

Tehran vows retaliation if Israel responds to Operation True Promise II

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More severe response awaits Israel in case of escalation of conflicts: Iran FM

TEHRAN – Iran's Foreign Minister, Abbas Araqchi, announced on Wednesday that the Islamic Republic's retaliatory operation against Israel has officially concluded; however, he warned that any counter-response by the Israeli regime would provoke an even more intense reaction from Tehran.

In a series of phone calls with his German, French, and British counterparts, Araqchi discussed the situation, particularly Iran's reaction to ongoing Israeli aggression. He referred to the assassination of senior figures, including Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, and Israel's continued military activities in the region.

The foreign minister highlighted that Iran had exercised restraint for over two months before launching its missile strikes, emphasizing that the attacks were carried out in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, which grants the right to self-defense.

Araqchi clarified that Iran's recent strikes exclusively targeted military and security installations within Israeli-controlled territories, and no civilian areas were involved. He stressed that while the operation has now concluded, Tehran is prepared to unleash a more severe response should Israel choose to retaliate. ▶ Page 3



Iran FM appoints Esmail Baghaei as new foreign ministry spokesperson

TEHRAN – Iran's minister of foreign affairs has appointed Esmail Baghaei as the new head of the Public Diplomacy Center and spokesperson for the Iranian foreign ministry.

Baghaei has an extensive background in diplomacy, having served as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office in Geneva from 2018 to 2022.

Baghaei also held the position of Head of the Legal Department at Iran's foreign ministry from 2015 to 2019 and represented Iran at the United Nations Legal Committee in New York from 2006 to 2009.

Prior to this appointment, Nasser Kanaani served as the spokesperson for Iran's foreign ministry.

"I am deeply mourning", or in other words, It's Far from Over!

By Ehsan Etesam

TEHRAN – On Wednesday morning, October 2, 2024, just hours after Iran launched its second retaliatory strike against Israel, the world watched in stunned silence. The "True Promise II" operation, as it was officially dubbed, saw Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) unleash over 180 ballistic and hypersonic missiles on multiple Israeli military targets in occupied Palestine.

This devastating barrage was a direct response to Israel's escalating aggression, and a bid to avenge the assassination of key figures: Hamas's political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, assassinated in Tehran while attending the inauguration of Iran's new president; Iranian military commander Brigadier General Abbas Nilforoushan, assassinated in Beirut on September 27th alongside Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. Most significantly, Israel dropped 85 American-made 2,000-pound bunker-busters in its airstrike on Beirut that resulted in the assassination of the Hezbollah leader. ▶ Page 3

Iran ready for any scenario

By Afifeh Abedi

TEHRAN – After two months of waiting and pursuing legal and political avenues to redress the Zionist regime's violation of its rights in the assassination of former Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, Iran launched Operation True Promise II.

While many predicted that Iran's strategic patience had reached its limit after Israel's assassination of Hezbollah Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the Iranian missile attack on Tuesday evening, October 1, still came as a surprise.

Iran's successful execution of Operation True Promise II came amidst heightened Israeli alert, triggered by the terrorist attack in southern Lebanon that claimed the lives of Nasrallah and IRGC commander Brigadier General Abbas Nilforoushan. Hebrew sources reported that Tel Aviv officials, in close coordination with American political and military authorities, had been tipped off about the impending Iranian attacks through satellite imagery.

The attack is significant in various aspects. As the Iranian Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) stated, the strike was conducted in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter, exercising Iran's right to respond to repeated violations of its sovereignty by Israel. ▶ Page 2

An analysis of Operation 'True Promise II'

By Xavier Villar

MADRID – Finally, following various speculations in political and media circles about how Tehran would respond to the series of assassinations carried out by Israel, Iran launched a second direct attack on the occupied territories from its own territory around 8:00 PM on Tuesday.

In an official statement from the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC), it was reported that these missile strikes are part of Operation "True Promise II," executed under the codename "Oh Messenger of God!" and directed against security and intelligence targets in Israel.

The IRGC issued its statement just minutes after the operation began, stating: "The great Islamic community, the noble and martyred Iranian nation, moments ago, after a period of restraint in the face of the violation of the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the assassination of the martyred fighter, Dr. Ismail Haniyeh, by the Zionist regime, and under the country's right to legitimate defense according to the United Nations Charter, has responded to the intensification of the regime's atrocities." ▶ Page 2



U.S., Europe root cause of regional conflicts: Leader

TEHRAN – The Leader of the Islamic Revolution has stated that the root cause of the region's problems lies with nations such as the United States and some European countries, which, despite their claims of advocating for peace, are the primary sources of instability.

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei made the remarks on Wednesday morning, where he met with hundreds of scientific elites, top Olympiad winners, and high-achieving university entrants.

The Leader initiated the meeting by speaking about the recent martyrdom of Hezbollah's Leader, Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in Beirut by the Zionist regime on Sept. 27, 2024. ▶ Page 3



Iranian president visits Qatar for talks

TEHRAN – Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian arrived in Doha on Wednesday for an official two-day visit, his third international trip since assuming office.

The visit, made at the invitation of Qatar's Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, is seen as a key moment in strengthening diplomatic and economic ties between the two nations.

Qatar's Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, formally welcomed President Masoud Pezeshkian in Doha. Leading a high-ranking political and economic delegation, Pezeshkian's arrival was marked by a ceremonial reception, including the playing of national anthems and the introduction of both countries' senior officials. ▶ Page 3

Iran hosts SATRC workshop on recent trends, technologies

TEHRAN –The South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) workshop on recent trends and technologies was held in Tehran from September 30 to October 2.

Hosted by the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the event brought together representatives from India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Afghanistan.

The emphasis of the workshop was on recent trends and technologies that support the digital transformation of the economy and society in SATRC member countries.

The main objective was to give an in-depth analysis of various trends in innovation and technologies for fostering the growth of the economy and society including technical details, policy and regulatory aspects, and other aspects.

The workshop served as a platform to share expertise and boost cooperation among regional South Asian countries. It also focused on modern strategies to address challenges facing the information communication technology sector at regional as well as global levels, IRIB quoted Hamid Fattahi, an official with Information and Communication Technology, as saying.

Addressing the attendees, Fattahi said the rapid development of communication infrastructure and technological trends play an important role in empowering communities and accelerating economic growth.

"In a world that is becoming



more and more digitalized, it is very essential to find a balance between the three elements of security, privacy, and innovation in information communication and technology.

Also, with the rapid pace of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), the importance of developing safe policies and regulations that will ensure responsible use of these technologies is felt more than ever," Fattahi added.

The three-day event consisted of several sessions discussing policy and regulatory environments; innovation and investment in telecommunication/ICT; and initiatives to bridge the standards and innovation gap.

The sessions also focused on the new technologies and trends in satellite communications, and regulatory aspects and challenges of these technologies were addressed in detail.

Status of ICT in Iran

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology is the highest authority in the field of ICT in the country. All ac-

tivities related to the information and communication technology industry are directly related to the ministry.

the event brought together representatives from India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Afghanistan.

The government pays special attention to plans and policies in this sector in order to maximize the use of ICT to facilitate people's lives.

The successful designing, building, and launching of a satellite show the growth of the national technology and scientific power of a country.

Space technology has been

considered a tool to expand prosperity, peace, scientific-cultural development, and economic progress in human societies.

Different nations of the world exploit this technology in some way based on their capacity, capabilities, and efforts.

Currently, 13 universities and a research institute affiliated to the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology are offering aerospace majors, thus Iran has a high capability in training specialists and experts in the aerospace sector and is a leading country in the region.

Access to telecommunication services in rural areas of the country had improved over the period as the overall number of villages with access to communication services rose to 52,182, around 93 percent of all villages, while 47,837 villages had access to home landline services.

Moreover, the number of Iranian mobile users reached nearly 135.890 million, according to the CRA which put the mobile phone penetration rate in the country at 161.67 percent.

The figures showed, however, that fixed broadband adoption in Iran had stalled at 14 percent with nearly 11.921 million customers having access to the Internet via those services.

This statistic shows that fixed broadband internet has grown by less than 2 percent compared to last year and mobile internet has experienced a growth of 10 percent. However, it can be said that the speed of mobile internet expansion is 5 times the speed of fixed internet.

World Space Week to be marked

TEHRAN –The World Space Week is observed annually from October 4 to 10 as the largest annual space event in the world. The week helps build up the workforce of tomorrow by inspiring students; demonstrating visible public support for the space program; educating the public about space activities; and fostering international cooperation in space outreach and education.

According to the World Space Week Association, it will be marked under the theme of 'Space and Climate change' this year.

The theme celebrates the transformative impact of space technology in our ongoing battle against climate change, emphasizing the proactive role space exploration plays in enhancing our understanding and management of Earth's climate.

The World Space Week 2024 will seek to educate, inspire, and effectively connect global communities by focusing on the powerful alliance between space technology and climate science.

Throughout the week, efforts will be made to highlight the vital role of satellites and space technology in monitoring climate change and developing effective strategies to reduce the harmful effects of climate change.

"We will emphasize the essential role that space plays in monitoring the Earth's climate and mitigating climate change," World Space Week Association quoted Dennis Stone, Association President, as saying.

"This theme aims to spark worldwide educational and public outreach initiatives, showcasing the crucial and integral part that space plays in understanding our global environment," he added.

The Iranian Space Agency will celebrate the event to raise public awareness by holding various programs for different age groups. It has named the days of the week as follows.

Friday, October 4, 'Space, Earth, and Future gen-

eration'.

Saturday, October 5, 'Space, AI, and Climate change'.

Sunday, October 6, 'Satellite, and Greenhouse gas emission monitoring'.

Monday, October 7, 'Space technology, and Natural disasters' management'.

Tuesday, October 8, 'Space climate, and solar activity monitoring'.

Wednesday, October 9, 'Man, Space technology, and food security'.

Thursday, October 10, 'Space technology, Weather monitoring equipment'.

The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be held each year from October 4-10. These dates commemorate two events. October 4, 1957: Launch of the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik 1, thus opening the way for space exploration

October 10, 1967: The signing of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

Holding World Space Week aims to provide unique leverage in space outreach and education, educate people around the world about the benefits that they receive from space, encourage greater use of space for sustainable economic development, demonstrate public support for space programs, excite young people about science, technology, engineering, and math, and foster international cooperation in space outreach and education.

World Space Week consists of thousands of space-related events held by space agencies, aerospace companies, schools, museums, astronomy clubs, and others in a common timeframe to achieve greater student and public impact through synchronization.

Iran attending ICESCO Education Ministers Conference

TEHRAN –An Iranian delegation headed by the Minister of Education, Alireza Kazemi, is participating in the third Charter of the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Education Ministers Conference.

The conference is being held on October 2 and 3 in Muscat, Oman.

Upon arrival in Muscat, the delegation was welcomed by Iran's ambassador to Oman, Mousa Farhang, as well as some Omani officials.

The officials followed up on the latest taken measures regarding ICESCO's former approvals. They also discussed and reviewed issues on Iranians residing in Oman, particularly students and Iranian schools, IRNA reported.

ICESCO

The event is being held under the theme,



"Beyond Transforming Education Summit: from Commitments to Actions," by the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), in collaboration with Oman's Ministry of Education and in coordination with the Omani National Commission for Education, Culture, and Science.

The Conference will see the attendance of education ministers from Islamic countries, along with high-level delegations from 27

regional and international organizations, as well as civil society institutions focused on educational matters.

The Conference aims to strengthen the commitment to transforming education within the ICESCO Member States and to establish effective mechanisms for disseminating best practices and accelerating their implementation.

Additionally, it seeks to foster cooperation among Member States, build a network linking funding and donor bodies, develop mechanisms to monitor the outcomes of the Education Transformation Summit and create programs that support Member States' efforts in this field. The Conference will also highlight the ethical and value-based foundations underpinning education transformation in the Islamic world's civilizational heritage.

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Special plan prepared to attract overseas Iranian researchers

The Vice Presidency for Science and Technology has prepared a special plan to attract scientists and researchers living abroad, IRNA news agency reported on Saturday.

The project aims to promote "supporting technological activities and startups", "postdoctoral facilities", "supporting employment in innovation centers and accelerators as a trainer and consultant", "providing facilities for opportunity studies", "providing housing facilities", "supporting employment in reputable domestic companies", "support for lectures and specialized workshops" and "support for cooperation as invited and appointed professors".

It is estimated that about one percent of all Iranian students are studying abroad, which is not above the international average of around 3 percent.

طرح ویژه برای جذب پژوهشگران ایرانی مقیم خارج

جذب محققان و پژوهشگران خارج از کشور یکی از اولویتهای کشور محسوب می‌شود و در این راستا معاونت علمی و فناوری ریاست جمهوری طرحی ویژه پیشنهاد کرده است.

به گزارش ایرنا، معاونت علمی و فناوری ریاست جمهوری، این طرح شامل «حمایت از فعالیت‌های فناورانه و ایجاد شرکت‌های نوپا»، «تسهیلات پسا دکتری»، «حمایت از اشتغال در مراکز نوآوری و شتابدهنده‌ها به عنوان مربی و مشاور»، «تسهیلات دوره فرصت مطالعاتی»، «تسهیلات مسکن»، «حمایت از اشتغال در شرکت‌های معتبر داخلی»، «حمایت از برگزاری سخنرانی و کارگاه‌های تخصصی» و «حمایت از همکاری به عنوان اساتید مدعو و معین» است.

بر اساس برآوردها نزدیک یک درصد از کل مجموع دانشجویان ایرانی در خارج از کشور تحصیل می‌کنند. این رقم در مقایسه با میانگین بین‌المللی که حدود ۳ درصد است، رقم بالایی محسوب نمی‌شود.

Iran, Armenia to boost ties in medicine, medical equipment

TEHRAN –Iranian and Armenian health officials have discussed ways to expand joint activities in areas related to medicine as well as medical equipment.

The head of the Food and Drug Administration, Heidar Mohammadi, and the Armenian deputy health minister Artak Jumayan, held a meeting in Tehran on Wednesday, IRNA reported.

As an important step towards strengthening interactions, the two countries exchanged their lists of essential medicines and medical equipment.

Also, the Armenian Ministry of Health agreed to facilitate Iran's membership in the Eurasian Economic Union and streamline the process for registering Iranian medicine and medical equipment.

Armenia welcomes Iran-made pharmaceutical products

In February, the Armenian deputy health minister announced the country's willingness to import Iranian medicine and medical equipment.

Talking about the remarkable achievements of Iran in dealing with the coronavirus outbreak by

adopting appropriate measures, Lena Nanushyan said that Iran's progress in the field of health is significant, ISNA reported.

She made the remarks in a meeting with Mohammadi, on the sidelines of the 18th session of the Iran-Armenia Joint Economic Committee that was held in Tehran during February 14-15.

At the end of the meeting, the two sides signed 19 documents and memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to enhance cooperation in various areas.

The mentioned documents covered a variety of areas including trade, maritime transportation, food, medicine, and customs cooperation.

Noting that Iranian pharmaceutical products are famous worldwide, she said that Armenia has yet to import the products, she added.

Referring to the quality of anti-cancer drugs manufactured in Iran, she said, "We are interested in using Iranian oncology drugs in Armenia, and it is also possible to supply part of the required drugs of the country from Iranian manufacturing companies."

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