

Iran strongly condemns US-Israeli attacks on its civilian aviation

Iran has strongly condemned US-Israeli attacks targeting the country's civil aviation infrastructure. The Civil Aviation Organization issued a statement on Sunday saying that recent attacks on aircraft and facilities supporting civil aviation in Iran are a clear violation of the Chicago Convention, which establishes the foundations for protecting international aviation rights. The statement also said that the attacks directly contradict the "accepted principles and commitments" that govern the civil-aviation sector in the world. "These actions constitute a clear example of violating the provisions and requirements set out in this international civil aviation convention, and the resulting consequences will be borne by the United States and the Zionist regime (of Israel)," the organization said. The statement added that all countries have a duty to comply with international laws and regulations that protect the safety of civil aviation, passengers, and staff. The condemnation follows attacks by the Israeli regime and the United States that have targeted planes and airports in several Iranian provinces.

Iran's top security official, Dr. Ali Larijani, Martyred in American-Israeli aggression

The secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) has ascended to martyrdom in the ongoing American-Israeli aggression against the Islamic Republic.



In a statement issued late Tuesday, the Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Secretariat announced the martyrdom of Dr. Ali Larijani alongside his son, Mortaza Larijani; the SNSC deputy for security, Alireza Bayat; and a number of their bodyguards. The statement described martyrdom as Dr. Larijani's "long-held

dream," attained following a lifelong struggle aimed at the advancement of the country and its Islamic Revolution. It noted the martyred top security official's sustained endeavor "up until the very final moments of his blessed life" towards securing the nation's interests, as well as his consistent counsel for the people and their authorities to

maintain unity in the face of hostile measures against the country. The Secretariat added that the martyrdom would further steel the resolve of the nation and its officials to persist in elevating the Islamic Republic's stance. Dr. Larijani also served as a member of Iran's Expediency Council and a senior advisor to the martyred Leader

of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. He previously served as Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis) for 12 years before being succeeded by Mohammad-Baqer Qalibaf. Throughout his long and successful political career, he also contested presidential elections and served as head of the national broadcaster, the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB). The unprovoked and illegal aggression against the country

began on February 28 with the assassination of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, as well as some top-ranking military commanders. In retaliation, Iranian armed forces have carried out 60 waves of successful and decisive retaliatory strikes so far against sensitive and strategic American and Israeli targets throughout the region. Iran has vowed to sustain the reprisal until the enemies' "complete defeat."

TELANGANA RISING VISION BACKED IN ASSEMBLY: CONGRESS MLAs PRAISE WELFARE SCHEMES UNDER REVANTH REDDY

In a significant development, Congress MLAs backed the Telangana Rising vision in the Assembly while praising welfare schemes under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The discussion took place during the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, highlighting the government's achievements and future roadmap. The Telangana Rising vision and welfare initiatives have become key talking points as the government focuses on

development and public welfare. Congress MLAs Praise Welfare Schemes During the Assembly session, MLAs Balu Naik Ninavat and Adi Srinivas strongly supported the government's policies and described the Governor's address as a reflection of people-friendly governance. They highlighted several major welfare schemes, including: Free bus travel for women under Mahalakshmi scheme Distribution of



quality rice to poor families Up to 200 units of free electricity for weaker sections Financial support to farmers through Rythu Bharosa



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A senior Iranian intelligence official, speaking exclusively to a Press TV correspondent, has revealed detailed estimates of damage inflicted on the American military in the region during the first seven days of the ongoing war. According to the official, extra-regional sources provid-

ed Iran with a comprehensive assessment of American losses – both human and material losses from the Iranian retaliatory military operations since February 28. The main finding indicates a critical depletion of air defense stockpiles for both the United States and the Israeli regime, a development described as "very serious" by the official. The intelligence further details substantial casualties,

US SUFFERED OVER 3,200 CASUALTIES, staggering equipment losses in first week of war: Source

reporting that at least 200 US military personnel were killed, with over 3,000 wounded in the first week itself. The material losses outlined are equally significant. The official said the US lost 150 missile launch platforms and 23 Patriot air defense systems. A total of 37 aircraft and helicopters were also destroyed. The report also noted that 43 percent of US weapons stockpiles have been obliterated. The war against the Islamic Republic started on February 28 with the assassination of

the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and some top-ranking military commanders in a cowardly act of aggression. In the same initial wave, nearly 170 schoolchildren were also martyred after an elementary school in southern Iran was deliberately targeted by the US-Israeli war coalition. In retaliation, Iranian armed forces have thus far carried out 58 waves of Operation True Promise 4, pounding Israeli military sites in the occupied territories and US military bases across the region.

Qalibaf: Threat of war against Iran, region must be eliminated

Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf says threat of war against Iran and the region must be eliminated, stressing that Tehran will no longer accept the cycle of war, ceasefire, negotiation, and war again.

In a televised interview broadcast on Tuesday, Qalibaf said, "We are not seeking war, but we will defend ourselves fiercely and respond firmly," amid a US-Israeli aggression against the country which started on February 28. Qalibaf added that the US had expected victory within 72 hours, but instead has seen all its regional bases come under Iranian retaliatory operations, noting that "[US President Donald] Trump now resorts to telling several lies a day

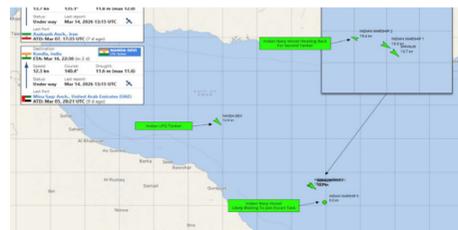
out of desperation." He stated that Iran had long warned its neighbors that the US military presence would not bring them security, something now evident to them. He predicted that Islamic countries in the region would establish an indigenous system of economic and security stability through bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Recalling the earlier 12-day war, Qalibaf said Iran accepted that ceasefire only after persistent requests



and its final strikes on Israel, but added, "They have now shown that they learned no lessons." Situation in Strait of Hormuz will never return to past conditions Addressing recent developments in the Strait of Hormuz, the Speaker said its current closure was not Iran's decision but a defensive necessity. Instead, he described a new regional security model based on indigenous cooperation among neighboring

INDIAN LPG VESSEL 'NANDA DEVI' TO ARRIVE AT KANDLA PORT TODAY

The vessel's safe arrival is expected to provide relief amid concerns over fuel shipments passing through the sensitive maritime route.



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The Indian-flagged LPG tanker, the Nanda Devi, which departed from Qatar carrying liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), is expected to arrive from the Strait of Hormuz at Kandla Port in Gujarat on Tuesday, March

17. Another LPG tanker 'Shivalik', already reached Mundra Port a day earlier with around 45-46 thousand tonnes of LPG. The vessel's safe arrival is expected to provide relief amid concerns over fuel shipments passing through the sensitive maritime route. Earlier, Rajesh Kumar Sinha,

special secretary in Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, said during an inter-ministerial briefing that the tanker had successfully moved into the open sea after transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

He noted that two Indian-flagged LPG carriers — Shivalik and Nanda Devi — were carrying around 92,700 metric tonnes of LPG to India. The two ships are owned by the state-run Shipping Corporation of India. Sinha also said that all Indian seafarers operating in the Persian Gulf region are safe and there have been no reports of any untoward incidents involving them.



Pakistan kills 400 in strike on Kabul hospital, India terms it 'cowardly act'

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At least 400 people were killed and over 250 injured after a Pakistani airstrike hit the Omid Addiction Treatment Hospital in Kabul on Monday night, March 16, even

as Pakistan denied targeting any civilian sites and maintained its strikes were directed at military targets, while India strongly condemned the attack, accusing Islamabad of "trying to dress up a massacre as a military operation." In a post

on X, Afghanistan's deputy government spokesman said the strike on Monday night had destroyed large sections of the hospital. He said rescue teams were trying to control the fire at the building and recover the bodies of the victims.

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