

# IRGC gives 'harsh response' to Israel's attacks on Lebanon

Iran won't retreat against any threat: **Pezeshkian**

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Iran announced the cessation of military operations against Israel on Monday, saying that a "painful response" was delivered to the regime in response to its recent aggression against Lebanon.

The command center of Iran's Armed Forces, Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, said in a statement that the halt came after Iran's Armed Forces delivered a response to the "atrocities and mischief" of the "savage Zionist regime" in southern Lebanon and the Dahiyeh district, which were carried out with the support of "criminal America". The headquarters emphasized that while operations have been halted, "much more intense and crushing measures than before" will be taken if aggression and mischief, including in southern Lebanon, continue.

On Sunday, Israel's Ramat David Air Base in northern occupied territories was targeted by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) after the regime's attacks on southern Lebanon earlier on the day. The IRGC said the air base had served as the origin of aggressions against Lebanon.

The IRGC also struck Israel's strategic Nevatim and Tel Nof airbases in northern occupied territories with missiles after the regime launched attacks on several Iranian cities in response to the

IRGC's retaliatory attacks.

## Israel's attacks on Iran

According to IRNA, Israel targeted several military and industrial sites in the cities of Tehran, Isfahan, and Khuzestan. The spokesman for Iran's Red Crescent Society Mojtaba Khaledi said on Monday that the attacks targeted 12 points across the country.

In the southern city of Khuzestan, the attacks damaged part of Karoon Petrochemical Company's plant in Mahshahr, where 14 people were injured.

In the capital Tehran, at least two explosions were heard early morning. Authorities rejected claims that Tehran's Mehrabad Airport was targeted by the Israeli military.

The Israeli military claimed it struck Iranian defense systems deployed across several areas in the country.

US President Donald Trump in a social media post earlier on Monday said that both Iran and key ally Israel should stop fighting.

The strikes came at a critical moment with diplomatic efforts to end the conflict between Iran and the United States on a knife-edge.

Iran had earlier warned that it would suspend peace talks with the United States if Israel attacks Beirut. Tehran has insisted that any deal to end the wider war – paused by a separate April ceasefire – must also halt the fighting



in Lebanon.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei warned at a press conference in Tehran that diplomacy was continuing but risked being "affected" by the escalation.

## No retreat

President Masoud Pezeshkian in a post on X on Monday reaffirmed Iran's unwavering stance in the face of any threat, saying Tehran will neither retreat nor hesitate in defending its na-

tional security and peace.

Pezeshkian said Iran's top priority remains safeguarding national security and ensuring the Iranian nation's tranquility.

"We will defend the rights of the nation with authority and will not retreat by any threat."

He said "diplomacy and defense" constitute the two essential components of national power, noting that Iran has neither abandoned the battlefield nor the negotiating table.



The grab shows the sentence "You will regret", which has been written on a missile fired by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps at Israeli positions in the occupied territories on June 7, 2026.

The European Union's top diplomat Kaja Kallas also reacted to the developments, calling on both sides to "sit down to a negotiation table and agree", adding that "the region does not need an escalation."

## Iran calls idea of using its assets to pay damages to US allies 'ridiculous'

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Iran on Monday described as "ridiculous" reports that the US could use Iran's frozen assets to compensate regional allies for war-related damages, saying that such claims are part of "media war" to pressure Iran.

Reuters reported on Saturday, citing a source familiar with the matter, that the United States would make Iranian assets available to Persian Gulf Arab allies to support rebuilding and repairs for future damage caused by Iran.

The US would also consider using those assets to support repairs for past damages, the source said, adding that US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent had directed a team to

assess the cost of damage already inflicted on the Persian Gulf allies by Iran.

"This claim is ridiculous; because we strongly hold claims against all regional countries that have in any way played a role in the aggression and crimes of the Zionist regime and the United States against Iran, and we will certainly pursue these claims by any means", Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said in his weekly press conference.

Such reports are part of a media war and pressure campaign being pursued by Iran's enemies, part of which originates from Israel, Baqaei said. The Iranian official said that the release of Iran's frozen assets in other countries is

one of the main issues of any possible agreement between Iran and the US, stressing that Tehran will never show any leniency in this regard.

Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi also reacted to the report, saying that the governments that placed their territory and facilities at the service of aggression against Iran are not in a position to demand reparations.

"Iran's assets are neither war spoils for Washington nor a payment fund for its allies," he said, warning, "Any seizure, transfer, or allocation of Iran's property without the consent of the Iranian government is itself a new internationally wrongful act," Gharibabadi pointed out.

He described the decision as a new brazen act on the part of the US.

"If Washington, as the primary aggressor in the military aggression against Iran, is truly seeking to compensate for damages, it should not get the address wrong: it should start with America itself and with the regime that is the main source of arson, aggression, and instability in the region," he said.

Gharibabadi added that Iran will not stop to demand accountability from aggressors and will seek and receive damages caused by 40 days of the US-Israeli war, adding, "Iran will seriously pursue this."

For decades, the United States has held billions of dollars of legitimate Iranian wealth: oil



Esmail Baqaei  
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revenues, central bank reserves, and commercial assets, seized through illegitimate executive orders and maintained through political pressure. Iran has been asking for its

seized funds to be released by the US under a framework that the two countries are negotiating to end the US-Israeli aggression against Iran, which began in February.

## Iran warns IAEA 'confrontation' undermines prospects of diplomatic solution

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Iran's Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Vienna warned against any anti-Iran move at the UN nuclear agency, saying that "coercion and confrontation" undermine prospects of a diplomatic solution.

The warning came as the United States is lobbying other countries on the UN nuclear watchdog's Board of Governors to back a draft resolution demanding Iran to provide "precise" information on its enriched uranium stockpile and give the UN nuclear agency access to its nuclear sites "without delay".

The US-drafted text was seen by media on Sunday and circulated ahead of this week's quarterly meeting of the 35-nation board.

The draft resolution is expected to be submitted for a vote this week to the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that started meeting on Monday.

Last week, the IAEA in a confidential report reiterated that the lack of access to nuclear sites in Iran constituted a "proliferation concern".

The draft resolution affirms that it is "essential and urgent" that Iran "without delay" provides the agency with "precise information on nuclear material accountability and safeguarded nuclear facilities in Iran".

"The board should be cautious on the path forward. Coercion and confrontation do not lead to cooperation, it undermines prospects of a diplomatic solution," the Iranian mission said in a message posted on its X account on Monday.

The message described the US-Israeli bombings of Iranian facilities as the main reason behind differences between Iran and the IAEA, saying, "The present circumstances with regard to Iran nuclear cooperation with the #IAEA are a direct consequence of 17 waves of illegal armed attacks by the US-Israeli regime against Iranian safeguarded peaceful nuclear facilities as well as ongoing grave threats".

Calling the IAEA's stance on the aggression against Iranian facilities "unprecedented in IAEA history," the mission argued that "responsibility for an internationally wrongful act rests with the perpetrator and cannot be transferred to the victim."

"The Board must not be instrumentalized to relieve those who carried out these attacks of their responsibility," it added.



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