

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Hezbollah fighters have carried out a series of new attacks, targeting Israeli military positions along Lebanon's border with the northern part of the 1948-occupied territories in solidarity with Palestinians.

Lebanon's Al-Mayadeen television said the group struck Israeli soldiers and military vehicles at the Al-Malikiyah site early Friday with a salvo of artillery shells and missiles. The statement added that the projectiles hit the designated targets precisely, and caused casualties among the Israeli soldiers.

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) – Islamabad is "looking forward" to Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi's visit, noting that the two countries have revived all channels of mutual communication, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesperson said Friday.

"Pakistan and Iran have re-engaged and revived all bilateral channels of communication that existed prior to January and there are a number of areas of cooperation including in the trade domain," Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said. "I can underline that the people of Pakistan and the Government of Pakistan are looking forward to the visit at an early date."

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## Nasrallah: Iran's Retaliation is 'Inevitable'

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- The head of Lebanon's Hezbollah movement warned Friday that Tehran will inevitably retaliate after an Israeli strike destroyed its embassy's consular annex in Damascus this week, martyring two generals.

"Be certain that Iran's response to the targeting of its Damascus consulate is inevitable," Hassan Nasrallah says in a televised speech marking Quds Day — an annual day of pro-Palestinian rallies held across the world.

Nasrallah called the Israeli strike a "turning point" since October 7, when Hamas launched an onslaught against Israel, killing some 1,200 and capturing another 253.

As for the timing, he said it would be up to Tehran. He added that part of the war was to keep the Zionists worried, and he said Iran would not rush in retaliating. "Today, tomorrow, a few days from now, a month from now, Iran will respond to Israel."

Nasrallah also cautioned the region to be prepared for all scenarios depending on the Israeli reaction to the Iranian response.

"We must be prepared for any eventuality. God willing, this stupidity committed by the enemy in Damascus will allow us to decide this battle and achieve victory," he said. "The enemy entity began to take measures out of fear of the Iranian response. The timing, place and scope of this response depends on Iran's leadership," the Hezbollah leader added.

Earlier Friday, the deputy chief of staff for political affairs to Iran's president said that Washington asked Tehran not to target American facilities. "In a written message, the Islamic Republic of Iran warns U.S. leadership not to get dragged in Netanyahu's trap for U.S.: Stay away so you won't get hurt."

He was apparently referring to the Israeli strike. The Pentagon said that the U.S. reached out to Iran after the attack to say that they were not responsible for the strike. "We were not notified by the Israelis about their strike or the intended target of their strike in Damascus," Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh said earlier this week.

Nasrallah also said Hezbollah has not yet used its main weapons in nearly six months of skirmishes across the Lebanese border with Israel since the Gaza aggression began.

"We have not employed our main weapons yet, nor have we used our main forces," he said.

The Lebanese front in support of Gaza will not stop, Nasrallah said. "All the U.S., British and international intimidation has failed to stop the Yemeni front in the Red Sea, nor the Iraqi one. From the political, security and on-the-ground data, at the local and regional levels, we clearly see that the resistance will triumph," Nasrallah noted.

He said Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his coalition "have no choice but to stop the war, and this in itself is a loss for Israel".

"You can't make it in Gaza and you want a war against Lebanon? The Resistance is not afraid of war, it has forces and weapons that it has not yet used against Israel and our battle in the south continues. We will not hesitate until we achieve victory," Nasrallah said.

## Unprecedented Quds Day Rallies Spell Death of Israel



This combination of pictures shows Iranians participating in Quds Day rallies in cities across the country on Friday.

TEHRAN -- Millions of people in Iran and across the world rallied on the International Quds Day, marked on the last Friday of the fasting month of Ramadan, to express their solidarity with Palestinians and condemn Israeli atrocities.

Brigadier General Ramezan Sharif, the spokesman of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and the director-general of Intifada headquarters in Teh-

ran, said pro-Palestine rallies were held in more than 2,000 locations across Iran.

In Tehran, the rallies included a funeral procession held for the martyrs of an Israeli airstrike on the consular section of the Iranian Embassy in the Mezzeh neighborhood in Damascus on Monday. They carried pictures of those killed and banners with slogans such as "Death to Israel" and

"Death to America".

From different walks of life and various social strata, the demonstrators also held the national flags of Iran and Palestine as well as banners that read, "Free Palestine," and "Al-Quds must be liberated."

The mass rally in the Iranian capital was attended by Palestine's Islamic Jihad Secretary General Ziyad Nakhlah and Abd

al-Aziz al-Muhammadawi, chief of staff of Iraq's anti-terror Popular Mobilization Units, better known as Hashd al-Sha'abi.

"Today, all fronts of the Axis of Resistance against the Zionist enemy have united," Nakhlah said.

"Now the Axis of Resistance is strong and what is going on in southern Lebanon, Yemen and in Iraq operations confirms the unity, strength and readiness of this axis in the fight against Israel," he added.

"Definitely, what is unfolding today among all the groups of the Axis of Resistance in Yemen, Iraq, Lebanon and Palestine as well as the Islamic Republic of Iran is the declaration of Israel's decline," Muhammadawi, known as Abu Fadak, said.

"We are waiting for the mandate of Leader of the Islamic Revolution [Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei] on what to do; we are awaiting his order today."

Muhammadawi also said Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip will be victorious and the occupying regime will be destroyed.

A group of Nigerian students carrying banners in support of Palestine, the Islamic Republic, and

## Terrorist Attack in Southeast Iran Thwarted

TEHRAN -- Jaish al-Adl terrorists suffered 18 fatalities in attacks on public places and military and law enforcement bases in Iran's southeastern province of Sistan and Baluchestan, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said Thursday.

The overnight attacks were launched with the intention to seize IRGC headquarters in the towns of Chabahar and Rask, but they were thwarted by Iran's security forces who lost 10 members, an IRGC statement said.

According to the statement, "a number of terrorists and armed bandits affiliated with foreign intelligence services" launched simultaneous attacks on five public places as well as military and law enforcement bases in Chabahar and Rask in the early hours of Thursday.

They "were met with the tact, patience and intelligence of the security forces," the statement said.

"After making sure that the people are away from the danger of the attackers and any harm, the zealous fighters of the Southeast Security Base of the IRGC Ground Forces engaged with them with the participation of the police command forces and during a decisive operation all the terrorists and

armed bandits were killed and complete security and peace was restored to the areas," it said.

"In the operation, 18 terrorists and armed criminals were killed, 10 security forces were martyred, and a number of others were injured," it added.

Deputy Interior Minister Majid Mirahmadi told national broadcaster IRIB, "The terrorists failed to succeed achieving their goal of seizing the IRGC headquarters in Chabahar and Rask."

The Jaish al-Adl terrorist group has claimed responsibility for several attacks in recent years on Iranian security forces in Sistan and Baluchestan.

The area, which borders Afghanistan and Pakistan, has long been the site of frequent clashes between Iranian security forces and takfiri terrorists as well as drug traffickers.

In December, the terrorist group attacked a police station in the town of Rask, killing 11 security personnel. Iran responded to the attack, targeting two bases of the terrorist group in Pakistan with missiles.

On Friday, Pakistan strongly condemned the terrorist attack and announced solidarity with Iran.

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## UN Resolution Demands War Crimes Litigation Against Israel

GENEVA (Dispatches) -- The UN human rights council on Friday adopted a resolution calling for the occupying regime of Israel to be held accountable for possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the Gaza Strip.

The vote by the UNHRC marks another moment in the slow global ostracization of Israel over its war in Gaza, which has so far martyred an estimated 33,000 people. Twenty-eight countries voted in favor, 13 abstained and six voted against the resolution.

The findings about the clear disregard of procedures in the killing of the aid workers will only add to the outcry about Israel's abuse of humanitarian law.

The strongly worded text urged countries to "cease the sale, transfer and diversion of arms, munitions and other military equipment to Israel... to prevent further violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of human rights."

It also highlighted that the International Court of Justice ruled in January "that there is a plausible risk of geno-

cide" in Gaza.

The resolution, which was brought forward by Pakistan on behalf of all Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states except Albania, stressed "the need to ensure accountability for all violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in order to end impunity."

It also expressed "grave concern at reports of serious human rights violations and grave breaches of international humanitarian law, including of possible war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Occupied Palestinian Territory."

The resolution also called for "an immediate ceasefire" and "for immediate emergency humanitarian access and assistance."

It demanded Israel end its occupation of all Palestinian territories and "immediately lift its blockade on the Gaza Strip and all other forms of collective punishment."

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