

IRGC pounds Israel's Nevatim base with ballistic missiles

Regional states advised not to trust US on security, defense: **Military spox**

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The Public Relations Department of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced on Saturday that Israel's Nevatim base was targeted by the Iranian missiles during the 47th wave of Operation True Promise 4.

The Israeli base was struck with the solid- and liquid-fuel "Kheybar Shekan" missiles and they achieved successful hit on the occupied territories.

The commander of the IRGC Aerospace Force said the accuracy rate of Iranian missiles hitting the American and Israeli targets has doubled in the past two days.

In a post on his X account, Brigadier General Majid Mousavi wrote, "Over the past 48 hours, the accuracy rate of Iranian missiles hitting targets associated with American and Israeli criminals has doubled."

The commander noted that the skies have opened up to the "massive Iranian missiles," stressing that the punishment for the aggressors continues unabated.

The strikes came on the same day that Aziz Nasirzadeh, Iran's Minister



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of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics, was laid to rest after he was martyred in Israeli-American attacks on Iran on February 28.

"Today, Iran is standing on the shoulders of men who have sacrificed their lives for the homeland's dignity and security. The path of martyrs shall continue and aggressors will invariably be responded until the realization of Iran's lasting security," Vice President Mohammadreza Aref said at Nasirzadeh's funeral ceremony.

US launch sites at UAE warned to be struck

Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquar-

ters warned the UAE that it would consider targeting enemy missile launch sites in some cities of that country as a "legitimate right."

"We declare to the leaders of the United Arab Emirates that we consider it as our legitimate right to target the origin points of enemy missile launches in some cities of that country," spokesman of the headquarters Lieutenant Colonel Ebrahim Zolfagari stated on Saturday.

The Iranian Army also announced that the Israeli intelligence and cyber units have been targeted by a drone attack.

Moreover, the spokesperson of the

Iranian Armed Forces advised leaders of Muslim countries in the region on Saturday not to put their trust in the facade of US military power as Washington would not be able to provide security for them.

"Have trust in the Islamic Republic of Iran and Muslim people. Let us unite in the Islamic world to counter infidelity, idolatry, and sedition led by America and the Zionists," Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi said.

"Do not trust in the facade of US power. The US, which cannot even defend its shaky army, will not be able to provide security for Muslim countries and the region," he said.

Shekarchi pointed out that the largest US warship, the USS Abraham Lincoln, which he said instilled fear and pillaged Muslim resources, was made out of operation by Iran.

"After a historic defeat, [the USS Abraham Lincoln] was forced to flee, and this defeat became immortal in history," he added.

Shekarchi also said that the United States is no longer a world power, emphasizing that the terrorist US government must be expelled from the West Asian region.

US, Israel seeking to disintegrate 'powerful' Islamic countries: Pezeshkian



Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

Masoud Pezeshkian

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Iranian president said the United States and Israel are seeking to weaken and disintegrate major Islamic states as they cannot tolerate the presence of "great and powerful" countries like Iran, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey in the region.

Masoud Pezeshkian made the remarks in a phone conversation with his Egyptian counterpart Abdel Fattah el-Sisi on Friday, during which they discussed the latest joint aggression by the US and Israel against Iran.

Pezeshkian underlined that Iran was subjected to military attacks for the second time amid nuclear negotiations with the US – a move that shows Washington is not seeking a genuine resolution to Iran's nuclear issue.

Referring to Iran's attacks on the US military bases in the regional countries, the Iranian president said Tehran has no problem with Islamic countries, but the use of their territories and airspaces by the US and Israel to launch military strikes on Iran has forced the Iranian armed forces to target the American bases in the regional countries in the framework of the "right to legitimate defense".

Enemies' plots

Pezeshkian called on the Islamic countries to remain vigilant against conspiracies by the enemies of the Islamic countries to sow discord among the regional nations. He also welcomed any initiative by regional countries to strengthen unity, restore stability and promote peace in the Middle East region.

The conversation came as the US and Israeli armed forces have launched new aggression against Iran since February 28.

The attacks have claimed the lives of more than 1,000 people in Iran, including the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and several other high-ranking officials.

Iranian armed forces have decisively retaliated against the strikes by launching barrages of missile and drones against the Israeli-occupied territories as well as US bases in region.

No justification for aggression

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei in an interview with China's Xinhua news agency described the US as a "rogue actor" in the international system and a serious threat to global peace and security.

Baqaei said that the recent US actions against Iran could not be justified under any rule of international law.

"This aggressive act cannot be justified by any argument or principle of international law. It constitutes a violation of peace, and the Iranian nation is determined to defend itself as long as necessary".

Baqaei added that many countries in the region have come to realize that the US military presence in the region has brought more problems than stability for the region.

The Iranian official stressed that regional stability largely depends on cooperation among regional states.

Iranian oil sales uninterrupted despite US airstrike on Kharg Island

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Crude oil exports from Kharg Island are going on, an Iranian official said on Saturday, hours after a US airstrike targeted the Iranian island in the Persian Gulf, which serves as the main hub for country oil sales.

"Iranian oil companies at the Kharg export terminal are operating as usual despite the brutal attack," Ehsan Jahaniyan, the political, security, and social deputy governor of Bushehr province told IRNA.

Jahaniyan added that the overnight assault caused no casualties among military personnel, workers at the companies, or residents of Kharg Island, and that daily life and activities of the people on island, which is part of Bushehr province in southern Iran, were "in complete order."

US President Donald Trump said that the United States had launched an airstrike on Kharg's military sites, claiming that the US Central Command had "obliterated every military target in Iran's crown jewel" at his direction.

"For reasons of decency, I have chosen not to wipe out the oil infrastructure on the island," Trump wrote on the social media platform Truth Social.



The file photo shows workers fixing a crude oil leak from a pipeline on Kharg Island on August 7, 2025.

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Trump also threatened to "immediately reconsider this decision" should Iran, or anyone else, "do anything to interfere with" the free and safe passage of ships through the Strait of Hormuz.

Fars News Agency, citing its sources, reported that "more than 15 explosions" were heard on the island.

"The enemy attempted to damage the Army's air defense, the Navy's Jowshan base, an airport control tower, and a helicopter hangar during the strike," Fars said.

The Central Khatam al-Anbiya Headquarters – Iran's war room – warned

shortly afterward that in the event of an attack on Iran's economic, and energy infrastructure, all such facilities belonging to oil companies across the region with American stakes or collaborating with the US would "be destroyed and reduced to ashes immediately."

Since the US-Israeli aggression on Iran on February 28, Iranian Armed Forces have blocked the transit of tankers and ships through the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf, a waterway via which 20% of the world's oil passes.

The move has pushed oil prices

above \$100 per barrel and left scores of vessels stranded on either side of the conduit.

Iranian forces have targeted at least 15 vessels for ignoring warnings about the waterway's closure and only allowed ships belonging to "non-hostile countries" to sail through.

Iran's new Leader, Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei, on Thursday urged the Armed Forces to keep the strait closed as a leverage tool.

Kharg, a coral island with an area of 20 square kilometers, is located 25 km off Iran's coast and has significant economic importance as it hosts the country's main oil export terminal. Around 90% of Iran's crude exports are conducted through Kharg, where the country's largest oil storage tanks are located and connected to its largest oilfields. Speculation is rife about the potential capture of the island by the US following the attack.

Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad-Bagher Ghalibaf warned on Thursday that the Islamic Republic would "abandon all restraint and make the Persian Gulf run with the blood of invaders" if any of its islands came under attack.

Global economy braces ...

Beyond oil, the availability of chemical fertilizers is also a growing worry.

If not passed through the Strait of Hormuz, their absence would potentially have irreversible damage, given that it is now the planting season in the Northern Hemisphere, and fertilizers are urgently needed. It's not just the price of fertilizer that's the issue; there are no significant reserves along the supply chain. Any disruption in the next month could impact the global food basket for a year.

The question is when these effects will manifest in monetary policy. Financial markets, particularly New York, which ended last year on a relatively positive note despite its ups and downs, have priced in expectations of interest rate cuts in 2026. If central banks become

convinced that the current inflation is not transitory and must react through monetary policy, the narrative of rate cuts next year will no longer hold. When financial markets begin to plummet, a financial crisis different from that of 2008 could unfold. Reaching this point does not necessarily require oil to hit \$110 or \$130 a barrel; sustained high prices – around \$85 and above – are sufficient. Prices are now fluctuating within this range, and the market is increasingly convinced this is the likely scenario.

The initial lack of a price surge following disruptions to passage through the Strait of Hormuz was predicated on the assumption that Iran would quickly concede. However, as it became clear this was not the case and Iran's retaliatory power remained intact, the narrative of

a prolonged situation has gained traction. The opposing side's tools are also apparent, and this is a two-way game. One such tool is the release of strategic oil reserves, a decision that has already been made. However, this tool has its limitations. The total reserves – depending on the definition and details – might only cover 20 to 30 days of global consumption, potentially offsetting the loss of around 12 to 20 million barrels per day. Given this, everyone is waiting, and the clock is ticking. Two scenarios are playing out: whether the oil in the refining chain will be depleted before transit through the Strait of Hormuz returns to normal. There is currently no definitive answer, but the market is increasingly convinced that the strait will not be fully operational again anytime soon.

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