

# Araghchi ridicules Netanyahu on 'anchor of security' claim



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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi mocked Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for portraying

the regime as the "anchor of security" in West Asia region, describing Israel as "the source of instability in our region."

"The so-called 'anchor of security in

the Middle East' is wanted for genocide and war crimes, has imposed apartheid on 7.5 million Palestinians, bombed seven countries over the past year, and has occupied Pal-



Displaced Palestinians walk with their belongings along the heavily damaged Al-Jalaa Street by the Israel's strikes in Gaza City on October 12, 2025.  
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estinian, Lebanese and Syrian territory," the Iranian foreign minister said in a post on X on Friday.

He emphasized that "Israel is the source of instability in our region." His remarks came as Israel has so far killed nearly 70,000 Palestinians since launching the genocidal war on Gaza on October 7, 2023, before a ceasefire deal was reached in the strip last month.

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants and charged Netanyahu and former Israeli minister of military affairs Yoav Gallant with war crimes in Gaza.

After the eruption of the genocidal war against Palestinians, Israel also carried out strikes in Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Israel also launched airstrikes on the headquarters of Hamas in Qatar, in what was described as an "assassination operation" that claimed

the lives of several members of the movement as well as a Qatari security officer.

The regime also launched an unprovoked war against Iran on June 13, assassinating many high-ranking military commanders, nuclear scientists, and ordinary civilians.

Gaza health officials said on Saturday that 69,169 Palestinians have been killed in the Israel's war on Gaza so far. At least 170,685 others have also been injured.

Despite some progress in delivering food to Gazans, the territory, ravaged by war and wracked by hunger, remains in urgent need of humanitarian assistance due to the Israel's restriction on entering aid to the besieged territory, a UN spokesperson said Friday.

The Gaza Strip is also littered with 60 million tons of rubble, mixed in with dangerous unexploded bombs and dead bodies.

Israel's war has not only razed entire neighborhoods to the ground, displaced families multiple times and decimated medical facilities, but also poisoned the very ground and water on which Palestinians depend.

## Iran to UNSC: Trump's confession evinces US direct role in 12-day war



Amir Saeid Iravani  
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Iran's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Amir Saeid Iravani, said on Friday US president's admission that he was "very much in charge" of Israel's war against Iran in June, confirms Washington's direct involvement in Israel's aggression against Iran.

Donald Trump on Thursday claimed responsibility for Israel's attacks on Iran, contradicting previous statements that the regime acted unilaterally.

"Israel attacked first. That attack was very, very powerful. I was very much in charge of that," Trump told reporters.

But in the early hours of the aggression, Washington stressed that Israel acted on its own and warned Tehran against retaliating against US troops and interests in the region.

"Tonight, Israel took unilateral action against Iran. We are not involved in strikes against Iran, and our top priority is protecting American forces in the region," US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said at that time.

In a letter to the UN Security Council on Friday, Iravani said Trump's statement provides "clear and irrefutable evidence" of US leadership, orchestration, and command responsibility in the attacks which killed many high-ranking military commanders, nuclear scientists, and ordinary civilians.

Iravani condemned the aggression as a "grave and flagrant violation" of Article 2(4) of the UN Charter and international humanitarian law, noting that it resulted in civilian casualties, destruction of infrastructure, and damage to Iran's safeguarded nuclear facilities. He further stressed that the statement "clearly and unequivocally exposes the falsity of the earlier statement made by the United States Secretary of State

[Marco Rubio] on 13 June 2025, in which he deceitfully claimed that 'we are not involved in strikes against Iran, and our top priority is protecting American forces in the region.'"

The Iranian envoy declared that both the US and Israel "bear full and joint responsibility for their aggression and for the resulting loss of innocent lives, the extensive destruction of civilian property and infrastructure, and the deliberate targeting of safeguarded and peaceful nuclear facilities."

On June 13, Israel launched an unprovoked war against the Islamic Republic, assassinating many of the country's top military brass, scientists, and ordinary civilians.

More than a week later, the United States also entered the war by bombing three Iranian nuclear sites in a grave violation of the United Nations Charter, international law, and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Iran's Foreign Ministry's spokesperson also on Friday reacted to US president's remarks, calling them "undeniable evidence" of Washington's direct intervention.

"From the very beginning, it was clear that the United States had fully participated in the crime of Israeli aggression against the Iranian nation," Ismaeil Baqaei said in a post on X on Friday.

## 'Big lie': Iran debunks US-Israel assassination claims in Mexico

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Iran categorically rejected claims by the United States and Israel that the Islamic Republic had plans to assassinate Israel's ambassador to Mexico, calling it a "great big lie."

"It is a media invention, a great big lie, whose objective is to damage the friendly and historic relations between both countries (Mexico and Iran), which we categorically reject," Iran's Embassy in Mexico posted on X.

Israeli and US officials claimed on Friday that Mexican authorities with assistance from the US and Israeli intelligence agencies thwarted an alleged plot by Iran to assassinate the Israeli ambassador to Mexico.

The plot to kill Ambassador Einat Kranz Neiger is alleged to have been hatched at the end of last year and remained ac-

tive through the middle of this year, when it was disrupted, the US officials claimed.

However, Mexico's foreign relations and security ministries issued a brief joint statement late Friday saying that "they have no report with respect to a supposed attempt against the ambassador of Israel in Mexico."

The foreign ministry "reiterates its willingness to maintain fluid communication with all accredited diplomatic representations in our country," the statement said. The security ministry "reaffirms its



Iran's Embassy in Mexico City

respectful and coordinated collaboration, always within the framework of national sovereignty, with all security agencies that request it."

"Iran and Mexico share identical interests. Mexico's security and reputation are also Iran's security and reputation. We will never betray the trust the Mexican government has placed in us," the Iranian Embassy said.

"This is not the first time they have tried to damage Iran's relations with other countries through fake news," the embassy added.

## Deputy FM calls on int'l community to stop Israeli aggression in West Asia

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Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Saeid Khatibzadeh said regional countries and the international community should stop Israeli aggression against countries in the West Asia region.

He made the remarks in an address on November 6 to a seminar at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation in Japan's capital, Tokyo.

"Israel, driven by geopolitical delusions and a desire for expansionism, strategic depth, the extension of its borders, and the establishment of strategic superiority over the entire West Asia region, has carried out a series of aggression and attacks in the region — actions that must be stopped by the regional countries and the international community," Khatibzadeh said.

In his remarks, he referred to the re-

cent Israeli onslaught on Iran, describing it as a blatant violation of the principles of international law.

"Despite the absence of any evidence indicating the existence of nuclear weapons or deviation in Iran's nuclear program — and while negotiations and diplomacy were ongoing — one must ask why Israel, in close cooperation with the United States, carried out this attack. The answer to this question clearly determines how countries should respond to such an act of aggression," the Iranian official said.

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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.



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