

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) – Iraq's Hezbollah on Tuesday warned the United States that resistance groups would "immediately and decisively" intervene if a war is launched against Iran, a security official with the Kataib Hezbollah faction said on Wednesday. Abu Mujahed al-Asaf, a security official with Kataib Hezbollah, also expressed full support for Houthi actions in Yemen, saying the group saluted its "brothers" for their efforts to break the Saudi-led blockade. "The resistance groups will immediately and decisively intervene if a war is launched against the Islamic Republic of Iran," al-Asaf said.

SANAA (Dispatches) – Hundreds of Yemenis took to the streets of the capital on Tuesday to celebrate the landing of a second Iranian passenger flight that breached Saudi Arabia's air blockade, as Riyadh's airstrikes on Sanaa International Airport failed to halt the resumption of civilian air traffic. The Mahan Air flight, which had been due to land in Sanaa, was diverted to Al-Hudaydah after Saudi warplanes struck the capital's runway on Monday. The attack, which Yemen's Ansarullah movement condemned as a "blatant aggression," marked an end to the (Continued on Page 7)

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Leader Thanks Iranian, Iraqi People for Massive Funeral Turnout

TEHRAN -- Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei has thanked the Iranian and Iraqi people for their massive participation in the funeral and memorial ceremonies of martyred Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

The message of gratitude was delivered by Hojjatoleslam Seyyed Mostafa Khamenei, the martyred Leader's eldest son, during a memorial service in Tehran on Tuesday.

Speaking at the event, Hojjatoleslam Khamenei offered condolences to the Islamic Ummah, the Iranian nation, and Imam Mahdi (AS), describing the loss as a great tragedy requiring patience.

Quoting the Qur'anic verse, "Give good news to the patient," he said patience means enduring the tragedy while steadfastly continuing on the "clear path" until the final goal is achieved.

He stressed that patience "is in no way incompatible with revenge and confronting the world's evildoers who were involved in these great crimes."

People in the Iranian capital Tehran gathered at the city's Mosalla Mosque to attend the commemoration ceremony for the martyred Leader.

The ceremony was hosted by his son and the current Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei.

Top government and military officials, including President Masoud Pezeshkian, as well

Majlis Declares Islamabad MoU Dead, Advances Hormuz Bill

TEHRAN -- Nearly 180 Iranian lawmakers on Tuesday issued a statement declaring the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the U.S. effectively terminated, vowing to pursue "blood revenge" for the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution and demanding a parliamentary committee to oversee the collapse of the agreement.

The statement, signed by approximately 180 members of Iran's 290-seat legislature, affirms that disputes with the United States "cannot be resolved" through negotiations.

"We pledge in the parliamentary trench not to neglect for a moment the efforts, planning and practical measures in the path of blood revenge," the statement read. At the opening of the session, lawmakers waved red flags with calls for retaliation.

The parliamentary move comes after a week of escalating U.S. military strikes



Iranian lawmakers attend the first open parliamentary session in nearly five months at the parliament building Tehran on Tuesday.

on Iranian territory and President Donald Trump's declaration that the ceasefire is "over".

On July 7, Washington revoked a license authorizing Iranian oil sales and

launched airstrikes targeting more than 80 Iranian positions, including over 60 small boats. Trump declared at the NATO summit in Ankara: "I don't want to deal with them anymore. As far

as I'm concerned, it's over."

Iran's Parliament convened its first in-person public session on Monday evening after more than four months of suspension, attended by 255 lawmakers.

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as foreign ambassadors and diplomats, also participated in the ceremony.

Ayatollah Khamenei's three other sons attended the ceremony in person.

The ceremony comes five days after the late Leader was laid to rest in the holy shrine of Imam Reza (AS) in his hometown of Mashhad in northeastern Iran.

The burial came after five days of public funerals in Tehran, the central city of Qom, and in Iraq, where millions paid their homage to Ayatollah Khamenei, a respected cleric who was a source of emulation for Muslims around the world.

Approximately 43 million people participated in the nearly week-long funeral ceremonies for the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei across multiple cities in Iran and Iraq, making it one of the largest funerals in history.

Ayatollah Khamenei was assassinated along with four members of his family and senior military officials on February 28 in a joint U.S.-Israeli airstrike targeting his office in downtown Tehran.

His martyrdom caused a huge domestic and international uproar and triggered an extensive Iranian military response to U.S. and Israeli targets in the region.

The late Leader had taken office in June 1989 after the founder of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ruhollah Khomeini, passed away following a period of illness.

IRGC, Army Fists of Fury Shatter U.S. Fifth Fleet, Fuel Depots, Patriots

TEHRAN – In a sweeping and uncompromising response to continued American aggression and violations of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and Army on Tuesday launched coordinated missile and drone strikes against U.S. military facilities across Bahrain, Jordan, and Kuwait, inflicting severe damage and delivering a clear message that the era of unilateral U.S. bullying is over.

Late Tuesday, the IRGC said it had carried out a third wave of strikes under Operation Nasr 2, destroying several weapons storage depots, spare parts for vessels and aircraft, and an MQ-9 drone launch pad at U.S. military facilities in Bahrain and Kuwait.

In a statement, the IRGC said the attacks targeted the Sheikh Isa base in Bahrain and the Ali Al Salem base in Kuwait, in response to U.S. strikes on Iranian coastal stations earlier in the day.

The IRGC said it would continue its retaliation and warned that any repeat of U.S. aggression would be met with "surprising responses."

"No drop of oil or gas will be exported from the region as long as U.S. mischief continues," the IRGC said, adding that the attacks would only delay the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

Earlier, the IRGC announced the latest stages of its reprisal, code-named Operation Nasr 2 (Victory 2), in three consecutive statements, revealing devastating strikes against multiple U.S. targets.

In a series of coordinated attacks, the IRGC Navy struck several weapons support depots, a satellite communications center, accommodation used by U.S. troops, and multiple military radar systems in Bahrain, completely destroying the targets.

In a subsequent and more devastating wave, the IRGC Aerospace Force conducted "coordinated missile and drone strikes" against the US Fifth Fleet headquarters at the Juffair base, setting its fuel storage facilities ablaze.

The IRGC also reported the destruction of a Patriot radar system, the Fifth Fleet's air-control radar, and a C-RAM early warning radar system. Satellite footage has con-

firmed the aftermath of the strikes, showing extensive damage to US military infrastructure.

In yet another statement, the IRGC reported "ballistic missile" strikes against a key U.S. facility and troop location at an airbase in Jordan.

The IRGC emphasized that this base had been used by Washington to launch attacks against Iran, including the February massacre of 168 Iranian schoolchildren and their teachers in the southern city of Minab.

"The American criminals have now been made to pay for their actions," the IRGC declared. While emphasizing that the reprisal was not directed against the Jordanian nation, the IRGC called on the Jordanian people to demand the removal of occupying American military bases from their soil.

Separately, Iran's Army announced that it had launched waves of kamikaze drone strikes targeting U.S. military assets in Kuwait. The attacks hit communications systems, fuel storage tanks, Patriot air defense batteries, control towers,

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Zionist Enemy's Military Machine on Verge of Collapse

TEL AIV (Dispatches) -- The Israeli military is facing a critical crisis within its reserve forces and is in a state of "de facto collapse," with occupying brigades and battalions in Lebanon operating far below full capacity and strength, Israeli Army Radio reported on Tuesday.

Army Radio correspondent Doron Kadosh made the revelations, citing military sources who confirmed that conscription turnout rates are "a bluff," and that "there aren't enough tanks."

Armored reserve companies that previously operated with 10 to 12 tank crews are now functioning with significantly fewer operational tanks due to battlefield losses and damaged equipment requiring lengthy repairs—caused by Hezbollah resistance fighters.

"Reserve units today are hollow," a reserve commander told Army Radio. "A battalion is not a full battalion, and a company is not truly a company."

The military source added: "The public and decision-makers hear about entire brigades operating in

Lebanon, but in reality, the force is much smaller—far fewer soldiers, far fewer tanks, and far fewer vehicles. Parts of the reserve system are already, de facto, in a state of collapse."

The report cited several alarming examples. A reserve company that recently completed operations in Lebanon had only one officer remaining in the entire company, forcing enlisted soldiers to fill command roles normally held by officers.

Another reserve battalion in the occupied West Bank saw only two of its companies report for duty, requiring reinforcements from another reserve unit to fill operational gaps. An entire team of young commandos recently transferred to the reserves after completing active service informed commanders they could no longer continue serving due to "exhaustion" and academic pressures.

Kadosh explained that "even units where turnout percentages are 50–70 percent are in fact operating with a much larger personnel shortage at any given time". A reservist

source bluntly stated: "There aren't enough tanks and the turnout percentages don't reflect reality. It's a bluff".

The manpower crisis has worsened since Israeli troops invaded south Lebanon and expanded their occupation in early March. Over 30 Israeli soldiers have been killed by Lebanese resistance since then, according to official reports, but independent sources cite the death much higher.

Hezbollah's FPV drone campaign has caught Tel Aviv off guard, destroying scores of tanks, military vehicles, detection systems, radars, and Iron Dome platforms.

Hezbollah has reported extensive operations against Israeli forces. In late May alone, the group carried out 22 attacks in a 24-hour period, striking six Merkava tanks across southern Lebanon.

In June, Hezbollah fighters ambushed an Israeli force consisting of an armored platoon and infantry platoon, destroying three Merkava tanks with guided missiles and killing all four crew members of one (Continued on Page 7)