



Pezeshkian: Only 'unconditional halt' to Israeli aggression can end war

FM rejects talks with US over complicity

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Friday that the only way to end the war was the "unconditional halt" of Israeli aggression against his country, amid growing international calls to de-escalate tensions.

"We have always sought peace and calm, but in the current situation, the only way to end this imposed war is the unconditional halt of enemy aggression and a definitive guarantee to end the Zionist terrorists' adventurism forever," Pezeshkian wrote on his official account on X.

He warned that, failing this, Iran's response would be "more severe and regret-inducing."

His comments came as US Secretary of State Marco Rubio reportedly told his French counterpart, Jean-Noel Barrot, that Washington was ready to begin direct communication with



The screen grab, taken from a video released by the Iranian military on June 20, 2025, shows missiles being fired toward Israel from an undisclosed location in Iran.

Iran "at any moment" to stop the conflict.

However, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Tehran would not enter into any talks as long as Israeli attacks continued.

"The Americans want negotiations and have sent messages several times. We have clearly stated that as

long as the aggression and invasion do not stop, there is no room for talks, and we will not speak with the United States, which is a partner in this crime," Araghchi told Iranian state TV on Friday ahead of talks with Britain, France and Germany in Geneva later in the day.

Araghchi criticized Western

powers for refusing to condemn Israeli attacks on Iran, citing what he called their "unjustifiable support" for the regime.

"What justification or legitimacy can the Zionist regime's aggressive attack possibly have, that they refuse to condemn it?" he asked.

He also praised the Iranian

Armed Forces' retaliation against Israeli strikes, saying it proved wrong those who believed that "they could force the Iranian nation into submission with swift, lightning strikes — a false and futile thought."

Araghchi noted Iran was acting in "legitimate self-defense," and that such defense "can by no means be stopped."

He reiterated that Iran would not negotiate over its missile capabilities.

"If anyone had doubts in this regard, it is now clear to all that the missile capability of the Islamic Republic of Iran is an exceptional national defense power... and provides deterrence," he said. The minister stressed that no "dialogue or compromise" would take place on Iran's defense capabilities, because "no rational mind can ever accept such a thing."

Iranian missiles rain on Israel, hit military-cyber infrastructure

International Desk

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced late on Thursday the launch of a new wave of missiles targeting the Israeli-occupied territories, as part of a large-scale retaliatory operation that involved combined missile and drone attacks on military targets and industrial centers linked to the illegal regime in the cities of Haifa and Tel Aviv.

In a statement, the IRGC stated that over 100 combat and suicide drones were launched against military objectives, particularly targeting Israel's missile defense systems.

According to the IRGC, a sustained escalation and impact-focused missile

campaign against Israel's military and defense industry remains a top priority. Israeli media on Friday acknowledged the failure of the regime's defense systems to intercept the latest wave of Iranian missiles. Channel 12 reported that the Be'er Sheva train station had been shut down due to damages resulting from the missile strike.

Israel's cyber capital, located in the Gav-Yam Negev Advanced Technologies Park in Be'er Sheva, was also hit. The tech park hosts more than 70 prominent companies, including Intel, Elbit Systems, and Microsoft, with around 3,000 employees active in cybersecurity.

Colonel Iman Tajik, spokesperson for Iran's retaliatory

operations, stated, "The entire sky over the occupied territories is defenseless, and there will be no safe place left."

An Israeli intelligence official told NBC News that Iran's use of faster and more precise weaponry has significantly reduced the effectiveness of the regime's missile interception systems.

'No limits ahead of us'

The chief of staff of Iran's Armed Forces announced that, "Any target belonging to the Zionist aggressor regime will be attacked continuously."

Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi praised the "precise and crushing" responses of Iran, stating, "We see no limits ahead of us."

Major General Mohsen



The photo by the Israeli media shows the aftermath of Iranian missile strikes on the south of the occupied territories on June 20, 2025.

Rezaei, former IRGC commander, said, "We have harshly punished Israel in recent days, but it is not yet complete." He emphasized that the punishment "must be deterrent and retributive in order to guarantee Iran's security."

Rezaei underlined that Iran has so far used less than 30% of its actual capabilities and under 5% of its potential power.

"We still have missiles we

haven't used. We haven't utilized our oil leverage, the Strait of Hormuz, or our allies' capacities. Our friends asked to act, but we told them we're handling it ourselves because we're managing the situation."

He issued a warning to residents of the occupied territories to evacuate areas near military sites.

"Be sure, a dark day awaits Netanyahu and Israel," Rezaei declared.

Iran vows legal response to IAEA 'inaction' after attack on nuclear site

International Desk

Iran's nuclear chief condemned the International Atomic Energy Agency's "inaction" after Israel's attack on the Arak reactor in the center of the country on Thursday, vowing to pursue "legal measures to defend sovereign rights."

Mohammad Eslami, who heads the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), detailed violations of international treaties in a letter to the IAEA Director Gener-



Rafel Grossi

al Rafel Grossi, demanding immediate condemnation of the Zionist regime's "unlawful actions."

He urged Grossi to fulfill his statutory duties by "immediately ending this inaction."

"Iran will undertake the necessary measures to defend its

sovereign rights and will pursue appropriate legal actions, particularly concerning the inaction taken by Your Excellency personally," Eslami said. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei also strongly criticized Grossi for involving the IAEA in an "unjust, aggressive" war. "Mr. Grossi, you have betrayed the non-proliferation regime," Baqaei said, warning that "misleading narratives" would have "devastating consequences."

Meanwhile, former Iranian

foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif blasted Grossi for presenting an "irresponsible and fallacious IAEA report" which he said caused "irreparable damage" to the agency. "He must be held accountable for his complicity in the death of innocents in Iran caused by Israeli aggression using his report as a pretext," he wrote on his X account. The AEOI announced that the attack on the nuclear research reactor and heavy water production facility in Arak resulted in no casualties.

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Iranian sport categorically censures Israeli strikes



Iranian national team players offer a military salute during the national anthem, as a symbolic gesture in response to the Israeli aggression, prior to the game against Slovenia at the Volleyball Nations League in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 14, 2025.

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Sports Desk

Iranian sport governing bodies, athletes, and coaches unanimously condemned the Israeli aerial aggression on the country.

Israel initiated the air strikes in the early hours of June 13, damaging the Iranian nuclear and military infrastructure, while killing dozens of civilians and top IRGC commanders.

The National Olympic Committee of Iran said in a report this week that 15 Iranian athletes have been among the civilians who lost their lives by the attacks, calling on the International Olympic Committee to use legal leverages to stop the attacks and suspend Israeli athletes from international sporting events.

"We might have different ideas as members of a family, but the Iranian soil is a red line for all of us," Iranian international midfielder Saeid Ezzatollahi wrote in an Instagram post on Friday, while his Shabab Al Ahli teammate offered free temporary accommodation for the war-hit civilians in his home town of Gonbad in northern Iran.

The head of the Iranian Volleyball Federation, Milad

Taqavi, meanwhile, said an official complaint has been lodged to the international governing body of the sport, the FIVB, after an Israeli flag was displayed among the crowd during Team Melli's game against the United States at the Volleyball Nations League in Rio de Janeiro last Friday.

Former sports minister Kioumars Hashemi hailed the Iranian sport community for "emerging as a powerful influencer on social media" to condemn the Israeli hostility.

"From Olympic champions to local clubs, Iranian athletes have condemned the crime and expressed their solidarity with the nation by publishing banners, images of the national flag and video messages," Hashemi wrote on IRNA.

"Each athlete has acted as a living medium that conveyed the Iranian message of resistance to the world. The Ministry of Sports, National Olympic and Paralympic Committees denounced the violation of Iran's territorial integrity by issuing joint statements." The sporting community again proved to be "the eternal guardians of Iran's honor and glory," Hashemi wrote.