

dy as an inevitable fact. There needs to be an immediate permanency by the release of all hostages as well as the delivery at scale of humanitarian aid," he said.

"War in Gaza must stop now," Al Jazeera quoted him as saying. Riviere said that France will continue to work towards the implementation of a two-state solution.

"And we will continue to work on this task including

within the Security Council. Measures aiming to weaken the Palestinian Authority must stop," he said.

"The humanitarian situation is worsening as a result of the intensification of Israeli strikes. There too we need to see an immediate cease-fire." French President Emmanuel Macron also denounced the Israel's atrocities against Palestinians and Lebanon as well as its recent attacks on the UN peacekeepers in

Lebanon, saying that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu must not forget that Israel "was created by a UN decision."

Macron, who had called to stop the export of weapons to Israel for use in Gaza and Lebanon, warned that this is not the time to ignore UN decisions. Despite international outcry and calls for a cease-fire, Israel has continued its war on Gaza and offensive in Lebanon.

A turning point ...

The visit also sends a clear message to countries that constantly seek to deepen regional divisions. The success of Iran's diplomatic efforts to prevent an all-out war and establish a cease-fire will become apparent in the future. However, a significant aspect of diplomacy is effort and hope. Expressing Iran's foreign policy stances and

goals in person with regional countries can bring them closer together, contributing to a stronger Middle East. This could also help resolve ambiguities and potential misunderstandings.

While not all objectives may be achieved, reaching some common goals and finding solutions to shared concerns can be seen as an achievement, which is

the essence of diplomacy. Countries become aware of each other's concerns and demands, as well as their capacities to address regional crises, through direct dialogue. They also discuss areas of disagreement. Therefore, Araghchi's regional tour is in line with the Islamic Republic's declared policies, aiming to create a strong region and address the current crisis,

namely the Israeli threat to the entire region. His visit to Jordan marks a turning point in bilateral relations and is a justifiable attempt to ease regional tensions. In the same vein, we can expect the Iranian foreign minister's upcoming visit to Egypt, which will not only strengthen bilateral ties but also reinforce Iran's efforts to promote regional stability.

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