

Top commander warns new war will 'engulf everyone in its flames' in region

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Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Ali Abdollahi warned US allies in the region that any new war against Iran will have dire consequences for all regional countries and will "engulf everyone in its flames."

"Be aware that if a new war against Iran begins, its flames will engulf everyone," Abdollahi said in a statement on Monday. He also pointed to the US military presence in the region as a source of insecurity and economic problems, warning countries hosting US forces that regional instability would persist as long as the American military remains in the region.

He also rejected recent claims that Iran's nuclear program has entered a military phase, describing such allegations as "delusional" and an attempt to portray Iran as a threat.

'Big lie'

Based on reports and information, the US and the Israeli regime are once again trying to use the "big lie" of Iran seeking nuclear weapons as a pretext for launching another war against the country, Abdollahi

said.

Referring to the Israeli regime, he said claims about Iran's nuclear activities by a party possessing "several hundred nuclear warheads" were unacceptable and amounted to mocking international law.

The top commander said Iran is confident that the "malicious Zionist regime" neither now nor at any other time will have the ability to confront the powerful Iran.

He also warned international organizations, particularly the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), against baseless statements concerning Iran's nuclear facilities.

"We warn international organizations, particularly the IAEA, to refrain from continuing to play the role of a wolf in sheep's clothing and from making baseless statements about Iran's nuclear facilities," he said.

Addressing US President Donald Trump, Abdollahi warned that regardless of the outcome of the midterm elections in the US, any action against Iran would trigger an immediate response from Iran's Armed Forces.

The US and Israel waged their first criminal war against Iran, which lasted 12 days, in June

2025. Their second aggression began on February 28, 2026, and came to a halt in early April after 40 days. In both wars, Iran's retaliatory operations forced the aggressors to accept a ceasefire.

In July, the US conducted waves of deadly air raids on Iran and imposed a naval blockade of the country in violation of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Islamic Republic, signed on June 17, to end the war.

In response, the Iranian Armed Forces launched devastating strikes against strategic American targets across West Asia and declared the Strait of Hormuz closed to all traffic.

Fighting between the two countries have died down in recent weeks. But new reports of the dispatch of US military aircraft to the region are raising speculation about new conflict.

Crushing response to any hostile action

Meanwhile, Iran's Army chief Major General Amir Hatami on Monday warned that the Iranian Armed Forces will deliver a crushing response to any renewed hostile action.

He maintained that the war has



Ali Abdollahi
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not yet ended, saying the enemy has turned to other methods after failing on the military battlefield.

"After failing on the military battlefield, the enemy has resorted to other methods and, through

sanctions and economic pressure, is trying to put the people under pressure, while at the same time pursuing many measures to create insecurity and unrest," Hatami said during a visit to Army units in Fars Province.

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"The Armed Forces, while maintaining readiness and vigilance, will deliver a crushing response to the enemy's threats if it makes another mistake," he added.

Ansarullah warns Saudi airspace dangerous for flights after airstrikes on Yemen's capital



A Yemeni man inspects melted foam inside a factory after a Saudi strike in the Shamlan neighborhood of Yemen's capital Sana'a on October 4, 2026.

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Yemen's Ansarullah resistance movement warned airlines on Monday that Saudi airspace was unsafe for civilian flights following deadly Saudi air-

strikes on Yemen's capital, Sana'a.

Saudi Arabia continued its military operations in Yemen on Monday, killing at least one person and wounding two others as tensions between the

two sides continue to escalate. Ansarullah movement said that Saudi airstrikes killed a woman student and wounded two others in the Bani Hashish area in Sana'a governorate. The group said the strikes also hit the Saada region.

The resistance movement warned airlines that Saudi airspace "is not safe" and "will be the theatre of operations of our armed forces" after the Saudi-led coalition said it had joined a counteroffen-

sive announced by Yemen's Saudi-backed government in south.

Ansarullah's maritime coordination body said the kingdom's airspace would not be safe as long as Saudi's "aggression" continued.

Also on Monday, Yemen's Saudi-backed forces supported by Saudi jets attacked Ansarullah's targets as they launched an ambitious campaign to recapture all territory from the resistance group after its recent lightning gains.

The Saudi-backed military said it carried out more than 1,000 strikes, while 100 warplanes attacked at dawn, according to the Saudi-led coalition.

Yemen's Saudi-backed government on Sunday announced the goal of retaking all terri-

tory captured by Ansarullah's resistance group for more than a decade.

Last month Ansarullah seized swathes of coastline along the Red Sea and Bab al-Mandab strait, a chokepoint for oil and cargo shipping.

As the offensive began, a source in the Saudi energy sector told AFP that an attack on Sunday had again halted pumping in the East-West pipeline to the Red Sea, a key conduit since Iran blockaded the Strait of Hormuz.

The long-running conflict in Yemen, one of the world's poorest countries and neighbor of Saudi Arabia, has flared anew months into the Middle East war that has sent crude prices soaring.

Saudi Aramco chief executive Amin Nasser warned on Monday that global oil stockpiles are "scarily thin" owing to the US-Iran war, days after G7 nations agreed to release more of their inventories to ease supply concerns.

The Ansarullah's forces have targeted Saudi oil infrastructure and tankers in the Red Sea since a ceasefire in Yemen's war unraveled in July.

The group has accused the Saudi-led coalition of carrying out hundreds of strikes.

Ansarullah controls most of northwest Yemen including capital Sana'a.

The Saudi-backed forces, based in the city of Aden, controls much of the country's south and east – a region that is larger but less populated.

Norwegian envoy summoned over unauthorized Starlink operations in Iran

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Iran summoned the Norwegian ambassador in Tehran to lodge a formal diplomatic protest over Oslo's continued inaction regarding unauthorized Starlink satellite internet operations within Iranian territory, a network that the US and Israel used during anti-government protests in Iran in January.

Mohammad Hassannejad Pirkoohi, Director General for International Peace and Security at the Iranian Foreign Ministry, summoned Paul Beijer Nestad, the Norwegian Ambassador to Tehran, on Sunday to deliver an official note of protest. During the meeting, Pirkoohi outlined the systematic abuse of the Starlink satellite network by the United States and the Israeli regime to advance interventionist agendas against the Islamic Republic. He sharply criticized Norway for failing to

fulfill its legal obligations as the registering state for the Starlink network at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

"Based on the decisions of the ITU's Radio Regulations Board (RRB) in recent years, the Norwegian government is obligated to take the necessary measures to prevent unauthorized Starlink transmissions within Iran's territory," Pirkoohi emphasized. He noted that despite repeated follow-ups by the Islamic Republic, Norway has taken no effective action to halt these sovereignty-violating broadcasts.

The Iranian official demanded the immediate reflection of Tehran's demands to the Norwegian government, urging Oslo to take swift action to stop the activities that compromise Iran's national security and territorial sovereignty.

When Washington and Tel Aviv attempted to exploit economic grievances by

deploying CIA and Mossad operatives to turn peaceful demonstrations in Iran into violent clashes, Starlink served as the primary command-and-control network for the rioters and terrorists.

During the unrest, Starlink terminals allowed foreign agents and armed insurgents to coordinate attacks on Iranian infrastructure, evade law enforcement communication blackouts, and livestream fabricated propaganda to Western media outlets.

A senior Iranian official said on Monday that Iran managed to disable terminals used for Starlink satellite internet service during anti-government protests.

"Iran managed to disable Starlink terminals for the first time" in this unrest, Mohammad Amin Aghamiri, head of the National Cyberspace Center, a state body overseeing the internet, told national television.



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