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Hezbollah Strikes Expose Israel's Southern Skies



The latest intelligence assessment of the conflict zone in northern occupied territories reveals that Hezbollah's sustained military operations have compelled the Israeli regime to reconfigure its air defense posture, effectively stripping the southern occupied territories and southern Lebanese areas under Israeli military control have led to a significant shift in the enemy's defensive deployment territories of aerial protection. The regime has been compelled to transfer air defense systems from the south to the north, creating a critical vulnerability in the skies over the southern occupied territories. Israeli intelligence estimates had previously assumed that the Hezbollah resistance movement lacked the ability to mount a large-scale offensive against the regime.

IRGC targets US Fifth Naval Fleet, other sites in 76th wave of reprisal attacks



The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has launched a fresh wave of retaliatory airstrikes, targeting military infrastructure belonging to the hostile US and Israeli regimes. In a statement released on Monday, the IRGC's Public Relations Department announced that it had successfully conducted the 76th wave of attacks as part of Operation True Promise-4, as part of the ongoing retaliation against illegal US-Israeli aggression against Iran. During the operation, powerful drones, along with liquid-fuel Qiam and solid-fuel Zulfaqr missiles, struck the United States' Fifth Naval Fleet, as well as its bases of al-Dhafa, Victoria, and Prince Sultan across the region, it said. The Zionist regime's military infrastructure in Tel Aviv, Ashkelon, Haifa, and Gush Dan were also targeted with heavy, solid-liquid and navigable missiles such as Kheybar Shekan and Qiam. In an earlier statement on Monday, the IRGC said the drone unit of its Ground Force had carried out a massive attack against the positions and places of gathering of separatists in Erbil, in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan Region. It noted that the operation took place as part of the 75th wave of Iranian retaliatory strikes against the enemies.

TRUMP A LIAR

No NEGOTIATIONS WITH US DURING WAR, IRAN CONFIRMS

Sada e Hussaini
23, Mar, Tehran

The spokesman for Iran's Foreign Ministry has dismissed US President Donald Trump's claims of talks with Iran, saying Tehran has had no negotiations with Washington over the past 24 days of the unprovoked US-Israel war against the Islamic Republic.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran's position regarding the Strait of Hormuz and conditions to end the imposed war has not changed," Esmail Baghaei said on Monday.

Trump had earlier set a 48-hour deadline for Iran to open the strategic Strait of Hormuz or face US strikes on Iranian power plants. However, the US president backed down on Monday, saying he had ordered the Pentagon to suspend all plans for attacks, and claiming that talks were underway with Iran.

In response to Trump's threat, the Islamic Republic vowed to target energy infrastructure of the Israeli re-



gime and any regional country from which anti-Iran military action might originate.

Arab officials said their efforts to broker an understanding between Tehran and Washington have so far failed to yield results. Baghaei confirmed that Iran has received messages

through some friendly countries over the past few days regarding the US request for negotiations to end the ongoing war. He said Iran has responded appropriately and based on the Islamic Republic's principled positions.

In its response, he said, Iran gave necessary warnings about the severe

consequences of any attack on the country's vital infrastructure and emphasized that the Iranian armed forces would give a "decisive, immediate, and effective" response to any potential action in this regard.

Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf also denied

any talks have been held with the United States during the war.

"No talks have been held with the US. Such fake news is aimed at manipulating the financial and oil markets and find a way out of the quagmire that has entangled America and Israel," he wrote on X. "Our people want the complete and regret-inducing punishment of the aggressors. All officials stand firmly behind the Leader and people until this goal is achieved," Qalibaf added. Iran has said it would halt its reprisal operations against the United States and the Israeli regime if there is a guarantee that war would never take place again, US military bases are closed in the region, and compensations are paid for damages inflicted on Iranian military and civilian structures. The US and Israel initiated an unprovoked military offensive against Iran, assassinating the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, along with several high-ranking military commanders and civilians on February 28.

Will overcome how we dealt COVID: PM Modi on Middle East crisis

CM Revanth hands over Rs 1 Cr cheques to kin of deceased govt workers

"India used to import energy needs from 27 countries. Now, the number has gone up to 41," he said in Lok Sabha.



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23, Mar, New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, March 23, said the difficult global conditions caused

by the West Asia conflict are likely to persist for a long time and called upon the nation to remain prepared and united, just as it had stood together during the COVID-19

pandemic. In a statement in the Lok Sabha, PM Modi addressed concerns related to the impact on fuel, fertilisers, national security and other areas in

India as well on its nationals residing in the West Asia region, detailing steps taken by the government to ensure that "ordinary families face as little trouble as possible",

and said a unanimous voice should go out to the world from India's Parliament on this crisis.

Reaffirming India's unwavering commitment to humanity and peace, the prime minister said

the dialogue and diplomacy remain the only path to resolution and every Indian effort is directed at de-escalation and the cessation of hostilities.

Informing the House

that he has engaged with all relevant West Asian leaders and urged them to reduce tensions and end the conflict, Modi emphasised that attacks on commercial ships and obstruction of international waterways like the Strait of Hormuz, through which 20 per cent of the world's energy is transported, are "wholly unacceptable".

He said endangering any life in this war runs counter to the interests of humanity and "India's effort is to encourage all parties to arrive at a peaceful resolution as soon as possible".



The Democratic News
23, Mar, Hyderabad

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Monday, March 23, handed over Rs 1 crore cheques each to the families of two government employees who died while on duty. Orsu Suresh and Mukhtar Beg were power sector employees who died while on duty. Revanth presented the accident insurance cheques to the kin of deceased Orsu Suresh and Mukhtar Beg, who worked in the power department. CM Revanth said the accident insurance coverage applies not only to power sector employees but also

to workers of Singareni Collieries Company Limited. He also praised Telangana Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka for his support to the bereaved families and ensuring timely assistance. "Under the Rajiv Aarogyasri Scheme, we have increased the coverage limit from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. Also, families identified through the caste survey would receive an insurance scheme covering Rs 5 lakh. These initiatives boost employees' confidence and offer moral support to their families," the Chief Minister said. Orsu Suresh and Mukhtar Beg were power sector

Iran's Army strikes Israeli, US air bases housing advanced fighter jets

The Islamic Republic of Iran Army has launched retaliatory drone strikes on Israeli and US air bases in the region, where their fighter jets are stationed. In a statement released on Monday, the Army said drone units of its ground, air, and naval forces from across the country conducted the operations against Tel Nof Air Base near Tel Aviv and Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, also known as Azraq, in Jordan. It said Tel Nof is one of the most vital bases of the Israeli regime's air force, adding that the facility has played a key role in long-range attacks and the ongoing aggression against Iran with its support and fighter jet squadrons.



TRUMP'S FIVE-DAY CLAIM: A STRATEGIC DECEPTION TO AID ISRAEL



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US President Donald Trump's declaration that America would refrain from attacking for five days appears less like a gesture of restraint and more like a calculated deception. On the surface, it may have been presented as a pause, but in reality

it seems designed to buy time for an Israeli plan — and for a Mossad strategy — aimed at creating internal unrest and instability inside Iran. This is no longer merely a military confrontation; it is also a war of intelligence, psychological operations, and political manipulation. The reality is that Israel and the United States appear to have failed in achieving their broader strategic objectives in this conflict. Iran has not only remained standing, but has emerged with greater confidence and influence. Across the Middle East, it

now appears as a decisive power, and in the eyes of many, as a rising superpower. Despite threats, attacks, and covert operations, Iran's resilience, military preparedness, and national resolve have not been broken. Meanwhile, Israel itself faces growing strain. A shortage of interceptor missiles could result in even greater destruction inside its territory. A state that has long relied on strict censorship to conceal the scale of its losses is suddenly, over the past three days, showing its devastation to the world. The reason is not difficult

to understand: Israel is seeking sympathy. It wants to present itself as the injured party and rally Europe and the wider West once again to its side. But the world is no longer as easily persuaded as before. It has witnessed the genocide in Gaza, the killing of innocent civilians, women, and children, and the systematic destruction carried out in full public view. Global public opinion has changed. Now that the fire has reached Israel itself, it is appealing to Europe and the West for help, support, and compassion. Yet the question remains:

where were these voices of humanity when Gaza was burning? For Iran, the most important task at this moment is to remain alert to enemy conspiracies and covert traps. Creating internal chaos has always been a preferred strategy of hostile powers when they fail to dominate openly on the battlefield. When military pressure falls short, they turn toward weakening national unity from within. Iran must therefore remain vigilant, preserve internal cohesion, and frustrate every attempt to drag it into the web of destabilization.

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