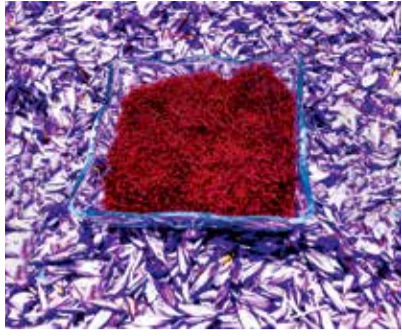
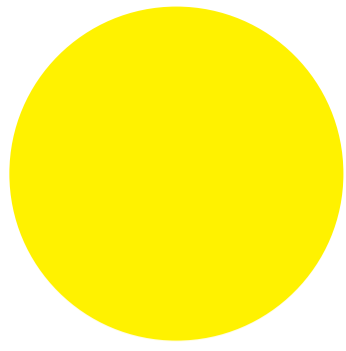


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Israel's Saturday morning aggression on Iran

A hollow attack aimed at swaying media narratives

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Early Saturday morning on October 26, reports emerged of a limited and largely ineffective Israeli missile strike targeting chosen locations within Iran. Analysts quickly noted that the operation, dubbed "Days of Response" by Israeli officials, was more of a spectacle than substance—a publicity stunt aimed at grabbing domestic attention and influencing media narratives.

Despite extensive coverage from Israeli and Western media, a closer examination reveals that this operation achieved little beyond diverting attention from Israel's internal issues, including widespread protests and ongoing military confrontations in Gaza and Lebanon. Indeed, Israel's primary goal seems to be preserving the image of Prime Minister Netanyahu's cabinet amid domestic and regional challenges.

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