



FM says all sites involved in Israel-US attack 'legitimate targets'



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Tehran denounced Saturday's coordinated US-Israeli aerial assault on Iranian territory as a "blatant crime," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi declared all launch sites "legitimate targets" for retaliatory strikes, and the Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) announced the commencement of a "decisive response," while Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei condemned what he called "terrorist attacks" in statements carried by state media.

Araghchi, appearing on Iranian television, warned that armed forces would target "the sites from which the US and Zionist operations were carried out" alongside any locations supporting actions against Iran's defenses.

He framed the aggression as a gross violation of the UN Charter, urging regional governments to uphold their "historical duty" against what he termed a "sinister plot" by the Israeli regime.

In separate calls with counterparts from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Iraq, the foreign minister pressed neighboring states to deny US and Israeli forces use of their territories for further operations, reiterating Iran's commitment to "good-neighborliness" while underscoring the Islamic Republic's inherent right to self-defense under international law.

The Foreign Ministry said Washington and Tel Aviv had launched "terrorist attacks" on defense infrastructure and civilian sites across multiple Iranian cities.

The ministry noted the strikes erupted amid ongoing diplomatic engagement, asserting Iran had entered negotiations "to prove the rightfulness of the Iranian nation" despite anticipating military escalation.

"Now it is time to defend the homeland," the statement declared, vowing the armed forces stand "more prepared than ever" to confront aggressors.

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Iran pounds US regional bases, Israel in retaliation for joint aggression

Scores killed in strike on girls' school in Hormozgan

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People gather at the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted an elementary girls' school in Minab, a city in the Hormozgan Province in southern Iran on February 28, 2026.
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Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) fired a barrage of missiles against US military bases in the Persian Gulf and Israel's positions in the occupied territories

in retaliation for new US-Israel aggression against Iran. Explosions were reported in Bahrain, Kuwait, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The IRGC said it had targeted the US Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, other

American interests in the Persian Gulf and Israel after it had repeatedly vowed to retaliate fiercely should Iran be attacked. "The IRGC's missiles and drones have struck the headquarters of the US Navy's Fifth Fleet in Bahrain

and other American bases in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, as well as military and security centers in the heart of the occupied territories, with severe blows," the IRGC said.

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Reactions pour in after US-Israeli onslaught

Russia, Spain, Pakistan, Iraq, Brazil slam blitz

France calls for urgent UNSC meeting

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A wave of US and Israeli strikes on Iran on Saturday set off reactions from several countries, calling for an end to the "dangerous" escalation.

Russia condemned the joint strikes on Iran as a "dangerous adventure" that could spark "catastrophe" in the region. "Washington and Tel-Aviv have once again embarked on a dangerous adventure that is rapidly bringing the region to the brink of a humanitarian, economic, and - this cannot be ruled out - radiological catastrophe," Russia's Foreign

Ministry said in a statement. "The aggressors' intentions are clear and openly declared: to destroy the constitutional order and overthrow the government of a state they find undesirable, which has refused to submit to the diktat of force and hegemonism," it added.

"The responsibility for the negative consequences of this man-made crisis, including an unpredictable chain reaction and an escalating spiral of violence, lies entirely with them," the ministry said. Russia said it was "ready to contribute to the search for peaceful solutions"

that are "based on international law, mutual respect and balance of interests." In 2025, Russia and Iran signed a strategic partnership treaty aimed at strengthening ties - including in the military sphere.

Spain rejects attack, calls for dialogue

The Spanish government expressed its disagreement with the strikes launched jointly by the United States and Israel against Iran, following days of troop movements and capabilities.

"We reject the unilateral military action by the US and Israel, which represents an escalation and contributes to a more uncertain and hostile international order," wrote Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on his X account. "We cannot afford another prolonged and devastating war in the Middle East," Sanchez added, demanding "an immediate de-escalation and full respect for international law."

"It is time to resume dialogue and reach a lasting political solution for the region," he pointed out.

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