

# Martyr of Ramadan; Leader's Exalted Soul Ascends to Highest Heavens

## 'Trump, Netanyahu crossed Iran's red line and will pay the price'

### International Desk

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei was martyred following a joint act of aggression by Israel and the US on his humble residence in Tehran on Saturday morning. An exemplar of faith and resistance against tyranny and arrogance, he sagaciously and courageously guided Iran and championed Islam for over 37 years until the final moment of his blessed life. The government has declared 40 days of public mourning and seven days of holidays following his martyrdom.

### Armed Forces to avenge martyred leader, commanders

Several other cowardly assassinations were carried out simultaneously on the lives of senior Iranian military commanders on the same day. Chairman of the Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Mohammad Pakpour, Minister of Defense Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh, and Representative of the Leader

in the Supreme Defense Council Ali Shamkhani were martyred on Saturday.

Their respective replacements were immediately announced as the country has been preparing for this event, especially since the 12-Day War in June.

The IRGC has vowed to avenge the blood of the martyrs until a complete defeat is imposed upon the malicious enemies of Iran.

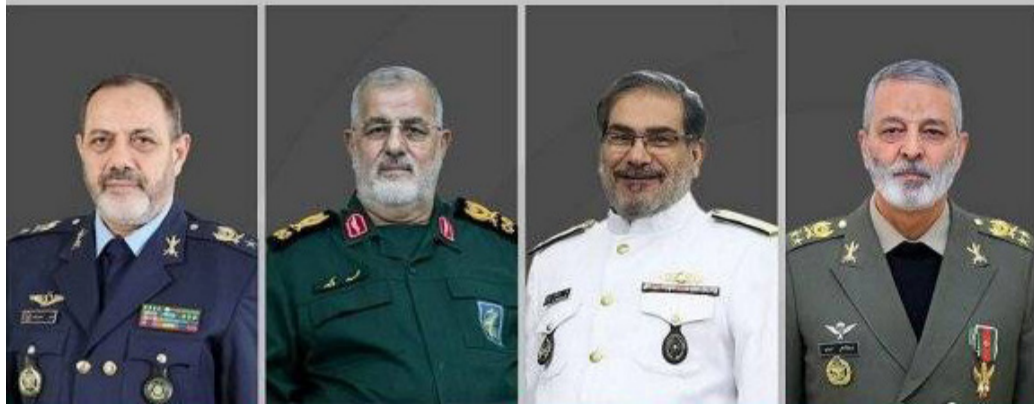
The statement added that it will safeguard the security, national interests, and territorial integrity of the country.

The Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in a statement on Sunday, emphasized that the path of that martyred leader will be continued until the last breath and affirmed its standing as a strong fortress of the nation.

### Nation, allies enraged

People in different Iranian cities have held spontaneous gatherings to vent their anger at the assassination of their leader and commanders as well as the ongoing war of aggression by the United States and Israel against their country.

Crowds of people filled the streets and iconic squares in at least a dozen cities, including the capital Tehran, since the early hours



From left to right: Minister of Defense Brigadier General Aziz Nasirzadeh, Commander-in-Chief of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Mohammad Pakpour, Representative of the Leader in the Supreme Defense Council Ali Shamkhani, and Chairman of the Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi were martyred by Israel and the US on February 28, 2026.   
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of the unlawful strikes that happened only two days before scheduled fourth round of talks in Vienna over Iran's nuclear program. Protesters chanted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" in a show of anger at the two regimes. They also voiced their support for the Iranian Armed Forces in their operations to defend the country. In a message of condolence following the martyrdom of Ayatollah Khamenei, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has stated that the assassination of this great commander of the Islamic Um-

mah constitutes a clear war by "the most wicked of oppressors" against Muslims, particularly Shi-

as worldwide. The president emphasized that the Islamic Republic considers seeking retribution from the perpetrators and instigators of this historic crime as its legitimate duty and right.

Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf warned that US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have crossed Iran's red line and will pay the price.

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Larijani stressed that the Americans cannot bully the Iranian nation, adding: "Iran was not and is not seeking war, but if a war is imposed on us, we will not let them walk away."

Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs also issued a message of condolences, saying the criminal assassinations, unprovoked military aggression, and the killing of innocent civilians by the US and Israel marks a "dangerous perversion" toward the rule of force.

Enraged and mournful, peoples of several nations, including Iraq, India, and Pakistan, have also rallied to the streets while messages of condolences poured in from many governments and allies of the Islamic Republic after the martyrdom of Ayatollah Khamenei.

The Iraqi government has announced three days of public mourning and offered condolences to the noble people of Iran and the entire Islamic world.

Iraq's prominent Shia cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani has called for the unity of the people of Iran, adding they are expected not to let the aggressors reach their sinister goals. Russian President Vladimir Putin conveyed his sincere sympathy and support to the family and close relatives of Ayatollah Khamenei, as well as the Iranian government and people. He also called the assassination a violation of all norms of human ethics and international laws.

Various members of the Axis of Resistance, including the Yemeni Ansarullah, the Lebanese Hezbollah, and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement, emphasized that targeting leaders would not deter resistance forces from continuing their path and honoring Ayatollah Khamenei.

## Army, IRGC severely responds to US-Israeli aggression

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Iranian Armed Forces on Sunday continued a series of powerful strikes on the Israeli-occupied territories and American military bases in the region in response to the US-Israeli aggression against the country.

The Iranian Air Force said it has conducted military operations against the American military bases in the Persian Gulf countries and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In a statement released on Sunday morning, the Air Force said that the brave Iranian pilots have successfully bombed US bases in the Persian Gulf region and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in several phases of operations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Army stated that all military centers of the enemy in the region will be within reach of the Air Force fighter jets.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), in a statement, said it severely targeted the American bases in Bahrain, Qatar, and the



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United Arab Emirates, as well as military hideouts in the heart of the occupied Palestinian lands. According to the statement, the American Navy's Fifth Fleet in Bahrain was among the targeted military bases. On Sunday morning, Iranian missiles also hit several targets in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

According to Mehr news agency, photos have been circulating online showing widespread destruction in Tel Aviv as a result of Iranian missile strikes. Other photos show huge explosions and the impact of missiles hitting Haifa. The IRGC statement said that the Iranian missiles used in the retaliatory operation are more ad-

vanced than those used in True Promise 3, delivering more precise and devastating strikes.

### US' MST struck by Navy

Earlier, the IRGC announced on Saturday evening that the American ship, MST, was severely struck by the Iranian Navy's missiles.

### General Staff of Israel targeted

In a separate statement, the IRGC announced on Sunday that during the sixth wave of the retaliatory True Promise 4 Operation, 27 locations of American bases in the region, as well as the Tel Nof Airbase, the General Staff of the Zionist regime, and the HaKirya complex in Tel Aviv, have been targeted.

Israeli media outlets reported that millions of settlers rushed to shelters after air raid sirens were activated across the occupied territories, following the launch of Iranian missiles in recent hours.

### Abraham Lincoln hit by four missiles

The US military's Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier was targeted with four ballistic missiles, the seventh statement by the IRGC said on Sunday afternoon.

### US drone down

According to Tasnim news agency, the IRGC also shot down an American MQ-9 Reaper drone in southern Iran on Sunday.

The IRGC's Aerospace Force units have targeted and destroyed the advanced MQ-9 drone of the US terrorist army with modern advanced defense systems.

The General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces on Sunday warned that the US and the Israeli regime would face a powerful and regret-inducing response following the martyrdom of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei.

In a Saturday attack by the US-Israeli forces in Tehran, Ayatollah Khamenei and several top Iranian

military commanders have been martyred.

According to the CEO of the Tehran Province Red Crescent Society announcing Sunday, Israel and the US carried out 60 terrorist attacks in the province over the past 24 hours, resulting in 57 fatalities.

Also, a predawn Israeli airstrike on Sunday, followed by terrorist attack on Iran's Mehran border outpost, located in Ilam Province's Mehran County, killed 22 Iranian border guards and wounded at least 21 others, officials confirmed.

Another attack on a school in Minab in southern province of Hormuzgan on Saturday was part of the joint US-Israeli aggression against Iran.

The prosecutor of Minab County revealed on Sunday that the death toll from the barbaric strike by the US and the Israeli regime on a girls' elementary school in Minab has climbed to 148 martyrs and 95 injured, mostly students, in southern Iran.

## Pezeshkian: Provisional Leadership Council begins work to continue Ayatollah Khamenei's legacy

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President Masoud Pezeshkian said in a video address to the Iranian nation on Sunday evening that a provisional Leadership Council has begun its work and will continue the path and legacy of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution with full force.

Pezeshkian said that the assassination of Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei will bring nothing but humiliation for the United States and the Israeli regime. Meanwhile, the spokesper-



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son of the Expediency Discernment Council announced the appointment of Ayatollah Alireza Arafai as the Guardian Council's jurist member in

the Leadership Council. Mohsen Dehnavi, spokesperson of the Expediency Discernment Council, made the announcement on his X

account on Sunday.

"According to Article 111 of the Constitution, until a new Supreme Leader is appointed, a temporary Leadership Council, consisting of the President, the Head of the Judiciary, and one jurist from the Guardian Council, is formed.

The Expediency Discernment Council has selected Ayatollah Arafai as the jurist member of this council to ensure uninterrupted leadership, while the Assembly of Experts will promptly appoint the permanent Supreme Leader."

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