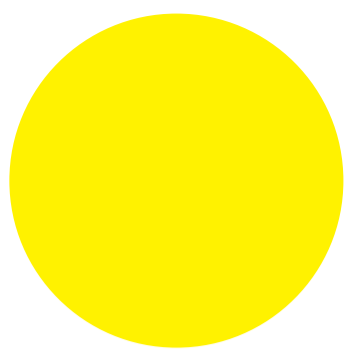


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Iran to decide when war ends: *Araghchi*



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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said while the US and Israeli regime started the latest war against the country, it is Iran that will decide how and when the war is going to end.

"We have had two decades to study the defeats of the US military to our immediate east and west. We've incorporated lessons accordingly," Iran's top diplomat wrote in a post on X Sunday, referring to the US military invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan in the early 2000s.

"Bombings in our capital have no impact on our ability to conduct war," he added.

"Decentralized Mosaic Defense enables us to decide when - and how - the war will end," Araghchi emphasized.

While indirect nuclear negotiations between Tehran and Washington, mediated by Oman, were underway, the US and Israeli regime launched strikes on Iran starting Saturday morning. The latest round of talks, held in Geneva on Thursday, concluded with both sides acknowledging "significant progress" - a diplomatic effort now overshadowed by intensified military actions.

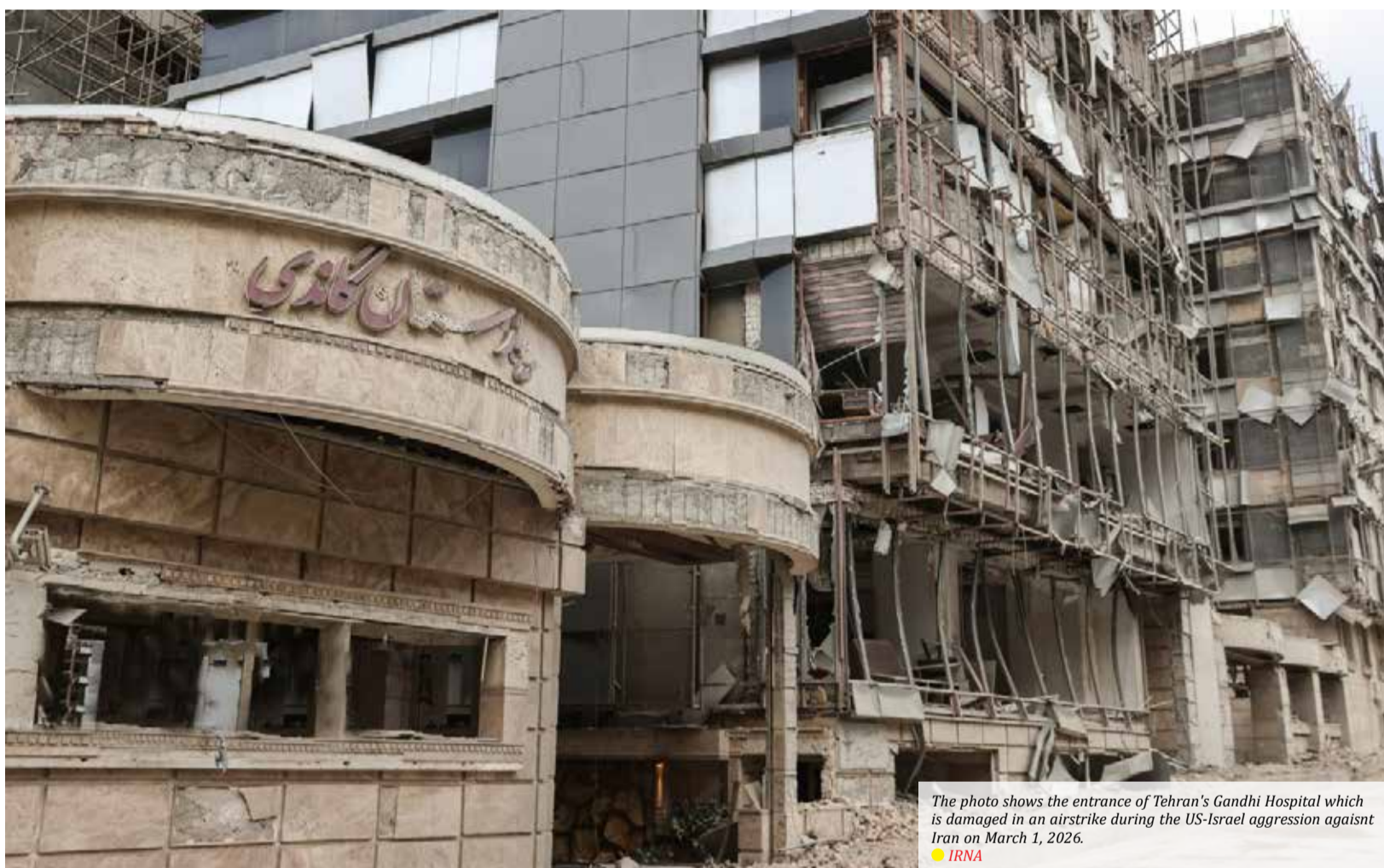
In response to the US-Israeli aggression, which has led to the martyrdom of Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei, a number of senior military commanders and hundreds of civilians, Iran has launched Operation True Promise 4, carrying out massive missile and drone attacks on Israeli targets and US bases in the region. The Iranian foreign minister, following the latest American and Zionist regime's aggression against the country, sent a letter to the secretary-general of the United Nations and the Security Council.

"In a new series of unprovoked and unjustified aggressive acts against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States and the Zionist regime deliberately targeted the highest official of a Member State of the United Nations, i.e., the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei on February 28, 2026," Araghchi wrote in the letter to to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Sunday.

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At least 555 Iranians killed in US-Israeli aggression: *IRCS*

Armed Forces launch retaliatory attacks against Israel



The photo shows the entrance of Tehran's Gandhi Hospital which is damaged in an airstrike during the US-Israel aggression against Iran on March 1, 2026.

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The Iranian Red Crescent Society said in a statement on Monday that at least 555 Iranians have lost their lives after a joint act of aggression by Israel and the United States against Iran since Saturday. The organization said that rescue and relief operations are continuing without interruption in nearly 131 towns and cities affected in the aggression.

Leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei was also martyred following the attacks by Israel and the US on his humble residence in Tehran on Saturday morning.

Several other cowardly assassinations were also 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.

An Iranian lawmaker has said at least seven medical centers, including Tehran's Gandhi hospital, have been damaged in the attacks.

The Chief of the World Health Organization Tedros Adhanom said in a post on X that reports of Tehran's Gandhi Hospital being damaged during the strikes are extremely worrying.

He said all efforts must be taken to prevent health facilities from being caught up in the ongoing conflict. Adhanom underlined that health facilities are protected under international humanitarian law.

Iran's retaliation

Iran's Armed Forces have vowed to avenge the blood of the martyrs until a complete defeat is imposed upon the enemies of Iran.

On Monday, the IRGC announced that in the tenth wave of the True Promise 4 Operation, it targeted an Israeli regime's government complex in Tel Aviv and also struck a site in East Al-Quds, among other Israel's positions.

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No US talks on Iran's agenda, Larijani insists

Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council of Iran Ali Larijani has declared that the Islamic Republic will not engage in negotiations with the United States.

His comments, made through a post on the social media platform X, came in response to claims by Qatar's Al Jazeera TV network, citing the Wall Street Journal, that suggested Larijani had initiated new efforts to restart talks with Washington.

Oman's Foreign Minister Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, in a recent social media post, indicated that recent indirect talks Geneva were making significant progress towards a historic agreement between Iran and

the US. He emphasized the importance of diplomacy, stating that while the hope for peace persists, it should not be overshadowed by the threat of war. Additionally, Larijani criticized US President Donald Trump's approach to the West Asia region, saying he was inciting chaos in the region while prioritizing Israeli interests over American lives.

He remarked on the delusions driving US policies, asserting that Iranian armed forces are acting defensively and were not the instigators of conflict.

The Iranian nation is engaged in self-defense today, Larijani said, emphasizing that the aggression was not commenced by the armed forces of Iran.



Focussed on defence

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ismail Baqaei has asserted that Iran's

primary focus remains the defence of its nation following recent attacks, dismissing the possibility of renewed negotia-

tions with the United States. In an interview with NPR, Baqaei detailed Iran's perspective on the escalating tensions and condemned the recent strikes as an "unprovoked and unjustified aggression."

The Iranian official stated that this is the second time in nine months, following the 12-day war in June, that his country has been targeted while involved in negotiations with the United States.

He described the recent attacks as an "unfair war imposed on our nation," emphasizing Iran's commitment to "standing firm, maintaining resilience, and confronting this injustice."

Baqaei also addressed recent unrest within Iran, attributing

it to a disinformation campaign and external interference. He pointed to a US presidential statement suggesting potential intervention if casualties increased, which he believes fueled the escalation. While acknowledging economic challenges, he emphasized that these are largely due to US sanctions.

Baqaei concluded by reaffirming Iran's commitment to peaceful resolutions and condemning the attacks as a violation of international law and the UN Charter. He called on the international community, particularly the UN Security Council, to address the situation and prevent a descent into a "law of the jungle."

Envoy urges IAEA condemnation of US-Israel attacks on Iran

Grossi calls for immediate end to ongoing conflict

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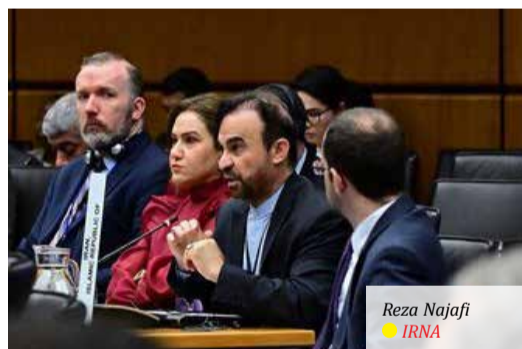
Iran urged the UN atomic agency to condemn the US and Israeli attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities as clear violations of the agency's statute, UN principles and the Security Council's resolutions. Iran's permanent representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Reza Najafi in an address to a special session of the IAEA Board of Governors on Monday said that under these rules, "any armed attack or threat against nuclear facilities constitutes a violation of the UN Charter and international law."

He said that the US claim that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons — a justification for its aggression against Iran — is entirely false.

Najafi added that the US and Israel, under the pretext of preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons, targeted Iran's Leader — who had issued a religious decree prohibiting weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear arms — along

side hundreds of civilians.

He called on the IAEA to unequivocally condemn the aggression as violations of the agency's Statute, Security Council's resolutions, and decisions of the IAEA's General Conference and Board of Governors, saying that, "Any armed attack or threat against nuclear facilities dedicated to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of the UN Charter, international law, and the IAEA Statute."



Najafi described the current crisis as the result of inaction by the UN Security Council and the IAEA in response to a June aggression by the United States and the Israeli regime against

Iran. He warned that failure to act decisively now would embolden the aggressors to commit even more brutal and intense violations. The IAEA chief called for immediate end to the ongoing conflict, saying that the dispute over Iran's nuclear program should be resolved through diplomacy.

Rafael Grossi said that his agency is ready to play a role in the negotiations between Iran and the United States.

Iran and the US had launched a new round of nuclear negotiations mediated by Oman. But the US and Israel launched strikes on Iran in the middle of the talks.

Iran downs three US warplanes in Kuwait

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Iranian Armed Forces, in a brilliant move, shot down three American fighter jets over the Iran-Kuwait border region on Monday morning, Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters of the Iranian Armed Forces said on Monday. Footages showing a fighter jet's descent and crash into Kuwaiti soil were published both in social media and multiple media websites.

Kuwait's Defense Ministry issued a statement acknowledging that several American warplanes have

crashed, saying that all pilots have been rescued.

The statement added that Kuwait is coordinating and communicating with US forces on this matter and is conducting joint technical operations.

Meanwhile, an official from the US Central Command (CENTCOM) confirmed the downing of at least one US fighter jet in Kuwait.

This is the first time in 27 years that a US manned fighter jet has been officially reported destroyed.

The latest such incident happened in 1995, during the Kosovo conflict, when a US



F-17 stealth jet was shot down by Yugoslav forces. Since then, rapid advances in aircraft technology have prevented any further reported

losses of US fighters.

The incident could have significant implications for future high-tech warfare and aerial combat strategies.

At least 555...

According to the statement number 9 from the IRGC's Public Relations Department, a number of Khaybar missiles were deployed in this wave of operation, which "opened doors to a massive inferno" in the occupied territories.

The fate of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is in a cloud of uncertainty after

the IRGC targeted Netanyahu's office.

"The office of the criminal Prime Minister of the Zionist regime and the location of the commander of the regime's air force were attacked and severely hit by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic in the targeted and surprise attacks of Khayber missiles in the tenth wave."

The IRGC warned settlers of

the occupied territories to evacuate immediately from areas near military bases, security centers, and governmental facilities.

The targeted attack on the Israeli regime's government complex in Tel Aviv, military and security centers in Haifa, and areas in East Al-Quds were among the objectives of the tenth wave of the IRGC's operation.

Iran's Army also said the country's air defense system downed 12 advanced drones of

the enemy across the country. The Army's missile units also launched new missile attacks targeting US bases in the region on Monday.

The Army said that its land and naval missile units from various areas targeted the Ali al-Salem US airbase in Kuwait and enemy's warships in the North Indian Ocean with the launch of 15 cruise missiles.

The total number of downed drones since the beginning of the war on Saturday has reached 22.

Iran to decide...

Araghchi emphasized: "This cowardly terrorist act, in clear violation of Article 2, Paragraph 4 of the UN Charter, constitutes a direct assault on the most fundamental principles of international law, includ-

ing the prohibition of the use of force, the equality of sovereign states, and the inviolability and immunity of heads of state."

Araghchi stressed: "Such an act creates a dangerous and unprecedented precedent, targeting the fundamental

norms of state sovereignty and civilized behavior among nations. Heads of state are the embodiment of their nations' sovereignty and, according to international law, are inviolable, respected, and immune, which is essential for the independent performance of their official duties."

Araghchi continued: "Moreover, Ayatollah Seyed Ali

Khamenei, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, was not only the highest-ranked official of the country but also a religious figure revered by tens of millions of Muslims in the region and around the world. Such an attack will have profound and far-reaching repercussions, for which the perpetrators bear full responsibility."

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