

# Iran's doctrine rules out nuclear weapons: *MP*

## Negotiation marks 'endgame of any conflict'

**INTERVIEW** *Alaeddin Boroujerdi (born March 21, 1951), an Iranian politician and member of the 12th Iranian Parliament representing the cities of Larestan, Khonj, Gerash, Evaz, and Juyom of the Fars Province, has previously served as the representative for the city of Boroujerd across the 6th to 10th terms of the Parliament. He has taken on the chairmanship of the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee during the 7th, 8th, 9th, and the first two years of the 10th Parliament, and has held down posts such as Iran's ambassador to China and special envoy for Afghanistan in his diplomatic career. In an interview, Boroujerdi fielded questions about the recent 12-day war and related issues, as follows:*



How do you assess the brutal war imposed on our country by the Zionist regime and the United States over 12 days? What were its origins?

**BOROUJERDI:** This was indeed an imposed war as we have never been the ones to set off a conflict, nor will we ever be. We have always acted in line with the United Nations Charter, which recognizes the right of legitimate self-defense for all countries. We also stand up for our nation's right to defend itself. What we did was a valiant defense, and, time and again, the Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution, as Commander-in-Chief, has warned that if the enemy makes a miscalculation against Iran and crosses the line, we will raze Tel Aviv and Haifa to the ground. The enemy brushed off the Leader's statements on the international stage as mere bravado, but what happened — despite the heavy censorship imposed by the Zionist regime and its military — let the world in on the fact that a new and emerging power had come onto the scene, changing the regional equation. It's worth recalling that since 1949, when this cancerous tumor was planted in the Islamic world by perfidious Britain, the Zionists have brought about dire conditions in the region by massacring the oppressed people of Palestine, displacing millions, and creating an unpleasant situation for the Islamic world. Despite all the wars waged by Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq against the Zionist regime, in every single one, Israel pushed forward and occupied more land.



This fed into the false notion that the Zionist army was invincible. But since 2000, Hezbollah, as a rising force in southern Lebanon, stood up to Israel. In 2006, the Zionist regime pulled together all its might to wipe out Hezbollah. Even then-US secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, during her visit to Lebanon, announced that an operation would soon begin to "close the Hezbollah file". Israel, under the pretext of two captured soldiers, launched an assault on Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, targeting only the Dahiyeh district of Beirut and southern Lebanon, thinking that, with what they considered the world's fourth most powerful army, Hezbollah would be wiped out in a matter of days. Yet, after several weeks, Israel found itself in dire straits against a lightly armed militia. Thousands of Israeli citizens were holed up in

shelters, factories had shut down, and the regime's cohesion was falling apart. Israel wanted to call it quits, but the US refused to end the war unless the "Hezbollah file" was closed. After about a month, when Hezbollah struck the regime's ultramodern corvette and Al-Manar broadcast its sinking, the Zionists finally threw in the towel at the Rome summit. The back-and-forth between Hezbollah and Israel continued in 2008, 2012, and 2018, with wars lasting 8, 10, and 18 days, respectively, in which Israel came up short. The balance of power shifted, and despite its hundreds of thousands of trained troops, tanks, aircraft, and warplanes, Israel fell short while Hezbollah came out on top. After Operation Al-Aqsa Storm, a new phenomenon emerged: Hamas concluded that instead of suffering casualties, it was better to go on

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi (front-2nd R) looks at a poster of the five Iranian nuclear scientists that had been assassinated by Israel up to that point, during his visit to an exhibition showcasing Iran's peaceful nuclear achievements in Tehran, Iran, on April 17, 2025. ● **TASNIM**



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu airs a televised message to "the Iranian people" on June 13, 2025, hours after he launched an illegal, brutal attack on residential buildings. ● **SCREENGRAB**

### What was their goal in attacking Iran?

During the imposed 12-day war, the Zionists, by assassinating some of our military commanders, nuclear scientists, and civilians, and by violating our airspace, thought Iran would surrender. But within hours, replacement commanders were appointed by the Leader, and in less than 24 hours, the order to launch a counterattack was handed down, and the defense of the country got underway. The Zionists, relying on their capabilities and the Iron



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi (3rd-L) speaks to the members of the Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee on March 5, 2025. ● **MASHREGH NEWS**

In my view, those who, for any reason, prefer some other arrangement and sow discord on social media or public platforms should change tack because the enemy may try to run the same play again. We need this unity, and even if the war winds down completely, we'll still need national solidarity to get to the bottom of all our issues. We've often heard this call for unity from Imam Khomeini and the Leader.