

Funerals held for servicemen martyred in Israeli aggression

Pezeshkian vows 'appropriate response' to strikes
IRGC chief: 'Bitter, unimaginable consequences' await Israel

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Iran bid farewell to four Iran Army's servicemen who were killed in a recent Israel's strike as the country's officials vowed "appropriate response" to the regime's aggression in the early hours of Saturday. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian told a cabinet meeting on Sunday that, "We do not seek war, but we will defend the rights of our nation and country," and will "give an appropriate response" to the Israel's attack. Before dawn on Saturday, Israeli warplanes used the space available to the US military in Iraq to fire long-range air-to-air missiles at Iran's Tehran, Khuzestan, and Ilam provinces in flagrant violation of international law and the UN Charter. The Israeli aggression was a response to Iran's missile attack on the regime's military sites on October 1, itself a retaliation for the assassination of the leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah resistance groups and an Iranian commander. Four members of the Iranian

Army's Air Defense Force and one civilian were killed in the attack.
Funeral processions
On Monday, thousands of Iranians attended mass funeral processions for the victims of Israel's offensive, which were held in the provinces of Kermanshah, Khuzestan, and Lorestan. Iran's Foreign Ministry's spokesman Esmail Baghaei said on Monday that Iran is firmly determined to respond to the Israeli act of aggression and will not abandon its right in this regard. Israel's attack on Iran was met with widespread condemnations from many countries, especially the regional ones. Some countries like the United States and the UK also urged Iran not to respond the Israel's attack. However, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi in a phone conversation with his British counterpart David Lammy said that Iran will not hesitate to exercise its inherent and legal right to defend its territorial

integrity and national sovereignty against potential acts of aggression. He referred to Iranian authorities' promise of retaliation, saying Iran's potential response would fit within the accepted principles of the international law and the United Nations Charter.
'Unimaginable consequences'
Meanwhile, the chief commander of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Hossein Salami in his first reaction to the attack warned that the attack will have "bitter, unimaginable consequences" for the Israeli regime. "The illegitimate and illegal action of the child-killing Zionist regime, which failed to achieve its ominous goals because of the readiness of the country's air defense, shows miscalculation and frustration of this regime on the battlefield" against resistance fighters in Gaza and Lebanon, Salami added.
Damage repaired
Iran says its air defense sys-



tems successfully intercepted and countered the attack which only caused "limited damage" to its radar sites. Iran's Defense Minister Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh said on Monday that the damage inflicted on the sites have been immediately repaired and replaced. Iran has yet to give exact details of the dam-

age. Remarks by the country's officials came after Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on Sunday said Israel needs to understand the power and determination of Iranian nation. Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf also said that the Islamic Republic's

response to the aggression will be "definite and calculated."
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Army soldiers carry the coffin of Sajjad Mansouri, a member of the Iranian Army's Air Defense Force, during a funeral procession in the western city of Kermanshah on October 28, 2024. Mansouri was killed in Israeli attacks on Iran on October 26.
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Israel's 3-week siege, attacks claim 1,000 lives in northern Gaza



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The Israeli occupation army has killed more than 1,000 Palestinians in northern Gaza, forcing half of the population to flee and leaving the other half trapped without water or food for nearly three weeks, the Pales-

tinian Civil Defense announced on Sunday. Mahmoud Bassal, a spokesman for Palestinian Civil Defense, said in a video shared on social media that the Israeli military has killed over 1,000 Palestinians during its three-week-long offensives in north-

ern Gaza, which are still ongoing. "More than 100,000 Palestinians in the areas of Jabalia, Beit Hanoun, and Beit Lahia are suffering from an Israeli siege and bombardment, while the other half of the population, which numbered around 200,000, has been forcibly displaced towards Gaza City, the closest governorate to the north," Bassal told Anadolu.
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Palestinians pray over bodies of relatives, killed in an Israeli airstrike, in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip on October 27, 2024.
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People have been confirmed dead at northern Gaza hospitals, as well as on the streets and under the rubble, Bassal said. "The Israeli army is killing anyone who tries to provide aid to the Palestinians trapped in the northern Gaza Strip, who are suffering from a lack of water, medicine, and food," he said. "The Israeli occupation is practicing a policy of ethnic cleansing in northern Gaza amid international silence," Bassal lamented. He urged international and humanitarian organizations "to work immediately and urgently to save the Palestinians in northern Gaza."

Since early October, Israel's military has launched new ground operation in northern Gaza to stop what it calls Hamas regrouping there. Israel's strikes on Gaza, which began in October 2023, have claimed the lives of more than 43,000 people, mostly women and children. The Israeli onslaught has also displaced almost the territory's entire population amid an ongoing blockade that has led to severe shortages of food, clean water, and medicine. Israel faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its actions in Gaza.

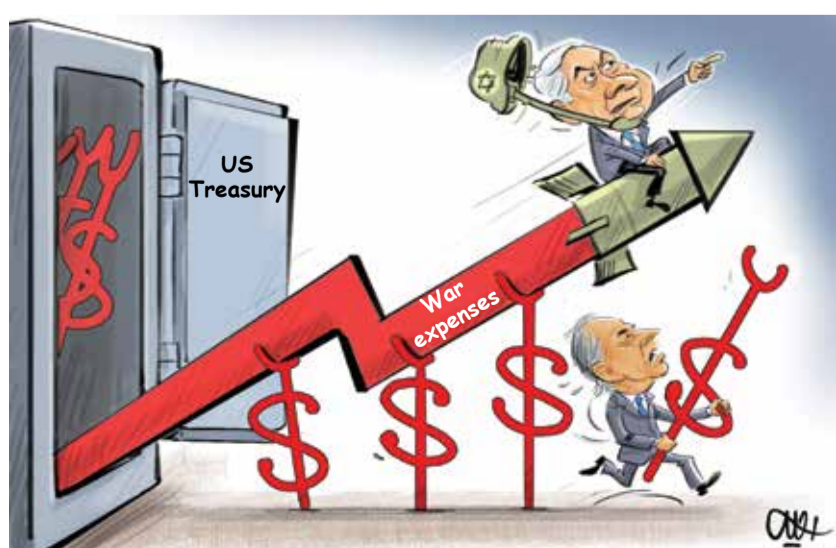
Iranian, Saudi FMs discuss 'repercussions of regional escalation'



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The Iranian and Saudi foreign ministers discussed the "importance of avoiding anything that may destabilize the region's security." Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud and his Iranian counterpart Abbas Araghchi discussed the issue in a phone conversation on Monday evening, the Saudi Foreign Ministry

said in a post on X. The ministry said the officials also discussed "the repercussions of the regional escalation." The talks came as Israel continues its genocidal wars in the Gaza Strip and Lebanon. The regime also launched a strike on Iran, which has grown concerns among the regional countries about the spread of the conflict in the West Asia region.

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Iraq lodges UN complaint over Israel using own airspace to attack Iran

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Iraq condemned Israel's use of its airspace to attack neighboring Iran in a protest letter sent to United Nations chief Antonio Guterres and the UN Security Council, Baghdad said Monday. A statement from government spokesman Bassim Alawadi said the letter condemns "the Zionist entity's blatant violation of Iraq's airspace and sovereignty by using Iraqi airspace to carry out an attack on the Islamic Republic of Iran on October 26." Alawadi said the Iraqi Foreign Ministry would also

bring up "this violation" in talks with the United States, Israel's close ally and top arms provider. Israel on Saturday launched air strikes on military sites in Iran, risking further regional escalation more than a year into the Gaza war and a month into the its war on southern Lebanon. The Iranian military said that some Israeli aircraft had fired a "small number of long-range missiles... from a distance" inside the US-patrolled airspace of Iraq. Iranian Foreign Minister Baghaei said on Monday that Tehran was "sure that

no neighboring country has given this permission to the Zionist regime" to use its airspace. "We certainly hope that our friends in Iraq will announce the necessary reactions, including by registering their protest with the United Nations, and will not allow such incidents to happen again," Baghaei added. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Sunday that the US complicity in Israel's act of aggression against Iran is "quite clear" as it has provided the regime with military equipment and airspace to conduct the raid. Abbas Araghchi made the



remarks on Sunday, a day after US officials claimed that Washington was not directly involved with the Israeli assault that targeted military installations and claimed the lives of four Iranian Army forces. "The least they (the Americans) did was to provide a space corridor for the Zionist regime, as well as the equipment they already supplied [to Israel] somehow for participation in this operation."