

Qalibaf: US will pay price for attacks on civilians

Iran pounds US military base in Kuwait in retaliation



People inspect the site of a residential building destroyed in a US airstrike on Iran's southern island of Qeshm on July 30, 2026.

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Minab and Lamerd."

He was referring to the US deadly airstrikes on a school in Iran's southern city of Minab as well its attack on a sports hall in the city of Lamerd on the first day of the US-Israeli aggression against Iran on February 28.

Iran's top parliamentarian added that the United States had grown accustomed to making up for "the slaps it receives on the battlefield by shedding the blood of innocent people."

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei also reacted to the deadly airstrike in Qeshm, saying that the US airstrike was "a crime reminiscent of Daesh terrorist atrocities". Baqaei added that "these crimes, which evoke the terrorist acts of Daesh and are committed under the slogan of 'peace through strength' with the aim of punishing a nation for insisting on its rights, dignity, and independence, will never produce authority or legitimacy."

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Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf strongly condemned the United States for launching a deadly airstrike on residential homes in Iran's southern island of Qeshm in the Persian Gulf, warning that the US will pay the price for its actions.

The United States attacked a working-class residential neighborhood in the Chah Tangu area of Qeshm Island

in the early hours of Thursday, killing three members of a family.

Two other children from the family, aged seven and nine, were pulled alive from the debris shortly after the attack. The farther, identified as Qeisar Jafari, was a taxi driver.

Qalibaf in a post on X said that the US commits a new crime every day, stressing that the "terrorist attack on civilian residential homes on Qeshm Island is a continuation of the crime in

"With every explosion, every crime, every sanction, every threat, and every child you kill, you only make Iranians more determined and united in defending their homeland," the spokesman stressed.

Two student dormitories in the southwestern Iranian city of Ahvaz were also damaged in US airstrikes, while a sports hall in Fars Province was struck in separate attacks, according to Iranian officials.

Iran's retaliation

Iran's Armed Forces launched attacks on the US military bases in region in response to the US new attacks on Iran.

The Iranian Army said in a statement that it targeted key facilities at US-run Ahmad al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait, as newly analyzed satellite imagery also points to fresh damage at another US-operated base in the Persian Gulf state.

According to the statement, loitering drones targeted aircraft shelters, satellite communications systems and equipment storage facilities at Ahmad al-Jaber Air Base. It described the installation as a major hub for US air and surveillance operations and a vi-

tal center for the logistical support of American forces.

The retaliation comes as the US has been targeting southern Iranian provinces since earlier in July after violating the terms of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding.

Tehran has responded with repeated missile and drone attacks targeting US-operated military facilities across the region.

The Army condemned the US strike on civilian homes in Qeshm, calling it "a clear violation of humanitarian principles and another example of the enemy's war crimes."

It added that "crimes, sanctions and threats will only make Iran more united and cohesive in its sacred defense." The United States has perpetrated numerous violations against Iranian territory since April 7, when US President Donald Trump announced a unilateral ceasefire in the latest bout of wholesale American-Israeli aggression targeting the Islamic Republic.

The violations continued even after Washington and Tehran signed a Pakistan-mediated memorandum of understanding last month, whose first clause had clearly mandated cessation of aggression on all fronts.

Hamas says disarmament hinges on Israel's withdrawal from Gaza

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The Palestinian resistance group Hamas said on Friday that the implementation of the second phase of the Gaza peace deal is dependent on Israel's full implementation of its first phase, including the withdrawal of its troops after the US president said his "Board of Peace" had reached an agreement for the complete disarmament of Hamas and other armed groups.

The announcement followed months of faltering efforts to keep the ceasefire agreement reached last year in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on track and it was not immediately clear how strongly either Hamas or Israel stood behind it.

"The occupation's commitment to halting the killing is the fundamental prerequisite for proceeding with implementing and establishing a timeline for what has been agreed upon," Hamas said.

The group also named as necessary conditions the



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entry of an administrative committee – the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza, – the deployment of an international stabilization force and the disbanding of Israeli-backed militias.

The issue of Hamas's disarmament has been one of the key sticking points in the advancement of the ceasefire deal that has been in place between Israel and the group in Gaza since October.

Despite the ceasefire, daily violence has continued in Gaza, with Israeli strikes targeting Palestinians.

"An agreement has been reached regarding the issue of weapons... Furthermore,

an agreement has been reached on a gradual withdrawal of (Israeli forces)" from the strip, a Hamas official said.

The official added that the Islamist movement now expects the mediators and US President Donald Trump's Board of Peace to ensure that Israel complies with the terms of the deal.

Ghazi Hamad, a member of the group's negotiating team, said the movement was making "concessions for the sake of our people in the Gaza Strip, to save them from killing and displacement".

"The National Committee for Administration of Gaza (NCAG) shall manage and

execute the cataloguing and storage of weapons in accordance with the agreed timetable," the senior official said.

"The agreement contains a clear provision stating that Israel must commit to and implement its obligations. If Israel does not implement the agreement, neither will we," Hamad added.

Earlier this month, Hamas announced the dissolution of its body that governed Gaza for nearly two decades, clearing the way for the NCAG to implement civilian rule in the territory of more than two million people. The move marked a significant political shift by Hamas.

Israel launched a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip on October 7, 2023 after Hamas fighters launched attacks on the regime's positions in the occupied territories.

Israel has killed at least 73,341 Palestinians and injured 174,086 others since the beginning of the genocide, destroying around 90 percent of the territory's civilian infrastructure.

Iran urges vigilance against Israeli false-flag plots after Egypt drone attack

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi affirmed that Egypt is an important friend and partner in the region whose security is of utmost importance to the Islamic Republic, while calling on all parties to remain vigilant against Israeli plots and false-flag operations designed to undermine regional peace.

In a message posted on X on Thursday, Araghchi responded to Western media reports attempting to link an unclaimed drone attack on Egypt's Damietta Port to Iran.

"Egypt is an important friend and partner in the region, and its security is of utmost importance to us," the foreign minister stated.

"We must all be vigilant against Israeli plots and false-flag operations designed to undermine regional peace. The threat is clear, mutual, and fearful of Muslim solidarity."

The remarks came after Egyptian authorities reported a drone strike on Wednesday that caused an explosion and fire involving two ships at Damietta Port on the Mediterranean coast, including a US-linked gas-storage tanker. No country or group has claimed responsibility for the incident, and no casualties were reported. The fire was quickly brought under control.

Certain Western outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, have sought to frame the unclaimed attack as part of a so-called "Iran war," in what Tehran views as a transparent effort to fabricate pretexts and sow



Water jets are fired at a US-owned gas storage tanker after a drone strike at Egypt's Damietta port on July 29, 2026.

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discord among regional nations.

Iran has consistently rejected any involvement in actions targeting friendly countries. It has a long record of exposing the Israel's history of false-flag operations aimed at fracturing Muslim unity and expanding its aggressive agenda.

Iran's Foreign Ministry also condemned the strikes and warned of "dangerous consequences".

US President Donald Trump told reporters on Wednesday that he had been briefed on what happened in Damietta and implied that Iran or resistance groups were responsible.

"It's a little more of the same. But it's going to be straightening out," he said.

IRGC strikes two violating tankers in Strait of Hormuz

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Iran's Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said on Friday that it had struck two "violating" oil tankers attempting to pass through the strategic Strait of Hormuz under the "air escort" of the US military.

The IRGC said the "non-compliant oil tankers... were struck and brought to a halt, while four other oil tankers quickly changed course and returned to their previous positions".

"In the early hours of today, two violating oil tankers, believing they could pass through our undeclared route under the aerial escort of the child-killing US army, ignored our warnings and proceeded along an unsafe and illegal route. They were struck and brought to a halt," the

statement said.

"Four other violating oil tankers immediately changed course and returned to their previous location," it added.

Referring to a statement issued by the US Central Command (CENTCOM) claiming that vessels continued to transit the strait with the support of US military forces, the IRGC said it had warned shipping companies and insurers the previous night not to rely on "false" US claims.

"The IRGC Navy once again warns that the illegal interference and orders issued by the child-killing US army to vessels in the region will not go unanswered," the statement added.

The latest incident comes a day after the IRGC declared that the Strait of Hormuz would remain closed as

long as US threats and interference in the region continue.

On Thursday, the IRGC said two oil tankers attempting to transit the Strait had turned back after one caught fire.

Washington has violated the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding, which recognizes Iran's sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz and grants it responsibility for regulating maritime traffic through the strategic waterway.

The US has attempted to undermine that arrangement by creating an unauthorized maritime corridor near Omani waters, prompting Tehran to reimpose restrictions on vessels linked to aggressor states.

Iran says all navigation through the Strait must be conducted under Iranian arrangements.



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