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Political Desk

Another wave of mass protest against the crimes of Israel and the silence of the international community swept various cities of Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, and some other regional countries on Friday, dubbed "The Day of Wrath & Victory".

After holding Friday Prayers, a traditionally unifying and empowering practice among Muslims, people of Shiraz, Qom, and Ahvaz — to name a few — said goodbye to their martyrs who were brutally slain by the Zionist regime during its days-long illegal war on Iran. The Zionist regime broke several international laws regarding warfare conduct by targeting civilian and nuclear infrastructure, civilians — especially women and children — and five hospitals since it started the war unprovoked on June 13. The attack was described as "desperate" by Tehran's Friday Prayers Imam, Mohammad Javad Haj Ali Akbari.



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Price of war with Iran far higher for US than for Israel

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In today's world, shaped more like a jungle than a rules-based order, the double standards of some Western governments are on full display. A case in point is that G7 leaders have recently said that Israel has a right to self-defense against Iran. What they have conveniently left out is the fact that it was Israel that fired the opening shot—it was the aggressor, not the victim. Yet Western powers have looked the other way, ignoring a blatant breach of international law. According to the UN Charter, Iran has every right to defend itself against an external attack—something Israel clearly initiated. Nowhere in international law is there a provision allowing a state—particularly a

regime like the Israeli one—to launch preemptive strikes only based on speculative fears or vague threats. If such logic were to take hold, global peace would go out the window, with every country justifying war under the guise of "what if." But that's exactly what the world is witnessing: the West granting Israel a blank check to act with impunity, sheltering it under their security umbrella. This unchecked support has pushed nations around the world to realize that the only way to safeguard their sovereignty and survival is to take matters into their own hands. Iran, for its part, had no desire for war. Tehran made considerable diplomatic efforts to resolve tensions—particularly with the US—through peaceful means. The 2015 nuclear deal, known as the JCPOA, was a cornerstone of this effort. Iran signed the accord and remained

committed to its terms, only to see the US walk away from it unilaterally in 2018, shredding the agreement and abandoning its obligations. The recent Israeli strike on Iran, timed right before a new round of nuclear talks, pulled back the curtain on Washington's real intentions. The US was not simply aware of the strike—it was complicit. By pushing forward with negotiations, the US effectively gave Israel the cover it needed. The idea was to keep Iran at the table, distracted and restrained, while Israel geared up for military action. The talks, in hindsight, appear to have been nothing more than a premeditated ruse. Now that Iran has come under attack, it has no choice but to hit back. Facing an unprovoked assault, Iran is compelled to respond—to strike military targets in the occupied territories.

That, after all, is the only kind of deterrent that might drive home the consequences of aggression. Inside the occupied lands, even Israeli citizens are waking up to the fact that their leadership is dragging them into a war with no end and no justification. For years, many Israelis were either unaware or willfully ignorant of the militaristic trajectory their government was on. But now, as missiles fly and shelters fill up, reality is sinking in. There is a growing sense that continued aggression could strip Israelis of the very security they have long taken for granted. Many are preparing to pack up and leave. In fact, that exodus is already underway. Tens of thousands of Israeli settlers have begun fleeing. The regime, desperate to stop the flow, has reportedly imposed restrictions on departures to prevent depopulation. Still, people are finding ways out—some going

so far as to flee on rudimentary boats just to get across the water to Cyprus. Based on current estimates, the cost of fleeing Israel to Cyprus can range from \$10,000 to \$20,000. From there, many are returning to their countries of origin. Some are reportedly willing to shell out as much as \$100,000 to escape the war zone. As for the chatter around direct US involvement in the conflict—let's be clear. The US has already been involved from day one. The idea that Washington might be dragged in is, frankly, laughable. What is really at stake is whether the US is prepared to send its troops home in body bags for a war orchestrated by Netanyahu and his hardline clique. Do ordinary Americans want their sons and daughters thrown into a war that serves the political survival of Israel's prime minister? Should the US opt for direct mil-

itary involvement, it would be entering the fray with far more to lose than Israel. Iran is some 1,500 kilometers from Israel, meaning Iranian missiles have to travel vast distances to reach their targets. Hitting Israel is not easy. But US military bases and assets across the region are far more exposed—and much easier to hit. If it comes to that, Iran will undoubtedly exact a heavy price. And it will not just be about American troops. All US economic interests in the region—oil, gas, infrastructure, and more—would be fair game. American companies operating in the region, which are numerous and heavily invested, would find themselves in the crosshairs. Iran has every legal right to retaliate economically when its own infrastructure is under fire. And make no mistake—if the US enters this war, it will walk away bearing far deeper wounds than Israel ever could.



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

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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 Micro-soft, 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.

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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 Esmael 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 Ki-oumars 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.