

# 'Incitement to terrorism': Iran envoy blasts Trump's infrastructure threats

## FM spox vows reprisal attacks on US facilities 'with all might'

### International Desk

Iran's ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations in New York said US President Donald Trump's threats to bomb Iran's bridges and power plants constitute direct incitement to terrorism.

Amir Saeed Iravani made the remark in a letter addressed to the United Nations secretary-general and the UN Security Council president after Trump threatened to strike bridges and power plants as well as other civilian infrastructure, including petrochemical plants, across Iran.

"Such statements constitute

direct incitement to terrorism and provide clear evidence of intent to commit war crimes under international law," Iravani wrote.

"The deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian objects, including the destruction of infrastructure essential to the survival of the civilian population such as power plants, energy facilities and other critical civilian infrastructure constitutes a war crime and represents a blatant act of State terrorism, intended to terrorize and inflict severe harm on the civilian population. Even terrorist groups like ISIS were ashamed of making such

reckless, horrible public statements."

Iran's envoy called on the secretary-general of the United Nations, the Security Council and all member states of the United Nations to fulfil their legal and moral obligations by "unequivocally condemning these dangerous statements," and "taking immediate, decisive and concrete measures to halt the ongoing criminal and barbaric acts of the United States and the Israeli regime, and to ensure that all those responsible are held fully accountable under international law."

Iravani underlined that silence or inaction in the face



Amir Saeed Iravani

of such egregious violations would gravely undermine the integrity of international law, erode the foundations of the Charter of the United Nations, normalize

war crimes and atrocities, and embolden the aggressors, with consequences that would extend far beyond the region. In an interview with Reu-

ters, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baqaei lambasted the hostile threats of the US president against Iran as merely indicative of a criminal mindset and said, "If such an attack occurs, we will respond with all our might, and our armed forces will target any similar infrastructure that belongs to the United States or has in any way contributed to the aggression against Iran." Stressing that the American people have realized that the ongoing war is not theirs, he added, "The people of the United States need to know that what their government is doing

in West Asia against Iran is a great injustice, an unfair war, and an aggressive act." Baqaei emphasized that, "Everyone in Iran and globally knows that this war is unjust. It is a war of choice by the US government that has been imposed not only on Iran, but also on the American people, the entire region, and the international community. Therefore, as we have shown, we will respond with all our might. Because this land is our homeland. This issue goes back to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a country that prides itself on its civilization and knows how to defeat its enemies."

## Iran's retaliatory attacks target Israel's petrochemical industry, US interests in region

### National Desk

Iran's armed forces on Tuesday launched new attacks on US bases in regional countries and Israeli positions in the occupied territories in response to growing attacks on Iran's infrastructure.

The IRGC said its naval and air forces conducted a combined operation on the US bases and interests in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz as well as Israel's command centers in the occupied territories with ballistic and cruise missiles as well as drones as part of the 99th wave of Operation True Promise 4.

It said the attacks were in response to the enemy's crimes, including attacks on Iran's petrochemical plants in southern city of Asaluyeh and parts of its facilities.

The IRGC added that in the first phase of the attacks, the largest petrochemical complex owned by US companies Sadara, ExxonMobil, and Dow Chemical, located in the Al-Jubail region in Saudi Arabia, and the large petrochemical complex of the American company Chevron Phillips situated in Saudi Arabia's Al-Juaima'h were effectively targeted with medium-range missiles and several suicide drones. The IRGC also noted that



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an Israeli-owned container ship, tasked with delivering military equipment to the Israeli regime via Khorfakkan Port in the UAE without passing through the Strait of Hormuz, was accurately hit as a result of intelligence operations and missile attacks by Iranian forces. The destruction of the ship serves as a warning to all vessels attempting to cooperate with the Israeli regime and the US, it warned. Additionally, the IRGC stated that the position of the US aircraft carrier group CVN-72 in the depths of the Indian Ocean was attacked using long-range naval cruise missiles.

The IRGC warned that if Iran's red lines are crossed, the extent of its retaliatory

strikes against the infrastructure of the US and its allies will deprive them of the region's oil and gas for years.

It specified that it has neither initiated attacks on civilian targets nor will it do so; but, it will not hesitate to respond to assaults on Iran's civilian facilities. The IRGC warned the regional partners of the US that Iran has shown significant restraint out of goodwill for neighboring countries and has considered various factors in selecting retaliatory targets, but all such considerations have now been removed.

### Army's attacks

Iran's Army also targeted petrochemical industry

of the Israeli regime near the city of Dimona and the headquarters of the American army in the UAE and Kuwait.

It said its forces launched attacks on the "power generation unit and fuel storage facility in south of the occupied territories.

The Army also launched drone attacks on US Navy maintenance center in the UAE's Jebel Ali port and the American forces' radar systems and accommodation buildings in the Ahmad Al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait.

The US and the Israeli regime launched a large-scale unprovoked military campaign against Iran following the assassination of then Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, along with several senior military commanders and civilians on February 28.

The attacks have involved extensive aerial strikes on both military and civilian locations across Iran, causing significant casualties and widespread damage to infrastructure.

In response, the Iranian armed forces have carried out retaliatory operations, targeting American and Israeli positions in the occupied territories and at regional bases with waves of missiles and drones.

## US-Israeli aggression on Iran sole cause of regional escalation: FM

### International Desk

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the current escalation in the region stems solely from the US-Israeli military aggression against Iran, as well as the US exploitation of military bases and assets in regional countries to launch attacks.

In a phone call with Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani, Araghchi highlighted the international legal obligation of all states to prevent the use of their territory for military aggression against others, urging regional nations to pursue collective peace and security, independent from non-regional actors.

He stressed that war crimes committed by the US and Israel—including strikes on schools, hospitals, industrial facilities, and nuclear sites—must be prosecuted in domestic and international courts.

Since the beginning of the US-Israeli aggression on February 28, Tehran has targeted US interests in regional countries and criticized Persian Gulf states for allowing the US to use their territory and capabilities against Iran.

During the conversation,



Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani

Abbas Araghchi

Qatar's top diplomat echoed Iran's call for de-escalation, reaffirming its principled stance against the use of force and respect for national sovereignty. Qatari Foreign Minister Al-Ansari also stressed on Tuesday that Iran is a key neighboring state and it is essential to find a way for peaceful coexistence.

### No winner in ongoing war

Al-Ansari later warned that continued tensions benefit no one and could lead to irreversible consequences. "We are approaching a point where the situation in the region may spiral out of control," he said, adding that prolonged conflict serves no long-term interest for any country.

He stressed that there will be no winner in an ongoing war.

Regional tensions continue to rise as US President Donald Trump has set a deadline and threatened to target Iran's civilian infrastructure.

Iran has warned of reciprocal action, saying any similar infrastructure belonging to the US or involved in aggression against Iran will be targeted. "This is not a choice—it is part of our defensive measures against an illegal act," said Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei in an interview with Reuters.

Meanwhile, diplomatic efforts led by Pakistan are underway, with Qatar expressing support for mediation while refraining from direct involvement.

Al-Ansari said moving closer to the negotiating table will be better for the region, but cautioned that the window for diplomatic resolution is closing rapidly.

## Iran's unbreakable ...

The fallout from this miscalculation will prove costly for the aggressors.

Not only did they fail to achieve their initial goals of sowing division and weakening resolve, but they confronted an unexpected solidarity that complicates any future plans. They measured the cost of war in military terms, but overlooked the price of awakening the pride of an ancient nation. Today, amid the

rubble, Iran stands firmer than before. This is not said from a position of bravado, but from the truth that any impartial observer can see: attacking the home of a nation—even one filled with its own debates—unites its inhabitants against the outsider. And that unity is the greatest barrier any invader will face.

Yet amid this reality lurks another deception: the biased efforts of the satellite channel Iran Inter-

national, which deploys structured, skewed narratives to paint an inverted picture of events. Like a psychological weapon, the channel doesn't report facts but distorts them, downplaying national achievements—framed as "national resolve" or "resistance response"—into manipulated, diminished images. As Iranians proudly and hopefully stand firm for their homeland, it seeks to recast that hope as mere

"propaganda" and reduce national unity to a "media ploy." This is not just an insult to national identity but a deliberate campaign to erode public trust in themselves and amplify artificial discontent. What the channel fails to comprehend is that Iranian unity is a living reality, not a scripted report. The more it twists the narrative, the more it will witness the people challenging it with both reason and heart.

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