

Embassy Blasts 'Malicious' Bid in UK to Ban IRGC
LONDON (Dispatches) -- Iran has hit out against a "malicious" campaign by British parliamentarians to ban the Islamic Revolution Guards Corp (IRGC).
 In a letter from the All Party UK-Israeli Parliamentary Group signed by MPs and members of the House of Lords, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak was called on to proscribe the organization.
 Iran's Embassy in the UK told Middle East Eye that the call to proscribe the IRGC was being pushed by "a few specific individuals and groups who are aiming to diminish and destroy the Iran-UK relationship".
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IRGC Rejects 'Lie' About Damage to Dimona Reactor
TEHRAN -- Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has dismissed reports of damage to Israel's Dimona nuclear reactor during the Islamic Republic's recent Operation True Promise against the occupying regime.
 "The Dimona reactor has not been among the bank of targets of the Islamic Republic's recent punitive measure against the Zionist regime," IRGC spokesman Brigadier General Ramezan Sharif said. "Publication of this news is a big lie and a malicious effort in line with the enemy's psychological operation towards deception of the public opinion."

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President Raisi Inaugurates 2nd Phase of Semnan Power Plant



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UNRWA Says 'Insidious Campaign' Underway to End Operations



Official: Revising Iran's Nuclear Doctrine Possible

TEHRAN -- An IRGC official warned Thursday that if Israel takes action against Iran's nuclear facilities, it will definitely face "tit-for-tat" retaliation against the occupying regime's nuclear centers with advanced weapons.
 "If the Zionist regime decides to take action against our nuclear facilities and centers, it will definitely face our reaction," head of the Nuclear Protection and Security Corps Gen. Ahmad Haqtab said, adding "for a tit-for-tat retaliation, the regime's nuclear facilities will be attacked with advanced weapons".
 Haqtab issued the stern warning after Israeli officials' suggestions of a possible attack on Iran's nuclear facilities following the Islamic Republic's Operation True Promise to "punish" Tel Aviv for assassinating Iranian military advisors in Damascus.
 "If the fake Zionist regime decides to use the threat of attacking our country's nuclear centers as a tool to put pressure on Iran, it is possible and conceivable to revise the nuclear doctrine and policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran and deviate from the previously declared considerations," he added.
 Iran's nuclear doctrine has been peaceful, leaving no room for the creation or possession of nuclear weapons.
 Gen. Haqtab said, "The nuclear centers of the Zionist enemy have been identified and the necessary information about all the targets is at our disposal, and in order to respond to their possible actions, the hands are on the trigger, so to speak, for firing powerful missiles to destroy the identified targets."
 After violating all international laws and regulations in a criminal act by attacking the consular section of the Islamic Republic's embassy in Syria, Israel "was not thought to threaten to attack our nuclear facilities in another desperate move," Haqtab said.
 "Thanks to ... our highly advanced facilities and equipment, as well as due to the dispersion of our country's nuclear facilities and complexes in the vast land of Iran, we are ready to deal with any threat from the Zionist regime," he said.
 Haqtab said Israel's threats are not new and "the fake Zion-

ist regime, in addition to threats, has engaged in sabotage and terrorist acts" against Iran's nuclear industry before.
 "Although, based on international protocols and standards and the rules and regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency, all countries have been prevented from attacking nuclear facilities, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always been prepared to deal with these threats from the very beginning," he said.
 Haqtab echoed Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, saying the "era of hit and run has passed".
 "If the Zionist regime does an act of aggression against Iran, the type of response will be with the planning of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran," he said.
 "They [Israel] should be sure that the blow they receive from the armed forces will be remembered in history like Operation True Promise," he added.
 Gen. Haqtab also said, "We assure the dear and noble people of Iran that ... nuclear centers of our country are completely safe."

Zionists Further Humiliated After Botched Raid



Iranians rally on the streets of Tehran after Friday prayers to support the IRGC's drone and missile strike on the occupying regime of Israel.

TEHRAN -- The sound of explosions was heard near the central Iranian city of Isfahan and Tabriz in the country's northwest after air defense systems fired at "suspicious objects" early Friday.
 Officials said important centers in the Isfahan province, including nuclear facilities, were secure and no incidents had been reported.
 "The sound was related to Isfahan's air defense systems firing at suspicious objects," Brigadier Siavash Mihandoust, senior Army commander in

Isfahan province, said.
 Space agency spokesman Hussein Dalirian said several drones had been "successfully shot down by the country's air defense, and that there had been "no missile attack for now" on the country.
 "No foreign aerial attack has been carried out so far against Isfahan or other areas of the country," he wrote in a post on his account on X on Friday morning.
 There were just "failed and humiliated" efforts to fly quadcopters which

were downed, Dalirian said.
 The Iran Airports and Air Navigation Company said normal operations had resumed for flights at Iranian airports including Imam Khomeini International Airport and Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran after temporary delays.
 The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) announced in a Friday post on X that Iran's nuclear facilities were safe.
 "IAEA can confirm that there is no damage to #Iran's nuclear sites. DG

@rafaelmgrossi continues to call for extreme restraint from everybody and reiterates that nuclear facilities should never be a target in military conflicts. IAEA is monitoring the situation very closely," it said in a post on X.
 The incidents came days after Iran's biggest drone and missile strike ever in the world on the occupying regime of Israel.
 Tens of thousands of Iranians on Friday took to the streets to voice their support for the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC)'s operation.
 The rallies were held following Friday prayers in the capital Tehran, the central city of Isfahan, the southwestern city of Ahvaz, the north-central city of Qom, and many other locations throughout the country.
 In the capital, demonstrators marched from the vicinity of the University of Tehran towards the iconic Enqelab Square, holding up placards that read, "We are grateful towards the Corps," "Punishment of the aggressor," and "The next slap will be harder."
 At the end of the Tehran rally, the participants issued a statement, describing the operation "legitimate defense" that demonstrated "the strength and esteem of the Islamic establishment".
 "The inefficiency of Iron Dome and the defeat of the Zionist regime's supporters disrupted the world's political and military equations," it added.
 "The Iranian nation will stand by the Palestinian nation until final victory," said the statement.

President Raisi: More Wins on the Way

TEHRAN -- President Ebrahim Raisi said Friday Operation True Promise showcased Iran's power, adding it was a necessary response to the illegal regime of Israel.
 "Operation True Promise brought about authority, unity, and cohesion for the country," he said in the Iranian city of Damghan.
 "This operation both showed the power of the Islamic Establishment and the strength of our armed forces. It also showcased the steely will of the people under the guidance of Leader of the Islamic Revolution [Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei]," President Raisi said.
 "All political groups believe that this response was a necessary, unifying and great honor for the country," he said.
 Raisi also said Iran's enemies do not want the country to grow but the Iranian nation is determined to progress in various economic fields.
 "The war is a war of wills, and in the war of wills, the Iranian nation has won and will continue to gain further wins," he said.
 On Thursday, President Raisi said Iran will make Israel and its supporters regret the "slightest attack" amid reports that Tel Aviv was "making a decision to act" against the Islamic Republic.
 "If the Zionist regime makes a mistake

again and tries to carry out the slightest attack on the holy land of the Islamic Republic, we will respond in such a way that will make Israel and its supporters regret it," he told people at a stadium in the central city of Shahroud.
 The president touched on the world's largest ever drone and missile strike carried out by Iran to "punish" Israel for its assassination of Iranian military advisors at the country's consular section in Damascus.
 "America and the Zionist regime thought they could harm our dignity by attacking our consulate, which is considered the territory of our country. But when they committed the crime, they should have been punished and the great nation of Iran punished them," he said.
 President Raisi said the time for bullying is over as he touched on his talks with Western leaders about reviving a 2015 nuclear deal with Iran.
 The nuclear agreement officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) has been hanging by a thread since 2018 when the U.S. unilaterally abandoned it.
 Raisi ruled out any inclusion of Iran's missile and other military capabilities in any possible negotiations.
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U.S. Blocks Palestine's Full UN Membership

UNITED NATIONS (Dispatches) -- The United States vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution on Thursday that would have allowed Palestine to be admitted as a full member of the international body and effectively recognized its statehood.
 The resolution needed at least nine votes to pass and no vetoes from the five permanent members - the United States, the UK, France, Russia and China.
 The proposal received 12 votes in favor, while the UK and Switzerland abstained from voting.
 Russia, China, France, Japan, South Korea, Ecuador, Algeria, Malta, Slovenia, Sierra Leone, Mozambique and Guyana all voted yes. The U.S. ultimately blocked the measure.
 After vetoing the resolution, the U.S. deputy ambassador to the UN, Robert Wood, attempted to justify the decision and appeared to cast doubt on Palestine's qualifications.
 "We have long been clear that premature actions here in New York, even with the best intentions, will not achieve statehood for the Palestinian people," Wood said.
 "There are unresolved questions as to whether the applicant meets the criteria to be considered a state," he said.
 Russia's ambassador to the UN, Vassily Nebenzia, lashed out at the U.S.' decision,

and said the veto showed what Washington "really thinks of the Palestinians."
 The U.S. thinks "they [the Palestinians] do not deserve to have their own state," and it only realizes "the interest of Israel," he said.
 Nebenzia added that the U.S. was turning a blind eye to the "crimes of Israel" amid its ongoing assault on Gaza, as well as the continuation of the illegal settlement activity in the occupied West Bank.
 The Palestinian group Hamas, who just hours earlier said it would dismantle its armed wing after the creation of a Palestinian state, said the U.S. is standing "in the face of international will" by exercising its veto power.
 The group said in a statement that it condemns "in the strongest terms the American position biased towards the occupation," as it called on the international community "to exert pressure to go beyond the American will and support the struggle of our Palestinian people and their legitimate right to self-determination."
 "We assure the world that our Palestinian people will continue their struggle and resistance until they defeat the occupation, take away their rights, and establish their independent, fully sovereign Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital," the statement added.
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