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IRGC STRIKES US COMMAND CENTER IN SYRIA RADARS IN OMAN, DEPOTS IN KUWAIT

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has launched a sweeping wave of retaliatory strikes across West Asia, targeting a US special operations command center in Syria, American radar sites in Oman, and weapons depots and launchers in Kuwait.



In a statement on Friday, the IRGC’s Public Relations Department said that during the operation conducted by the Aerospace Force, a radar system and several special operations helicopters were destroyed while a large number of criminal US troops were killed. It added that the strike came in revenge for the blood of the seven innocent Iranian soldiers who were martyred on Wednesday in the American aerial assault on the Army’s 388th Brigade garrison in Bampur, near the southeastern city of Iranshahr.

“Our brave fighters remain in full control of the Strait of Hormuz. As long as the United States persists in its acts of mischief, not a single drop of oil or gas will be permitted to be exported from the region,” it emphasized. Over the past few days, the terrorist US military has conducted waves of deadly strikes on Iran and reinstated a blockade of Iranian ports in flagrant violation of a war-termination deal. In response, Iranian armed forces have launched heavy reprisal attacks against strategic American targets across the

region, declaring the strategic waterway closed “until further notice” and at least until “the end of US interference in the region.” Late Thursday and into Friday, the US hit Iranian infrastructure, including several bridges in southern Hormozgan Province US depots, HIMARS, radar struck in Kuwait In a separate statement on Friday, the IRGC’s Public Relations Department said that Iranian forces began retaliatory operations, the first of which targeted a missile defense surveillance

radar, several US weapons depots, and two HIMARS launchers, and a number of missiles, resulting in a large fire at a base hosting US terrorist forces in Kuwait. “The Great Satan, once again acting on the mistaken belief that we had been weakened, resumed the war in the middle of negotiations—as it has repeatedly done by violating its commitments. Now desperate, regretful of its actions, and having lost hope of succeeding against the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic, it turned once

again last night to war crimes in an attempt to change the course of the conflict,” it noted. “By attacking civilian facilities, including telecommunications and railway infrastructure, as well as passing vehicles, it killed or wounded a number of civilians.” The US acts of malevolence have led to a sharp decline in production and the complete suspension of oil and gas exports through the Strait of Hormuz, it said, warning that Iran’s retaliatory operations are continuing.

PM MODI FLAGS OFF INDIA’S FIRST HYDROGEN-POWERED TRAIN IN HARYANA



Jind: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, July 17, flagged off India’s first hydrogen-powered train connecting Jind to Sonipat in Haryana from the railway station here. With this, India has joined a select group of countries that have operational hydrogen-powered trains and marks an important step towards the adoption of clean and sustainable mobility in the railway sector. The 89-km distance between Jind and Sonipat will be covered in two hours, with the train halting at 12 intermediate stations. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Haryana Governor Ashim Kumar Ghosh and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini were among those present at the Jind railway station for the flagging off ceremony. The prime minister waved as the train, which also had many school children on board, chugged off from the Jind railway station. Unlike conventional electric trains, they do not require continuous overhead electrification infrastructure, as electricity is generated on board through hydrogen fuel cells, making them a clean and efficient solution.

Rahul Gandhi blames entire system for paper leaks

Gandhi also claimed that the present testing system is outdated like that of the 19th century, which needs to be updated to the 21st century.



Dehradun: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday, July 17, said that no political party or organisation should have a hold on any educational institutions, and batted for a political consensus on the issue of paper leaks, calling it everyone’s responsibility. Addressing a ‘Chhatron ki Goonj’ rally here on Friday evening, the leader of opposition in the Lok

Sabha alleged that the entire education system, from top to bottom, is involved in paper leaks due to which 7.5 crore students have suffered so far. “The entire structure is involved – from coaching centres, exam centres, paper setters, translators, transporters and vendors to the NTA and the (education) ministry at the top,” he alleged. While cases of paper leaks are rising by the day due to this “corrupt system”, no action against the guilty, including conviction, has been taken till now, Gandhi said. “Our educational institutions should be independent. No political party or organisation should have any hold on our educational

institutions. The vice-chancellors should not be from one organisation and the in-charge of the National Testing Agency should not be from a political outfit,” he said. Gandhi also said that there can be a political consensus on one thing, and that is paper leaks. “We have to end paper leaks. There can be a consensus in every party and it is everyone’s responsibility to implement this consensus,” he said. “If anyone indulges in paper leak, there should be immediate conviction and punishment. If a paper leak happens, the students should be given protection, compensated, and immediate re-exam be held,” he said.

EX-JAPAN MINISTER SLAMS INDIA BULLET TRAIN MINISTER AS ‘AWFUL’

Hideki Makihara, Japan’s former Justice Minister has claimed that the minister in charge of the bullet train project was “especially awful,” adding that the Indian delegation pushed “their own self-interest right up to the very end.”Makihara claims to have been involved in the project, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR), which aimed to bring Japanese Shinkansen technology to the country. The 508-kilometre corridor is targeted for a phased launch, with the initial sections slated to open by August 15, 2027. The trains will reportedly operate at speeds up to 320 kilometres per hour, reducing travel time between the two financial hubs from over 6 hours to just about 2 hours. However, the Japanese side had several negative points to say regarding the project. On July 14, a Japanese metro official published an opinion piece in the local news highlighting several irregularities in the high-speed rail project. Makihara shared the article on social media and wrote that the Shinkansen project was “sheer recklessness” on the Indian side.“The Shinkansen project in India is something I was involved with myself, but what stood out in international meetings and negotiations was the sheer recklessness of the Indian side, repeated over and over,” the former minister wrote. He claimed that the Indian delegation “doesn’t keep promises, no matter what.” Even if they make a promise, they flip it right away, he said.

TELANGANA CABINET TO SEEK CENTRAL AID AS EL NIÑO CAUSES 40% RAINFALL DEFICIT; CM ORDERS DROUGHT ACTION PLAN

Hyderabad: The Telangana Cabinet has decided to write to the Central Government seeking financial assistance and a special team to assess the impact of the El Niño-induced drought in the state. With nearly 40% rainfall deficit, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directed officials to prepare immediate action plans for drinking water, irrigation, agriculture and power supply. The Cabinet also ordered district-level review meetings and statewide awareness programmes to tackle the worsening drought situation. Telangana Cabinet to Write to Centre on El Niño ImpactThe Telangana Cabinet decided to send a detailed letter to the Central Government explaining



the impact of the prevailing drought conditions and the El Niño effect on: Telangana Records Nearly 40% Rainfall Deficit The Cabinet noted that Telangana is facing nearly 40% rainfall deficit due to the impact of El Niño. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to immediately prepare alternative action plans to address possible shortages in:Drinking water Irrigation water Agricul-

ture Electricity supply As the Meteorological Department has warned that conditions could become more difficult in the coming days, the Chief Minister directed all departments to remain prepared with advance measures. District Collectors Asked to Prevent Drinking Water ShortagesThe Cabinet directed District Collectors to remain alert and ensure that no part of Telangana faces drinking water problems. Collectors were instructed to: Take immediate preventive measures.Respond promptly to complaints received from the public. The Cabinet also decided that all available water in irrigation projects should be prioritised for drinking water purposes.