

Speaker warns of 'swifter, more intense' response to US attacks

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Parliament speaker and top negotiator in talks with the United States warned on Sunday that Iran would launch "swifter and more intense response" to US strikes, saying that the "rules of the game have changed". "The Americans must have understood that the era of proportionate responses has come to an end," said Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf in an address to the parliament, adding that "any aggression against Iran's interests and security will receive a

faster, more intense and more painful response".

"Our recent operations against aggressor bases were merely a start. If they have not realized it yet, they must understand before it is too late that the rules of the game have changed," the top lawmaker added, according to IRNA.

He was referring to Iran's retaliatory attacks on US military bases in Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and Bahrain in response to the recent US deadly attacks on different Iranian cities. At least 15 people have been killed and

scores others have been wounded in the US missile attacks in Iran's southern cities.

Qalibaf said that the US leaders "find themselves in a state of desperation, resorting to empty words, slogans, and artificial intelligence to generate photos and videos from the battlefield". He also pointed to the US economic campaign against Iran, saying that Iran would overcome the US pressure just as it defeated the US militarily and diplomatically.

Washington has imposed a blockade on Iranian ports and



Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf (L) speaks during an open session of the legislature in Tehran on September 6, 2026.

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last month and announced what it called an "economic asphyxiation" campaign on Iran.

In his speech, Qalibaf called on authorities to better manage Iranian imports to confront the US campaign "seeking to paralyze the supply cycle and energy management".



Lebanese president calls new Israeli raids 'dangerous escalation'

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Lebanon's President Joseph Aoun accused Israel of a "persistent pattern" of targeting civilian sites following a string of strikes on the country's south, urging the United States and the international community to help stop the attacks. In a statement, Aoun said Israel's attacks are a "dangerous escalation" that go "beyond the alleged military targets to purely civilian administrations and health centers".

He cited the levelling of Ghandour Hospital and "severe" damage to the Finance Ministry in Nabatieh governate.

Aoun called on the US to take "urgent action to stop these violations and hold their perpetrators accountable".

His remarks came after at least four people were killed on Sunday in new Israeli strikes.

Israel claimed it retaliated drone attacks by the Hezbollah resistance group which targeted its soldiers in south Lebanon.

Lebanon's Health Ministry reported two people killed in south



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Lebanon's Nabatieh al-Fawqa and two women killed in nearby Arab Salim.

It said 20 other people including several women and three children were wounded in those locations as well as in the city of Nabatieh and the town of Kfar Rumman.

On Friday, Israeli strikes in the country's south and east killed four people including an 18-year-old woman. Earlier this week, Israel also said it had taken "opera-

tional control" of the strategic Ali al-Taher ridge near Nabatieh.

The attacks come despite ongoing direct negotiations between Israel and Lebanese government to end the regime's attacks on the Arab country.

Hezbollah on Saturday said the ongoing "occupation, assaults, killings and destruction" shows that the path of direct negotiations and a framework agreement with the regime has failed.

Iran hits back after US strikes oil tankers

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Iran said on Sunday that it attacked a US naval drone trying to enter the Strait of Hormuz, hours after targeting ships in retaliation for American strikes on three oil tankers.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said its navy targeted three US-linked vessels and three trespassing oil tankers.

"This morning, the terrorist and aggressor US military, in a brutal act born of desperation from the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, attacked three oil tankers belonging to the Islamic Republic, causing damage," the force said in a statement, Tasnim reported.

In response, "the fighters of the IRGC Navy targeted three oil tankers traveling along an unauthorized route through the Strait of Hormuz, as well as three vessels affiliated with the child-killing United States, in other areas," it added.

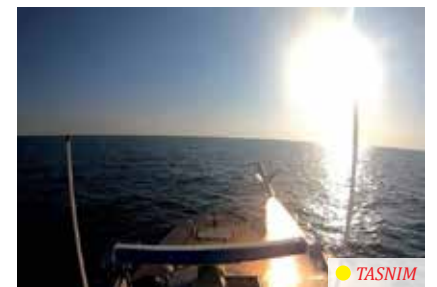
Iran closed the energy chokepoint following the launch of the latest bout of unprovoked American-Israeli aggression against the country on February 28 and has sternly warned vessels against buying into Washington's claims that the strait remains open, asserting that any vessel attempting to transit the waterway in reliance on such claims would be targeted.

The IRGC Navy reiterated the warning to all vessels present in the Persian Gulf and in the vicinity of the Strait of Hormuz, urging them not to "fall for the deception of the terrorist US military, and refrain from any suspicious movement aimed at transiting unauthorized waterways."

"Otherwise, you will be targeted," the statement concluded.

Iran's attacks came a day after the US Central Command (CENTCOM), which oversees American military operations in the region, said its forces launched attacks on three Iranian tankers in the Persian Gulf and in the Gulf of Oman.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry in a Saturday statement condemned the attacks, saying they



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represented a clear violation of international law.

It said the attacks "constitute a clear violation of Paragraph 4 of Article 2 of the United Nations Charter, constitute a war crime, and represent an overt threat to international peace and the security of commercial shipping."

The Iranian mission to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) also denounced the US strikes on oil tankers as "cowardly" and "an explicit admission" of crimes against civilians. In a post on X, the mission criticized the CENTCOM's statement, which claimed that its attacks on Iranian oil tankers were carried out with "precision" and "professionalism," saying such an attack was nothing to be proud of.

"You call it precision and professionalism, while overlooking the fact that a cowardly attack on a commercial oil tanker is by no means something to be proud of or glorified," it said.

The tit-for-tat attacks come as the US has intensified its aggression against Iran in recent days, carrying out strikes on several locations across the country.

On Monday, US military bombed Iran's Larak Island in the Strait of Hormuz, killing three people. A day later, US launched missile attacks on different locations in southern cities, killing at least 12 people and wounding scores others. In response to the attacks, Iran's Armed Forces launched a series of retaliatory missile and drone strikes against US military positions in Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and Bahrain.

Muslim nations condemn Israeli plan to forcibly displace millions from Gaza



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Eight Islamic and Arab countries on Sunday condemned plans voiced by Israeli ministers for the removal of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, saying the designs jeopardize a US-backed peace in the territory. Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said Wednesday Israel had plans

to remove Palestinians from Gaza but was waiting for US approval on where to displace the territory's population, AFP reported.

A day later, Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir said the plan aimed to remove 250,000 Palestinians from Gaza in the first year,

followed by the rest of the roughly two million residents over the following six years.

The foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Pakistan, Indonesia and Turkey said they condemned in "the strongest terms" the "plans and mechanisms they proposed aimed at forcibly expelling Palestinians from their land".

The ministers warned of "grave consequences of transforming calls for forced displacement into declared policy or practical measures".

"Such measures directly challenge international efforts to achieve peace, particularly President Donald Trump's comprehensive plan to end the conflict in Gaza, which includes a firm rejection of forced displacement," they added referring to a US-backed, October 2025 peace plan for Gaza.

On Saturday the US ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, a staunch supporter of Israel and Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank, denied there was an Israeli plan to force Palestinians out of Gaza.

