

Iran to hit back in kind at any Israeli attack: *Araghchi*

'All targets' identified in Israel

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Tehran says it has pinpointed all the military targets it plans to strike across the Israeli-occupied territories in case of an attack by the regime against the country. "We will not leave any attack against Iran unanswered and Israel will receive a proportionate response. We have identified all our targets there and a similar attack will be carried out on their targets," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in an interview with Turkey's NTV. "Any attack on Iran will be considered as crossing our red lines. Such an attack will not go unanswered. The

necessary response will be given to any attack on Iran's nuclear facilities or any similar aggression." Araghchi specifically noted "any strike" on Iran's nuclear sites. Meanwhile, recently-leaked highly-classified US intelligence has revealed preparations Israel appears to be making for a retaliation against Iran's missile attack on the regime's military positions on October 1. One of the documents, which was compiled by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, says the plans involve Israel moving munitions around. Another document says it is

sourced to the National Security Agency and outlines Israeli air force exercises involving air-to-surface missiles, also believed to be in preparation for a strike on Iran. The US is investigating the leak of the classified intelligence. The documents, dated October 15 and 16, began circulating online Friday after being posted on Telegram by an account called "Middle East Spectator." Analysts said the leak could be a US-led attempt to disrupt the Israeli operation. This is while the Pentagon and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence has

so far declined to comment on the leaked documents, but have not disputed their authenticity. On October 1, Iran responded to the Israeli assassination of Hamas political bureau chief Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, and IRGC Major 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. While the Israeli regime has threatened to retaliate, Iranian officials have warned that Tehran is "ready to respond to any adventurism."



Abbas Araghchi

Iran flaunts naval prowess with joint drill

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A joint naval exercise participated by naval forces from several countries ended in Iran's southern waters in the Persian Gulf. Naval forces from Iran, Russia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, India, Thailand, Pakistan, Qatar and Bangladesh took part in the military drills which began on Saturday. Rear Admiral Mostafa Tajeddini, the spokesperson for the exercise dubbed IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) 2024, said that the naval forces practiced a range of operations including maritime firefighting, search operations, and oil spill prevention, control, and countermeasure (SPCC). The drill is part of the IMEX series of exercises, which began in 2022 when the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) conducted the first edition of its IONS Maritime Exercise

2022 (IMEX-22). The naval exercise was held under the motto of "Together for a safe and secure Indian Ocean." It carried the message of peace, friendship, empathy and collective participation. Tajeddini said that establishing security at the regional and international level is very important, and for this reason, the naval forces of the Indian Ocean launched the military maneuver to increase the level of readiness and coordination. Speaking on the sidelines of the drill, Commander of the Iranian Navy Rear Admiral Shahram Irani emphasized Iran's commitment to its responsibilities within IONS. "The Islamic Republic of Iran is in charge of two crucial committees—maritime security and humanitarian actions—and we are fulfilling these duties effectively," he told reporters.

The admiral highlighted the active participation of several IONS member countries, with some sending naval units and observers to the event, while others joined remotely. The exercise, aimed at enhancing maritime security and protecting global trade routes, represents a significant collaboration among member states. Admiral Irani emphasized that Iran's presence in the region serves as a stabilizing force. "The IONS features 24 Indian Ocean littoral states, which gather biennially for multilateral meetings and naval exercises. The IONS is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime co-operation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region by providing an open and inclusive forum for discussion of regionally relevant maritime issues.

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UN raps Israel's deadly air strikes in northern Gaza

The UN peace envoy for the Middle East on Sunday condemned Israel's continued attacks on civilians after the regime's air strikes in Gaza's Beit Lahiya killed dozens late on Saturday. "This follows weeks of intensified operations resulting in scores of civilian fatalities and near total lack of humanitarian aid reaching populations in the north," said Tor Wennesland, the UN Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process. Israel's military said it intensified attacks in northern Gaza in early October to prevent Hamas from regrouping. A total of 87 people were killed or missing under the

rubble after an Israeli attack on Saturday on Beit Lahiya in northern Gaza, the Gaza health ministry said on Sunday. "Victims are still under the rubble and on the road and ambulance teams and civil emergency can't reach them," the ministry said in a statement. The strike came two weeks into an Israel's major operation around the town of Jabalia, just to the south of Beit Lahiya. Evacuation orders, directing people south, have fueled fears among many Palestinians that the operation is intended to clear them out of the northern part of Gaza in



A Palestinian child receives treatment at the Kamal Adwan Hospital after an Israeli air strike in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip on October 19, 2024. ISLAM AHMED/AFP

order to help ensure Israeli control of the area after the war. More than 42,600 Palestinians have been killed during Israel's offensive and thousands more are thought to be buried under the rubble. Much of the coastal enclave has been destroyed and most

of its 2.3 million population has been displaced. As the fighting has continued, health officials have reported stark shortages of food, fuel and medical supplies to treat patients in the three remaining hospitals still partially operating in the area.

Tehran slams Israeli assassination of Iranian woman in Lebanon

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei strongly condemned Israel's assassination of an Iranian woman and her Lebanese husband in a "brutal" act of terrorism in Lebanon. The Iranian woman, named Masoumeh Karbasi, mother of five, and her husband, Dr. Rida Awada, were assassinated in the Lebanese city of Jounieh, north of the capital Beirut, after being targeted by an Israeli drone strike on Saturday, Press TV reported. "The Islamic Republic of Iran will use all available means to pursue the issue and hold the Zionist regime accountable for its crimes," the spokesman said. He pointed to a widely circulated footage that shows the assassination of the Iranian national and her husband in a bustling civilian area and emphasized

that the Israeli regime's act is a blatant example of both terrorism and a war crime. Baghaei also praised Karbasi's legacy as well as her scientific and research records and media contributions in supporting the resistance front. He noted that Israel's brutality in assassinating the Iranian woman is another sign of the inherent hostility of the regime towards Iran. The Iranian spokesperson called on international human rights bodies not to remain indifferent to the act of assassination, which he said is part of Israel's ongoing genocide in occupied Palestine and Lebanon. Israel has been targeting Lebanon since October 2023, after the regime launched a genocidal war on the Gaza



Masoumeh Karbasi

Strip. Since late September, Israel has escalated its strikes against the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah, assassinating its leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and a number of its senior figures. At least 2,350 people have been killed by Israeli fire, and 10,906 others wounded since the clashes began last year, according to the health ministry.

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