

Iran's Armed Forces warn US, Israel against renewed onslaught

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Iran's Armed Forces warned the United States and Israel against any renewed onslaught on the Islamic Republic, saying Iran is ready to crush aggressors and sinister plots against the country's security.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said on Sunday that Iran is more determined than ever to confront any "arrogant-Zionist threat and conspiracy."

The IRGC also said the Islamic Republic stands ready to crush any aggressor and any sinister plot against its security.

The IRGC delivered the remarks in a statement on Sunday, marking the anniversary of the return of liberated prisoners of the war that was imposed by Iraq's former dictator Saddam Hussein on the country in the 1980s.

The statement came a day after the General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces sternly warned the United States and Israel against any renewed aggression against Iran, stressing that such folly will be met with a crushing response much stronger than that of the 12-day imposed war in June.

The top Iranian military body released a statement on Saturday, as it commemorated the release anniversary of the prisoners of war from Iraq.

"Global arrogant powers have not learned from their successive past failures since the victory of the Islamic Revolution 46 years ago.



Smoke billows following missile attacks from Iran on Tel Aviv, Israel on June 13, 2025.
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They once again launched an act of aggression against Islamic Iran in cooperation with the bogus, savage and child-killing Zionist regime – their devoted agent and proxy in the region.

"However, as many experts, analysts, politicians and observers have acknowledged, this sinister plot brought them nothing other than a disgraceful defeat, humiliation and shame," the statement read.

The General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces then cautioned the US and the Israeli regime to cease their conspiracies and hostility against the "powerful and invincible Iran." It said in the event of any miscalculation or hostile act, what led to Iran's restraint and prevented large-scale operations during the 12-day imposed war, will not be repeated. The statement concluded that enemies will instead face new surprises

and measures far more crushing and destructive than before.

On June 13, the Israeli regime launched its aggression targeting senior Iranian officials and nuclear scientists in an act of terrorism that killed scores of civilians as well. Days later, the United States escalated the war by bombing three civilian nuclear facilities in Iran.

In a powerful response, the Iranian Armed Forces launched retaliatory strikes on strategic Israeli targets across the occupied territories and also hit the Al-Udeid air base in Qatar, the largest American military outpost in West Asia.

On June 24, Iran, through its successful retaliatory operations against both the Israeli regime and the US, managed to impose a halt to the illegal assault as Tel Aviv, overwhelmed by the counterstrikes, was compelled to seek a cease-fire.

Armenia assures Iran of non-deployment of foreign forces along border: *FM spox*

International Desk

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman said Yerevan had explicitly informed Tehran that no foreign forces would be stationed along the two countries' common border under a US-brokered peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan earlier this month.

In an interview with a radio channel on Sunday, Ismaeil Baqaei said Armenian officials have said that the construction of the corridor will be carried out with the participation of Armenian companies and an American company under Armenian law.

"We are highly sensitive about this issue, and Armenia itself is also aware of the consequences of the presence of foreign forces," he said.

Baqaei said Iran believes that foreign intervention and the presence of transregional forces in the Caucasus region is not beneficial to the regional countries and only makes the situation more complex.

He noted that the South Caucasus region is of great importance for Iran and the countries in the region, especially Russia, from various political, economic, and geopolitical perspectives.

Iran's government's spokeswoman Fati-meh Mohajerani also on Saturday warned that involvement of transregional actors into the Caucasus equations could have long-term negative consequences for peace and stability of the region.

Back on August 8, Armenian Prime Minis-



Ismaeil Baqaei

ter Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev signed the US-mediated peace deal at the White House. The accord includes the creation of a transit corridor through Armenia to connect Azerbaijan to its exclave of Nakhchivan – a longstanding demand of Baku.

Under the deal, the United States will have development rights to the corridor – dubbed the "Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity" (TRIPP) – in the strategic, resource-rich region.

Iran has long opposed the modification of the corridor – often referred to as Zangezur – fearing it would cut the Islamic Republic off from the Caucasus.

Christian-majority Armenia and Muslim-majority Azerbaijan have feuded for decades over their border and the status of ethnic enclaves within each other's territories. The nations went to war twice over the disputed Karabakh region, which Azerbaijan recaptured from Armenian forces in a lightning 2023 offensive, sparking the exodus of more than 100,000 ethnic Armenians.

'Horrific war crime': Tehran raps Israeli plan to dislocate Gazans to south

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Iran's Foreign Ministry strongly condemned in a statement on Sunday Israel's plan to forcibly displace Palestinians from "combat zones" to southern Gaza, days after the regime announced a new offensive to seize control of Gaza City, the territory's largest urban center.

The ministry said the "regime's decision to forcibly displace the residents of Gaza City — who have endured nearly two years of the most intense bombings and have faced forced starvation by the regime over the past five months — constitutes a clear example of a war crime and a crime against humanity."

The statement emphasized the responsibility of the international community and Islamic countries to confront "this horrific war crime," which it said is aimed at completing the plan of genocide and the erasure of Palestine as a nation and identity. The ministry said Israel's decision is the result of the impunity granted to the "criminal leaders" of the Israeli regime, which itself stems from the comprehensive military and political support provided by the US and some European countries to the regime, as well as the lack of



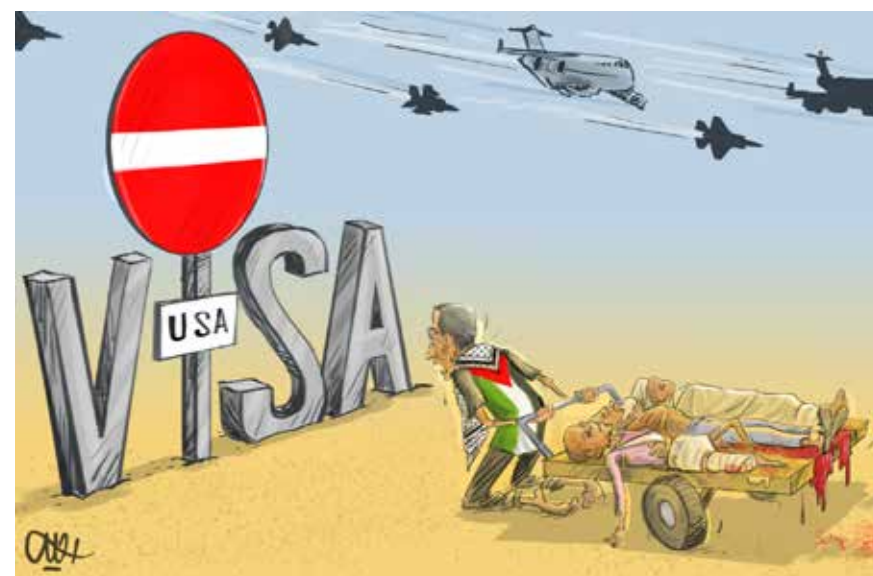
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any serious action by the United Nations Security Council and international courts to hold the regime's leaders accountable for their crimes in Gaza.

The Israeli occupation army's Arabic-language spokesperson Avichay Adraee said on Saturday that residents would be provided with tents and other shelter equipment transported through the Karem Abu Salem, or Kerem Shalom, crossing by the United Nations and international relief organizations.

The statement comes less than a week since Israeli prime minister Netanyahu announced that the military had been given the green light to "dismantle" what he described as the two remaining Hamas strongholds of Gaza City in the north and al-Mawasi further to the south.

Mohammad Ali Rajabi
Cartoonist



'Time to end war': Mass Israeli rallies call for stopping Gaza genocide



Israelis stage a protest demanding an end to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's genocidal war on the besieged Gaza Strip in the occupied al-Quds on August 17, 2025.
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Demonstrators across the Palestinian occupied territories called for an end to the Gaza war and a deal to release hostages still held in Gaza. The protests come more than a week after Israel's security cabinet approved plans to capture Gaza City, following 22 months of war that have created dire humanitarian conditions in the Palestinian territory, AFP reported.

The war was triggered by Palestinian resistance group Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israeli targets in the occupied territories, during which 251 people were taken captive.

Forty-nine captives remain in Gaza, including 27 the Israeli military says are dead.

Demonstrators also blocked roads, including the highway connecting Tel Aviv and the occupied al-Quds where they set tires on fire, accord-

ing to local media footage.

Israeli police said more than 30 protesters were arrested for disturbing public order.

Organizers also called for a general strike on Sunday – the first day of the week in Israel.

"I think it's time to end the war. It's time to release all of the hostages. And it's time to help Israel recover and move towards a more stable Middle East," said Doron Wilfand, a 54-year-old tour guide, at a rally in the occupied al-Quds.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu slammed the protesters, saying their actions "not only hardened Hamas's position and draw out the release of our hostages, but also ensure that the horrors of October 7 will reoccur."

Egypt said in recent days mediators were leading a renewed push to secure a 60-day truce that would

include the release of captives, after the last round of talks in Qatar had ended without a breakthrough.

Some Israeli cabinet members who oppose any deal with Hamas slammed Sunday's demonstrations. Israel's far-right finance minister Bezalel Smotrich decried "a perverse and harmful campaign that plays into the hands of Hamas" and calls for "surrender."

Culture minister Miki Zohar, of Netanyahu's Likud party, said on X that blocking roads and disrupting daily life was "a reward to the enemy."

The Israeli plans to expand the war into Gaza City and nearby refugee camps have sparked an international outcry as well as domestic opposition.

Israel's Army Radio reported on Sunday that military chief Eyal Zamir was due to review the "plans to conquer Gaza City" in a meeting later in the day.

According to the report, residents would be evacuated before troops encircle the city and finally seize it, beginning "in the coming weeks."

Israel on Saturday said it was preparing "to move the population from combat zones to the southern Gaza Strip for their protection."

UN-backed experts have warned of widespread famine unfolding in the territory, where Israel has drastically curtailed the amount of humanitarian aid it allows in.

Israel's offensive has killed more than 61,944 Palestinians, most of them civilians, according to figures from the Health Ministry in Gaza.