

## Israeli aggression 'successfully' repelled

# Iran says has 'right and duty' to defend itself

### Four service members fall in overnight attacks

#### International Desk

Iran said its air defense systems successfully intercepted and thwarted Israel's Saturday attacks on the country, which targeted positions in Tehran, Khuzestan and Ilam provinces and caused "limited damage" in some locations.

"Despite the previous warnings of the officials of the Islamic Republic to the criminal and illegal Zionist regime to avoid any adventurous action, this fake regime attacked parts of military centers in the provinces of Tehran, Khuzestan and Ilam this morning in a tension-causing action," the air defense force said in a statement on Saturday morning.

Footage broadcast by local media showed air defenses continuously firing at apparently incoming projectiles in central Tehran, without saying which sites were coming under attack.

Two members of the Iran's Army were killed in the Israel's pre-dawn aggression which caused loud explosions in Tehran around 2:15 a.m. local time.

Iranian state television said the blasts were caused by the "activation of the air defense system" in response to the Israeli attack.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran's Army offered in sacrifice two of its soldiers last night while confronting the projectiles of the criminal Zionist regime in order to safeguard the security of Iran and prevent harm to the Iranian nation and interests," the Army said in a statement on Saturday.

#### Military officers killed

Media reports identified the two martyred Army forces as Major Hamzeh Jahandideh and Sergeant Mohammad-Mehdi Shahrokhifar.

Later in the day, the number of military fatalities rose to four, with Sajad Mansouri and Mehdi Naqavi having been added to the martyred individuals.

The air defense force said the strikes targeted parts of military sites in the capital Tehran as well as the western and southwestern provinces of Ilam and Khuzestan. The attacks caused "limited damage" in some locations and the dimensions of the incident are under investigation, it added.

On Saturday morning, the Iranian public returned to their routines and daily life continued smoothly across the country.

#### Flights resumed

Iran's Civil Aviation Organization announced that flights had resumed after a short interruption and footage from Mehrabad Airport in western Tehran showed operations run-

ning normally, with passengers moving through as usual.

The Tehran Oil Refining Company also dismissed rumors of an Israeli attack on its facilities.

The Israeli army said it conducted what it called "precise strikes on military targets in Iran" on Saturday.

The Israeli military claimed it simultaneously struck missile manufacturing facilities, surface-to-air missile arrays and other "aerial capabilities".

It said later that the air attack had "concluded" its response to Iran's October 1 missile attack, saying its warplanes had returned safely and the mission was "fulfilled".

#### Right to defend

Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned the Israeli act of aggression and said Iran has the "right and the duty to defend itself", citing the UN Charter.



The ministry called the attack a blatant violation of international law and the UN Charter, especially the principle that prohibits threats or use of force against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of countries.

The ministry emphasized that Tehran will utilize all material and spiritual

capabilities of the Iranian nation to defend its security and vital interests, and firmly stand by its duties towards regional peace and security.

Saturday's attacks were widely expected as a retaliation to a missile barrage

launched by Iran on October 1 in which an estimated 180 ballistic missiles

were fired towards Tel Aviv and Israel's military bases. Tehran said the unprecedented salvo was carried out in response to the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas's leader, in the Iranian capital in July and the leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah movement Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut.

## Terrorists kill 10 Iranian border guards in southeast

#### National Desk

At least 10 Iranian border guards were killed in a "terrorist attack" in Iran's southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan on Saturday. They were killed during an ambush on two police vehicles in the province's Taftan county.

The so-called Jaish al-Adl terrorist group, with headquarters in Pakistan, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Interior Minister Eskandar Mo'meni ordered a team of police commanders and ministry officials to investigate the circumstances surrounding the terrorist attack.

Sistan and Baluchestan borders Pakistan and Afghanistan and is home to a large



number of the Baluch community, an ethnic group spread between Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The province has experienced recurring clashes between Iranian security forces and terrorists and drug traffickers.

Saturday's attack was one of the deadliest attacks in the area in recent months.

In early October, at least six people, including police officers, were killed in the southeastern province in two separate attacks.

The terrorist group Jaish al-Adl claimed responsibility for the two attacks in a message on Telegram.

## World reacts to Israeli escalation

Many countries across the world, especially regional ones, condemned Israel's Saturday attacks on Iran while many others called for restraint and de-escalation as the tensions caused by Israel's aggressions against Gaza and Lebanon is dragging more countries into the conflict in the West Asia region.

Iran's Arab neighbors condemned the aggression as a violation of Iran's sovereignty.

Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry in a statement slammed the attack as a "violation of its sovereignty" and international law, urging all parties to exercise maximum restraint.

Riyadh called on the international community to take action towards de-escalation and ending conflicts in the region.

Oman's Ministry of Foreign Affairs described the aggression as a blatant violation of Iran's sovereignty and a clear breach of international law.

Qatar expressed deep concern over Israel's continued

escalation and its repercussions on security and stability in the region.

In a statement, the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed the importance of exercising maximum restraint and wisdom to avoid risks and the expansion of the conflict.

Iraq denounced global inaction against Israel's expansion of conflict in West Asia.

"The occupying Zionist entity continues its aggressive policies and widening the conflict in the region through blatant attacks that it carries out with impunity," including against Iranian targets, Government spokesman Basim Alawadi said in a statement denouncing "the international community's silence" on Israeli actions.

Kuwait's Foreign Ministry also expressed condemnation and accused Israel of "endangering the security of the region."

Other Arab states in the region also condemned the Israel's aggression.

The Syrian Foreign Ministry slammed the aggression,

expressing its solidarity and support for Iran.

Jordanian Foreign Ministry spokesman Sufyan Qudah called on the international community to "assume its responsibilities and take immediate measures to impose a halt to the Israeli aggression on Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon as a first step towards reducing the escalation."

Algeria, Tunisia, Bahrain and Lebanon also condemned the attack.

Turkey also condemned Israel's aggression against Iran in the "strongest terms."

"Israel, which is committing genocide in Gaza, preparing to annex the West Bank, and killing civilians every day in Lebanon, with this attack has now brought our region to the brink of a wider war," said the Turkish Foreign Ministry in a statement.

"It is now clear that putting an end to Israeli terror in the region has become a historic task to ensure international security and peace," it added.

Palestinian resistance

movement Hamas, which is at war with Israel in Gaza, also blasted Israel.

"We condemn in the strongest terms the Zionist aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the targeting of military sites in several provinces," the movement said in a statement, calling the move "a blatant violation of Iranian sovereignty and an escalation that threatens the security of the region."

"End cycle of violence"

Malaysia's Foreign Ministry called for an immediate cessation of hostilities and an end to the cycle of violence.

It said Israel's continuous acts with impunity have severely affected and will continue to affect the security and future stability of West Asia, bringing the region closer to the brink of a wider conflict.

Pakistan also strongly condemned the aggression, saying, "Israel bears full responsibility for the current cycle of escalation and expansion of the conflict."

#### 'Explosive escalation'

Russia warned of an "explosive escalation" in the region after the Israeli airstrikes.

"We urge all parties involved to exercise restraint, stop the violence, and prevent events from developing into a catastrophic scenario," Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

The US and Britain called for "de-escalation."

The United States urged Iran to stop attacking Israel and break the cycle of violence "without further escalation."

Washington defended the regime's attacks, saying that Israel's "response was an exercise in self-defense." British Prime Minister Keir Starmer also called for "de-escalation" and said Iran should not respond to Israel's strikes.

The European Union on Saturday called for all parties to exercise utmost restraint to avoid an "uncontrollable escalation" in the Middle East, after Israel carried out deadly air strikes in Iran.

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