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The screen grab from a video released by the Iranian media on June 22, 2025, shows Kheibar hypersonic ballistic missiles being fired from an undisclosed location in Iran toward Israel for the first time since the Israeli aggression earlier in June. The missile has a range of 2,000km and can carry a 1,500km warhead.

## Iran's Armed Forces shift balance of war

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### OPINION EXCLUSIVE

Since the onset of the Israeli aggression on Iran, the Zionist regime's calculations regarding the progression and outcome of the conflict have proven fundamentally flawed. Their initial assumption was that Iran lacked the capability to effectively counter their offensives, and that Iran's retaliatory strikes would have little to no impact on the situation in the occupied territories. It was believed that following a surprise attack on Iran—including the assassination of military commanders and nuclear scientists, as well as strikes on military sites and nuclear facilities—Iran would be incapable of mounting a meaningful response. According to these assumptions, Iran would quickly resort to international organizations, seeking a cease-fire and an end to the conflict. However, the Iranian armed forces' effective response to

the strikes has significantly altered the equations of war. Had the Zionist regime known that Iran would hit back with such decisiveness, scale, and impact—and that replacements for martyred commanders would be rapidly appointed and military capabilities swiftly restored—it is unlikely they would have committed the grave mistake of attacking Iran in the first place. As seen thus far, multiple rounds of missile and drone strikes have been launched by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and the Iranian Army against Israel. With each operation, Iran's striking capability and success in targeting key locations have surpassed previous missions in both precision and damage. The so-called "Iron Dome," long touted by the Zionist regime of Israel as an impenetrable shield, has proven otherwise in the face of Iranian strikes. The volume, speed, and maneuverability of Iranian missiles and drones have overwhelmed Israeli air defenses, resulting in many projectiles

evading interception. As evidenced by published photos and videos of impacted areas, Iranian missiles and drones have managed to penetrate multiple layers of Israeli air defense batteries and deliver severe blows to the enemy. Another noteworthy aspect of the current conflict is the extent of fear and panic spreading across the occupied territories due to Iran's attacks. The geographical reality is that Israel occupies a limited and densely packed area. Consequently, missile strikes anywhere in this small region inevitably affect a large portion of the population, both physically and psychologically, due to the noise, smoke, and fire from the explosions. Moreover, residents of the occupied lands have never experienced attacks of this magnitude and nature. Iran's operations are not comparable to past actions by resistance groups in the region. As a result, following Iranian strikes, the Zionist population has been gripped by deep anxiety, as widely reported. Large numbers of people are

now fleeing the occupied territories by any means available. By contrast, Iran is a vast nation. Even in the current conflict, where Israel has concentrated its attacks on Tehran, a missile strike in one part of the capital might go completely unnoticed in other districts due to the city's size. The compact and densely populated nature of the occupied territories, however, amplifies the psychological and physical impact of Iranian missile explosions, instilling widespread fear. Those Zionists who have not managed to flee the region have no option during Iranian strikes but to rush into shelters or endure profound fear and panic. Meanwhile, the international community and various global figures have begun discussing the possibility of a cease-fire. But before considering whether to pursue peace talks or continue the war, several points must be taken into account. First and foremost, the decision to end the war or engage in negotiations lies within the authority of Iran's Leader who is the command-

er-in-chief. Based on national circumstances and interests, the Leader will determine the appropriate course of action, which will then be implemented by Iran's military and diplomatic apparatus. Another key consideration is that sustained pressure on the Zionist regime through continued attacks will expose their inability to defend against Iranian operations even more clearly than at present. This, in turn, would strengthen Iran's strategic position and provide greater security in the future. However, agreeing to a cease-fire while Israel has not yet been punished or paid the price for its aggression against Iran could risk emboldening the regime. A restored and reinforced Israel might gain the confidence to launch another offensive. Thus, the logical course of action is to maintain Iranian offensives until Iran's aerial superiority over the occupied territories is fully evident to all, and the Zionist regime's inability to intercept Iranian missile strikes becomes undeniable.

### US pushing world into unprecedented tensions, law of jungle: **Araghchi**



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi speaks during a press conference on the sidelines of the 51st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Istanbul, Turkey, on June 22, 2025.

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#### International Desk

Iran's foreign minister maintained that Sunday's highly aggressive move by the United States against peace and stability is driving the world toward "unprecedented tensions" and "effectively promoting a law of the jungle".

Speaking at a press conference in Istanbul, Abbas Araghchi strongly condemned American and Israeli attacks on Iran's peaceful nuclear sites at Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan.

The top diplomat urged the Security Council, the UN secretary-general, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and other international bodies to step up and act in response to this blatant breach of international law, regardless of the extent of damage to the facilities. "The US military action against peaceful Iranian nuclear facilities is a clear breach of international law and, under Article 2(4) of the UN Charter, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and Security Council Resolution 2231, amounts to flagrant aggression and violation."

Iran's top nuclear negotiator emphasized: "Of course, the door to negotiations must always remain open, but the current situation is different. My country has been attacked, and we must respond based on our legitimate right to self-defense."

Stressing that the US has effectively entered the conflict, the Iranian FM noted that in the recent weeks, once Israel torpedoed talks between Tehran and Washington, and now, the US itself followed suit and sabotaged Araghchi's Friday talks with his European counterparts in Geneva.

Asked what options Iran has — such as striking US bases or closing the Strait of Hormuz — Araghchi replied: "We have various options." The Iranian foreign minister concluded: "We must wait, respond firmly, and once these aggressions stop, we will decide on diplomatic efforts on the other side."





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The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said in a statement on Sunday that the "criminal regime of the United States", in full coordination with the Israeli regime, carried out an "unlawful military attack" on Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities, committing an unprecedented and blatant crime that clearly violates the UN Charter, international law, the NPT, and the fundamental principles of respect for the country's national sovereignty and territorial integrity. The IRGC underlined that Iran's "indigenous and peaceful nuclear technology" will not be obliterated by any assault. On the contrary, the attack will strengthen the resolve of Iran's young and committed scientists for advancement and development. The statement went on to say that the great Iranian nation and the world are fully aware that the IRGC recognises the arena of this combined and allout imposed war very well, and "will never be cowed by the hubbub of [US President Donald] Trump and the criminal gang ruling the White House and Tel Aviv." Following terrorist attacks by the Israeli regime in recent days, in the early hours of Sunday, the Iranian nuclear sites in Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan were subjected to a savage assault contrary to international law and especially

the NPT, the statement added. The Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI) also affirmed that the aggression contravenes international law and, regrettably, occurred amid the international nuclear agency's indifference, or rather, its complicity.

nuclear sites has not led to elevated nuclear radiation beyond the affected facilities. The director of Iran's National Nuclear Safety Centre also confirmed that no radioactive contamination or nuclear radiation has been detected

strated that the United States is the principal enabler of hostile actions by the Zionist regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Pezeshkian added that while the US initially sought to conceal its role, after the definitive and deterrent response of Iran's armed forces and the clear failure of the Zionist regime, it had no choice but to intervene. In response, Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations, in an urgent letter to the Security Council following the American attack on Iranian soil, stated that, "the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly condemns these aggressive acts, unprovoked and premeditated", and demanded an emergency Security Council meeting and the strongest possible condemnation of such strikes. The Iranian Foreign Ministry also condemned in the strongest possible terms, the United States' brutal military aggression against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities as a grave and unprecedented violation of the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the international law. The ministry stressed that the war-mongering and lawless regime of the United States of America is held fully responsible for the dangerous consequences and far-reaching implications of the egregious act of aggression and heinous crime.



Protesters hold placards condemning the US attacks on Iran during a protest against the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran, and in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza, in Seoul on June 22, 2025.

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The AEOI stated that it expects the international community, while condemning lawlessness based on jungle rules, to stand with Iran in securing its legitimate rights. It assured that despite the malicious plots of its enemies, the industry will not be halted, owing to the resolve of thousands of revolutionary and motivated scientists and specialists, and is the result of the blood of nuclear martyrs. After the US offensive, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported that the American attack on Iran's

outside the sites. According to the Centre, despite this morning's criminal action against nuclear installations, due to previously implemented precautions and measures, no signs of radiation or nuclear pollution have been observed outside the affected compounds.

**Pezeshkian: US dragged into war due to Israeli fallout**  
President Masoud Pezeshkian, condemning last night's US strike on some nuclear facilities, said the move demon-

# Iran's fresh strikes target Israel's main airport, biological research center

### International Desk

Iran conducted fresh strikes on Israel's military targets in the occupied territories on Sunday in response to the regime's aggression against Iran. The 20th wave of Iran's strikes as part of the Operation True Promise 3 on Israel started on Sunday morning. A combination of long-range liquid and solid-fuel missiles with powerful warheads and new tactics to penetrate Israel's defense systems were used in the strike, the spokesperson of the Operation True Promise 3 Brigadier General Iman Tajik said in a statement. Air raid sirens heard across Israel after Iran launched missiles in rapid succession, targeting key sites. The Israeli army said Iran launched two volleys with a total of 27 missiles. Tajik said that Israel's Ben Gurion Airport, Ness Ziona biological research center south of Tel Aviv, and alternative command and control centers



were targeted in the attacks. The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps said it used multi-warhead Kheibar-Shekan ballistic missile for the first time against Israel in the latest operation. The Times of Israel newspaper reported broad devastation at impact sites in Tel Aviv and nearby Ness Ziona biological research center, where at least 86 people were wounded. Meanwhile several missiles and drones were fired towards the occupied territories

early on Sunday during the 19th wave of Iran's operation. The attacks targeted the regime's industrial centers affiliated with its military industry. The strikes on Israel came in response to the regime's unprovoked attacks on Iran which have so far claimed the lives of more than 400 Iranians and wounded over 3,000 others. Iran's strikes also came hours after the United States carried out a bombing attack on three nuclear sites in Iran. US President Donald Trump claimed on Sunday that "Iran's

key nuclear enrichment facilities have been completely and totally obliterated." The attack involved submarines and stealth B-2 bombers. Since June 13, the Israeli regime has carried out nearly daily strikes on Iran, including residential buildings, in an unprovoked act of aggression. More than 400 people including top military officials have lost their lives in the attacks. Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei appointed new military commanders and said "life would turn bleak for Israel". Shortly afterwards, the Iranian Armed Forces promised to "open the gates of hell" to Israel and began waves of punitive strikes inside the Israeli-occupied territories, hitting sensitive sites in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa, among other cities, with missiles and drones. Iran's attacks have killed more than 20 people in Israel and caused widespread devastation across the occupied territories.

## World raps US for Iran strikes, warns of 'irreversible' consequences

### International Desk

World leaders and officials reacted sharply Sunday to the United States' airstrikes on Iranian nuclear sites, carried out early June 22 at the direction of President Donald Trump. The strikes hit key facilities in Natanz, Isfahan, and Fordow, escalating tensions across the Middle East and sparking international condemnation and calls for restraint. Saudi Arabia denounced the US strikes as a "violation of sovereignty," urging the international community to "redouble efforts" toward a diplomatic resolution. The Saudi foreign ministry warned of "serious consequences" for regional peace. Qatar called the assault a "dangerous tension" and warned of "catastrophic repercussions." On social media, its foreign ministry said the escalation threatens both "regional and international stability." The United Arab Emirates expressed "deep concern" and urged the UN Security Council to "assume its responsibilities" before tensions spiral further. Oman, a previous mediator in Iran nuclear talks, strongly condemned the strikes. The official Oman News Agency said the Persian Gulf state was "deeply concerned" over the escalation, calling for an immediate halt to hostilities. Iraq issued a formal warning. The government spokesperson said the US move poses a "grave threat" to Middle Eastern peace. China "strongly condemned" the US bombing, calling it a "serious violation" of the UN Charter. Its foreign ministry accused Washington of "exacerbating tensions" and called on Israel and others to reach a ceasefire quickly. India voiced "deep concern." Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a post after speaking with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, "We reiterated our call for immediate de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy." Pakistan was among the harshest critics. Officials labeled the strikes a "war crime" and a "deliberate act of aggression." A Senate defense committee chair accused the US of being "dominated by the Israeli lobby." Japan Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba told reporters the situation must "de-escalate quickly," saying Tokyo was monitoring developments with "grave concern." France said a "lasting solution" can only be reached through negotiation. Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot

emphasized the need for diplomacy within the framework of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. German Chancellor Frederick Merz has called on Iran to immediately re-enter nuclear talks with the US so there can be a diplomatic solution, according to government spokesperson. "The Chancellor and security cabinet ministers will coordinate closely with their European Union and US partners throughout the day," spokesman Stefan Kornelius said in a statement. Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said the strikes "posed a threat to the entire region," but added, "We hope de-escalation can now begin." UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer said there was a "risk of escalation beyond the region." The European Union's foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas warned against any further escalation. "Iran must return to the negotiating table," she posted. Switzerland urged "maximum restraint" and respect for international law. The foreign ministry called for an immediate diplomatic return. Mexico called for "urgent diplomatic dialogue" and reiterated its "pacifist conviction." The foreign ministry warned the situation risks unraveling regional peace. Chile's President Gabriel Boric posted, "Having power does not authorize you to use it in violation of the rules we as humanity have given ourselves." Venezuela's foreign ministry labeled the strikes a "clear and illegal violation" of state sovereignty and international norms. Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel called it a "dangerous escalation" and warned it pushes the world "toward an irreversible crisis." Australia noted its concerns over Iran's missile and nuclear program but stressed that now "is the time for peace." A government spokesperson called the situation "highly volatile" and pushed for diplomacy. New Zealand's Foreign Minister Winston Peters said further escalation must be avoided. "Diplomacy will deliver a more enduring resolution than military action," he said. Russia blasted the US for what it called an "irresponsible" act of aggression. The foreign ministry said the strikes "significantly increase" the risk of a broader regional war. UN Secretary-General António Guterres called the attack a "dangerous escalation" and urged member states to uphold their legal obligations and avoid catastrophe.

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