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Robert Malley: U.S. Attack on Iranian Nuclear Sites ‘Wrong’

TEHRAN – Former U.S. Special Representative for Iran, Robert Malley, has criticized President Donald Trump’s decision to attack Iranian nuclear sites, warning the move had “unpredictable” consequences and failed to achieve its intended goals.

“So, I do think a military option was the wrong one for all kinds of reasons. It doesn’t fully take care of the problem. It leads to all kinds of uncertainties and unpredictable outcomes that I think we’re going to live with, not just in the coming days, weeks, but also months and years,” Malley told NBC. “So I think that it was the wrong option to take.”

Malley said the strikes failed to spark unrest inside Iran and instead triggered nationalist sentiment. “They were becoming more nationalist amid the unprovoked assault,” he added, citing Iranian-American acquaintances.

On June 13, Israel launched a surprise attack on Iranian soil, martyring senior military commanders and nuclear scientists as well as civilians. The U.S. joined the aggression days later, targeting the Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan nuclear sites—facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) monitoring.

Trump claimed the strikes aimed to “destroy” Iran’s enrichment capability. However, U.S. intelligence assessments reportedly contradicted this, saying Iran’s core nuclear infrastructure remained intact.

On Thursday, Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization spokesman

Behrouz Kamalvandi reaffirmed the durability of the country’s program.

“What is rooted will not be harmed by attack and pressure,” he said in an interview Thursday. “They must understand that this industry is rooted in our nation. They cannot uproot it.”

He added, “Given the capabilities and potential we possess, the growth of this industry must continue. It will not be stopped.”

Malley also reflected on the broader policy failure behind Trump’s withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). “It didn’t happen,” he said of the assumption Iran would capitulate under maximum pressure. “They’re not going to give up their one asset just because of coercion. They’re going to want something in exchange.”

Malley further noted that Iran’s focus on ballistic missile development predates sanctions, and recalled that during the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s, the Islamic Republic was “almost on its own.”

Iranian lawmakers have since passed legislation to suspend cooperation with the IAEA following a politically motivated report and resolution pushed through by IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi and Western powers.

The U.S.-Israeli strikes have drawn widespread condemnation, with many countries and organizations labeling them as violations of Iran’s sovereignty, international law, and the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Armed Forces Spokesman Gen. Shekarchi:

Israeli Military, Security Centers Dealt ‘Crushing’ Blows



Israeli forces work at an impact site following a missile attack from Iran in Tel Aviv, June 22, 2025.

TEHRAN -- A top Iranian military official has lauded the country’s strategic missile response to last month’s Israeli aggression, emphasizing that Iran’s retaliatory strikes successfully breached advanced Western-backed air defense systems and shifted the balance of power in the region.

Speaking at a ceremony in the holy city of Qom on Thursday to mark the 40th day since the martyrdom of senior Iranian commanders in the Israeli assault, the spokesman for Iran’s Armed Forces, Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi, said Iran’s missile force delivered “crushing” blows to Israeli military and security centers deep inside the occupied territories.

“Despite the martyrdom of the first layer of command on the first night of the operations, the aerospace force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), with the guidelines of Leader of the Islamic Revolution and rapid restructure of

command, managed to overcome the world’s most advanced air defense systems,” General Shekarchi declared.

He pointed to the unprecedented deployment of Western military assets aimed at defending the Israeli regime against Iran’s precision strikes.

Along the 1,200-kilometer route to the occupied territories, “hundreds of fighter jets, advanced radars, and air defense systems made by the U.S., Germany, the United Kingdom, and France were deployed to counter Iran’s missile and drone attacks. However, Iran’s missiles penetrated these defensive layers and hit their targets from the north to the south of the occupied territories,” he stated.

Shekarchi described the aggression as a broader Western-backed attempt to destabilize the Islamic Republic.

“The West-backed Israeli aggression aimed to target the country’s

infrastructure and pave the way for the partition of Iran within a week by assassinating senior military commanders,” he said. “However, Israel failed to achieve its objectives, despite utilizing all military capacities.”

On the 17th day of the war, he said, the Israeli regime called for direct U.S. involvement due to repeated battlefield defeats.

“The enemy’s air defense systems were unable to intercept Iran’s advanced missiles, and this issue shifted the military balance in favor of Iran,” Shekarchi stressed.

Reiterating Iran’s determination to respond forcefully to any aggression, the general said, “The enemy’s air defense systems were unable to intercept Iran’s advanced missiles, and this issue shifted the military balance in favor of Iran.”

He added that the Israeli regime was “unable to withstand the crushing responses of the warriors

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Embassy Blasts ‘Misleading’ EU-Japan Statement on Iran

TOKYO (Dispatches) -- The Iranian Embassy in Tokyo has strongly condemned a joint statement issued by the European Union and Japan regarding U.S.-Israeli aggression against Iran’s peaceful nuclear facilities and civil infrastructure, calling it “biased and misleading.”

In a statement released on Thursday, the Iranian mission criticized the declaration made at the conclusion of the 30th EU-Japan summit in Tokyo on July 23, accusing the parties of distorting the realities of U.S. and Israeli aggression.

“It presents the aggressor and the victim of aggression as equals, thus conspicuously failing to condemn the unlawful attacks by the Israeli regime and the U.S. on Iran, while calling for restraint,” the embassy said.

The Iranian mission also held the 27-member European bloc responsible for exacerbating tensions over Iran’s peaceful nuclear energy program.

“The EU’s purported commitment, including that of its member states, to support a diplomatic solution to the Iranian nuclear issue rings hollow, as they bear substantial responsibility for the current crisis surrounding Iran’s peaceful nuclear program,” the statement continued.

The embassy pointed to recent actions taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), arguing that the organization’s behavior has been shaped by political pressure from Western states.

“This includes their failure to adhere to their commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and their harmful

actions in the IAEA Board of Governors, which ultimately led to an overly politicized report and a subsequent resolution that was used as a pretext for the Israeli regime’s criminal attacks on Iran’s peaceful nuclear facilities.”

The IAEA Board of Governors passed an anti-Iran resolution on June 12, just one day before the Israeli regime launched what Tehran called “unprovoked aggression” against the Islamic Republic, accusing Iran of breaching its nuclear obligations.

Observers note that Britain, France, and Germany — collectively known as the E3 — have repeatedly violated their obligations under the 2015 nuclear deal, officially known as the JCPOA.

According to the Iranian mission, the resolution was “drafted under intense pressure” from the UK, France, Germany, and later, the U.S., and was “based on excessive hints from IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi.”

The embassy further criticized the Joint Declaration for imposing demands on Iran while ignoring the principle of reciprocal compliance.

The statement said, “The Joint Declaration unfairly places demands on Iran without acknowledging Iran’s reciprocal right to verifiable sanctions removal.”

The Holy Qur'an

Surely Allah's is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth; He brings to life and causes to die; and there is not for you besides Allah any Guardian or Helper.

The Holy Qur'an (9.116)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:11
Evening (Maghreb)	19:34
Dawn (Fajr) “Tomorrow”	05:08
Sunrise “Tomorrow”	03:29

‘West Bank Annexation Sign of Israel’s Hegemonic Nature’

TEHRAN -- Iran’s Foreign Ministry has condemned a motion passed by the Israeli parliament to annex the occupied West Bank and Jordan Valley, calling it a breach of international law and a sign of the regime’s expansionist agenda amid the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

In a statement on Thursday, the ministry said the move is “another sign of the expansionist and hegemonic nature of this regime.”

The Knesset approved the non-binding motion on Wednesday, with 71 lawmakers voting in favor.

Iran’s Foreign Ministry warned that the motion, coupled with Israeli atrocities in Gaza and the West Bank, “reveals more than ever the fact that this regime has no goal other than the complete annihilation of Palestine as a land, nation, and independent identity.”

It added that Israel “knows no limits or boundaries in achieving this evil goal, and does not pay even the slightest attention to UN resolutions and approvals.”

The ministry urged all states, especially regional and Islamic governments, “to take immediate and effective action to force this regime and its supporters, especially the United States, to stop the killing, warmongering, and expansionism of the Zionist regime.”

Separately, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei Kani wrote on X, “The Israeli regime kills with Western weapons, starves with Western acquiescence and evades accountability with American vetoes & Western backing.”

“The Israeli bestial criminals... must be reined in and prosecuted for their brutal atrocities & wicked crimes,” he added.

Iran Condemns Israel’s ‘Organized Annihilation’ of Gaza

NEW YORK (Dispatches) – A senior Iranian diplomat has hit out at the United States and Israel for driving the “collapse” of the international legal order and undermining the United Nations Charter, while calling on the UN Security Council to take urgent action to address ongoing crises in West Asia.

Kazem Gharibabadi, Iran’s Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, made the remarks during a Security Council meeting on regional issues, including the situation in Palestine.

He described Washington and Tel Aviv as the “main source of instability” in West Asia, citing their military interventions and joint actions as a “major threat to international peace and security.”

Gharibabadi pointed to the Israeli-led war on Gaza that began in October 2023, condemning the campaign’s “killing or maiming tens of thousands,” the bombing of hospitals and schools, and the deaths of UN staff and humanitarian workers.

He said millions of Palestinians have been displaced and condemned Israel’s “weaponizing starvation” through a near-total siege of Gaza.

Describing the targeting of civilians at aid distribution points as “premeditated mass murder,” Gharibabadi called the overall onslaught “organized and systematic annihilation of a besieged civilian population by an occupying regime, supported and shielded by the United States.”

The diplomat urged the Security

Council to work toward an immediate ceasefire, unimpeded humanitarian access, the release of arbitrarily detained Palestinians, and rejection of Israeli forced displacement plans. He also called for full UN membership for Palestine and accountability for Israeli actions.

Turning to the June 13-25 war on Iran, he condemned the “unprovoked and unlawful” attacks on civilian and nuclear infrastructure, including sites monitored by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Gharibabadi also criticized the U.S. ambassador to the UN, Dorothy Shea, for blaming Iran for regional instability, saying, “The U.S. representative is in no moral, political, or legal position to lecture or blame Iran.”