

Tehran warns regional states against any support for American aggression

'Iran will never allow US to interfere in Strait of Hormuz'



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Iran's military warned regional countries of any cooperation with the United States against the Islamic Republic, saying that they would bear responsibility for any expansion of the conflict across the region. "Regional leaders are warned that any co-

operation with the United States and logistical support for its military will be regarded as a war against Iran's sovereignty and national security. If the conflict expands across the region, the flames of war will engulf all countries in the region," said the spokesperson for Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Ebrahim Zolfaghari

in a statement on Monday. Zolfaghari added that responsibility for any insecurity and any expansion of the conflict in the region rested with countries that are cooperating with the US "criminal military."

The warning came as tensions have been rising between Iran and the US in recent days following attacks by the US on southern Iranian cities and Tehran's retaliatory strikes on the US bases in regional countries.

American forces have deliberately targeted Iran's transportation infrastructure, fishing boats, cargo vessels, and meteorological facilities and buildings in recent days.

Deadly attacks on Iran

On Monday, the US military continued its attacks on Iran, targeting several southern cities including Abadan, Ahvaz, Behbahan, Dezful, Omidieh, Andimeshk, Mahshahr and areas around Shadegan. The attacks also hit the central city of Naeen. At least two people were killed and three others injured in the US attacks in Abadan. Nearly 20 people have been killed since the new round of US attacks against Iran on the pretext of attacks on ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz, which has been closed

by Iran's Armed Forces following the US-Israeli aggression against Iran in February. In response to new US attacks, Iran's Armed Forces targeted US military bases in regional countries on Monday.

The Iranian Army said in a statement that it targeted locations housing US forces in Kuwait following "repeated unlawful American acts of aggression" on southern Iran.

The statement said Army's drone attacks also hit air defense and missile systems, shelters and logistical support facilities used by the "terrorist" American army in Kuwait.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) also announced the successful targeting of fuel depots and ammunition storage facilities at Jordan's Prince Hassan Air Base, setting them ablaze in a precise retaliatory operation against US military infrastructure in the region.

The IRGC stated on Monday that its Aerospace Force struck key targets at the US base, which serves as a critical hub for American forces. The operation resulted in fires raging through fuel storage areas and ammunition facilities, dealing a significant blow to US logistical capabilities and operational readiness in West Asia.

Controlling Strait of Hormuz

Regarding the Strait of Hormuz, the spokesperson for Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters said that Iran will not allow the US to play any role in managing the waterway under any conditions. Zolfaghari said the US "repeated adventurism and mischief" to interfere in the Strait of Hormuz have "seriously endangered regional security, international trade, and the passage of oil tankers and commercial vessels." He criticized certain regional states for cooperating with the United States, warning that such collaboration "increased the danger of war spreading across the entire region."

Zolfaghari emphasized that Iran's Armed Forces would "firmly confront any disruption and insecurity" created by the "aggressor and pirate US military" for the passage of commercial ships and oil tankers outside the routes designated by Iran and without authorization from the Armed Forces.

His remarks came after US President Donald Trump claimed that Washington could take control of the strategic waterway.

"We're taking over the Strait. They have nothing. They've got nothing," Trump said in an interview with Fox News.

Yemen vows reprisal after Saudi strike on Sana'a airport

Airport attack spells 'end of truce, start of new war phase'

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Yemen's Ansarullah resistance movement pledged to retaliate on Monday after Saudi Arabia launched heavy air strikes on the international airport in the capital Sana'a.

Yahya Saree, the movement's military spokesperson, lambasted the attack as "blatant aggression" and said the belligerent move had ended a period of de-escalation in the long-running conflict between the two neighbors. Saree said Saudi Arabia would bear the consequences and that the attack would not go unanswered.

The defense ministry of the Saudi-backed Yemeni government, which is based in the south of the country, confirmed on Monday the targeting of the runway at Sana'a International Airport to "prevent an Iranian plane from landing."



A huge plume of smoke rises after an airstrike hit the Sana'a International Airport, Yemen, on July 13, 2026.
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The ministry claimed that Ansarullah had prevented Yemeni national aircraft from landing at the airport in the capital, while insisting on allowing an Iranian plane to what it called "violating Yemeni territory."

Yemen's Al-Masirah TV reported that, "Saudi aggression targeted the departure and landing runways at the Sana'a International Airport." Yemen's Foreign Ministry condemned in a statement Saudi Arabia's attack, saying that the strike marks the end of the truce and the be-

ginning of a new phase of war.

The ministry also "expressed the gratitude, appreciation, and recognition of the Republic of Yemen—leadership, government, army, and people—to the Islamic Republic of Iran for its great and courageous stance in breaking the siege imposed on Sana'a International Airport." The statement added, "This sincere humanitarian step is held in high esteem and appreciation, and will remain in the hearts of the Yemeni people."

Tensions had been rising for days, as the Ansarullah accused Saudi Arabia earlier this month of attacking an Iranian plane that landed in Sana'a and took off carrying a delegation.

The resistance movement had threatened at the time to hit Saudi airports and vital assets should Riyadh violate its airspace or attempt to attack it again.

The latest escalation raised the specter of renewed attacks after years of relative calm.

After years of fighting between a Saudi-led coalition and the Ansarullah movement, that triggered one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, a 2022 truce has largely held.

FM spox: Islamabad MoU 'gutted' by US breaches of obligations

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Iran said its recently signed Islamabad memorandum with the United States entered a state of crisis after Washington violated its commitments, while also saying talks on a mechanism for safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz have failed due to US pressure on Oman.

Speaking during a weekly press conference in Tehran, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei also warned that any territory used to launch attacks against Iran will face a response.

"Iran has never been the first to breach its obligations," Baqaei said. "Iran has approached every negotiation seriously, with good faith and with its national interests in mind. The party that broke its commitments is the United States." He added that Washington "was so impatient" that it did not even allow the one-month period stipulated in Article Five regarding the Strait of Hormuz to expire before beginning to backtrack on its commitments.

"The Americans gutted the 14-point memorandum of understanding, stripping away its key provisions," he said.

On June 18, Iran and the United States signed the MoU, which calls for a permanent end to hostilities across all fronts and includes a commitment from both sides to hold further talks on a final agreement within 60 days. Article 5 places responsibility for reopening and managing the

Strait of Hormuz squarely in Iran's hands. Baqaei added that, as a coastal state, Iran has "the right to take the necessary measures to safeguard its national interests."

"We will not allow the United States and the Israeli regime to use the Strait of Hormuz to harm Iran," the foreign ministry's spokesman said.

"That is why we insisted that the management of the Strait should remain with Iran, in consultation with Oman, to ensure both Iran's interests and the safe passage of maritime traffic. Whatever has happened is the responsibility of the United States." The foreign ministers of the United Kingdom, France, and Germany also issued a joint statement calling for an immediate resumption of the ceasefire and talks between Iran and the United States.

The UK, France, and Germany, collectively known as the "European Troika" or E3, declared that respect for the sovereignty of territorial waters and freedom of navigation are fundamental principles of international law.

The statement, published early Monday morning, also supported the swift and full resumption of international maritime transit through the Strait of Hormuz and expressed solidarity with the Persian Gulf Arab states and other regional partners. The E3 concluded by demanding the reinstatement of the ceasefire and urging both Iran and the United States to return to the negotiating table.

Tehran strongly rebukes Turkish FM's 'astonishing' Iran-Israel analogy

Iran's Foreign Ministry rejected Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan's comparison of Tehran's regional policy with Israel's actions, calling the analogy "astonishing" and urging Ankara not to repeat narratives that could serve the Israeli regime's interests. Speaking at a weekly press conference, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei responded to remarks by Fidan, who said: "Iran has claimed for a long time that it was a pre-emptive security policy by having proxies in these countries, just like the Israelis are occupying the rest of the region as part of security," Press TV reported. "It is astonishing that someone like Mr. Fidan would make such an in-



correct comparison," Baqaei said in Tehran Monday. "He himself knows that the Zionist regime is inherently expansionist and seeks to undermine the entire region, including Turkey. We wonder how he arrived at such a strange comparison." Rejecting Fidan's characterization of Iran's regional role, Baqaei added: "Iran has no proxies in the region. The

only proxy in the region is the Zionist regime."

He urged Turkish officials to ensure their assessments reflect realities on the ground.

"We ask our Turkish friends to align their analyses with the existing realities and refrain from repeating analyses that could be exploited by the Zionist regime in pursuit of its expansionist and criminal policies."

The exchange follows Fidan's comments, in which he acknowledged the criminality of the US-Israeli war against Iran and Israel's military actions across the region, while claiming that Iran's strikes against US and Israeli assets were also unacceptable.



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