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During the night of October 1, Iran launched an unprecedented barrage of more than 180 missiles at Israel. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said its attack was in response to deadly Israeli attacks against the people in Gaza and Lebanon, as well as the assassinations of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, Secretary-General of Hezbollah and the IRGC commander Abbas Nilforoushan in Beirut on September 27, as well as the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran in July.

IRGC statements said that the missiles were aimed at "vital military and security targets" in Israel, specifically at three military bases in the Tel Aviv area. The headquarters of Israel's Mossad spy agency and the regime's Nevatim airbase that houses its F-35 warplanes were among the targeted sites by the IRGC, news reports indicate.

The attack, accompanied by a large-scale cyberattack, also employed Iran's new Fatah hypersonic ballistic missiles for the first time. The IRGC said that 90 per cent of the projectiles fired hit their targets.



Israeli oil platform in sea off Gaza on fire after Iranian missile attack, October 1, 2024

Despite denials by Israel and the United States who claimed that their respective militaries worked together to shoot down most of the projectiles that were fired by Iran, video footage appeared to show the missiles falling on major cities and towns. The Israeli army said only a "few" hits were recorded in central and southern parts of the country while, according to Israel's emergency service, two people were injured from falling shrapnel in the Tel Aviv area.

U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said the U.S. military "coordinated closely" with its Israeli counterparts to shoot down the projectiles. "U.S. naval destroyers joined Israeli air defence units in firing interceptors to shoot down inbound missiles," Sullivan told reporters at the White House. Sullivan said no

deaths were reported in Israel: "In short, based on what we know at this point, this attack appears to have been defeated and ineffective," he said.

Palestine Chronicle reported the military spokesperson for Hamas, Abu Obeida saying, "The Iranian response that covered the entire geography of occupied Palestine [...] dealt a strong blow to the criminal occupation that thought that its rampage in the region and its aggression against its people could pass without punishment."

He said the Iranian retaliation was "an exceptional day in the history of the struggle." "The fires of the nation's resistance crossed in the skies of Palestine, and Tel Aviv was exposed to the strikes of the fighters from Yemen, Lebanon, Palestine, and Iran. This is a call to all the free people of the nation to make a share in the liberation of Palestine," Abu Obeida said.

Palestine Chronicle staff wrote:

"Indeed, the nature of the coordinated attack indicates that a year after the Israeli war and genocide in Gaza, coordination between all members of what is known as the 'Axis of Resistance' continues to operate at full capacity.

"In fact, the latest coordination exceeds that of military arrangements typically associated with the concept of the 'unity of the square,' to a high level of geostrategic coordination as well.

"The decisive Iranian response, and the interpretation of the attacks by various members of the 'Axis of Resistance,' as expressed in the words of Abu Obeida suggest that Israel's enemies have succeeded in restoring deterrence.

"The days ahead are likely to be decisive."

(Al Jazeera, Palestine Chronicle, Press TV. Photos: Quds)

Remarks by Iranian President, Speaker of the Parliament and Spiritual Leader

In remarks to the weekly cabinet meeting of the government of Iran on October 2, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said the Islamic Republic's retaliatory operation against Israel, dubbed *Operation True Promise II*, proved that the occupying regime's Iron Dome missile interception system is "more fragile than glass."

He stressed that Iran would give a more "crushing response" to any new Israeli mistake. "Iran does not seek war, yet it is not afraid of it either," he noted, emphasizing that the Islamic Republic knows no limits when it comes to protecting the security, authority and dignity of its people and the country.

"The latest retaliatory attack proved that Iran will never be joking about the honour and pride of its nation," he said.

The president said, "After the assassination of Martyr Haniyeh in Tehran, which was a clear violation of Iran's sovereignty and national security, the Western countries kept asking Tehran to exercise restraint, promising to immediately establish a ceasefire in Gaza."

Pezeshkian noted that, "The criminal and bloodthirsty Israeli regime not only continued to kill women and children, but also expanded the scope of its crimes to Lebanon, and the Western countries remained silent."

Pezeshkian also blasted the double standards and inaction of international organizations and the Western countries towards the criminal acts of the Israeli regime. He went on to say that Benjamin Netanyahu, the "criminal" prime minister of the Israeli regime, publicly threatened Iran at the United Nations General Assembly meeting, while other countries remained silent in the face of such behaviour.

Pezeshkian further expressed hope that peace and tranquility will be restored to the region and regional countries will get rid of criminals and oppressors.

The speaker of the Iranian parliament, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, said on October 2 that *Operation True Promise II* shattered the Zionist regime's security myth and the Zionist entity is now a loser both in the battlefield and in the media war.

"The regime had already failed to evaluate the military prowess of Hezbollah, when it suffered another intelligence and security defeat as a result of the successful armed operation in Tel Aviv. It had not yet recovered from the setback, when its media allegations about purported victories were dismissed in the wake of the launch of Iranian missiles.

"[...] Last night, tyrants and warmongers, whose only strength is air strikes and terrorist operations, trembled with fear while Muslim nations and freedom-seekers of the world were filled with joy and hope.

"The enemy, which has tried to cover up its strategic failures with tactical victories and destroy the mental and structural foundations of the resistance front through psychological warfare, thought it had pulled the plug on Hezbollah with the assassination of Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. It did not look forward to a Hezbollah much stronger than the past," Qalibaf pointed out.

The Iranian parliament speaker further noted that the Zionist regime, which sees its existence and survival in jeopardy, may think of repeating its previous mistakes and launching an act of military aggression against Iran.

"It should know that we have prepared ourselves for any possible insanity, and devised an elaborate plan. Our next response to any possible aggression will be at a very different level," he said, warning against an attack on Iran.

Qalibaf finally advised the United States, as the main sponsor of the Israeli regime, to further muzzle its rabid dog so that it neither harms itself nor causes serious trouble to its patron.

On October 2, the leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, met in Tehran with a group which included leading cadre, outstanding scientists and academics and top students from the University of Tehran entrance exams.

"In our region, the root cause of problems, which leads to conflicts, wars, concerns and hostilities and such like, results from the presence of the same people who claim to advocate peace and tranquility in the region; that is America and some European countries," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

"If they get themselves out of this region, beyond a shadow of doubt, these conflicts, these wars, these clashes will come to a complete halt, and the countries of the region will be able to govern themselves, govern their region, and live together in peace, blessing and prosperity."

Ayatollah Khamenei stressed that he would in the near future address the issues regarding the Gaza Strip and Lebanon.

(IRNA, Press TV)

U.S. Shores Up Armed Presence in Middle East

Confirming that the U.S. is fully involved in the escalation of Israel's aggression against Lebanon, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) reported on September 30 that it took "steps to further enhance the defense posture of U.S. forces throughout the Middle East region to deter aggression and mitigate the risk of a broader regional conflict."

U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin reportedly spent the weekend providing guidance to his team and receiving updates on developments in the Middle East. The measures the DoD is taking include "ordering the USS *Abraham Lincoln* carrier strike group to remain in the U.S. Central Command area of operations past its regular rotation date; reinforcement of U.S. air defence capabilities; and using U.S. forces rotating into the region to augment rather than replace forces already there." A DoD spokesperson said that some of the augmented forces being sent to the region include F-16, F-15E and F-22 fighter aircraft, as well as A-10 attack aircraft and associated personnel, adding, "We believe that we need to have the capability in the region to defend our forces and - of course, if needed - to come to the defence of Israel."

Hezbollah in Full Command of Situation in Lebanon

Hezbollah's Deputy Secretary-General, Sheikh Naim Qassem gave a speech on Tuesday October 1 which confirmed that Hezbollah is in full command of the situation despite the brutal Israeli bombardments and assassination of its general-secretary Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah and the martyrdom of other important leaders.

Sheikh Naim Qassem highlighted that the U.S. is supporting Israel with all its

capabilities, noting that Israel is committing massacres in all areas of Lebanon, trying to leave no house untouched by its aggression. Despite the challenges, he assured that the resistance will not back down from Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah's positions and that the movement is following alternative plans for its leaders. He also said that Hezbollah will choose a new Secretary-General at the earliest opportunity. Sheikh Naim Qassem said the command and control system and the Mujahideen will continue with the same precision. Loss of leaders was anticipated, alternative plans were in place and "we are following them."



Martyred Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah mourned and honoured in downtown Tehran, Iran, September 30, 2024.

"Everyone is present in the field," he said. The Islamic resistance will continue to confront the Israeli enemy, supporting Gaza and Palestine, and defending Lebanon and its people. "I want to inform you that what we are doing is the minimum as part of the plan to follow up the battle. We know the battle may be long, and the options are open before us, and we will face any possibility. [...] We are doing everything we can and addressing the assassination of cadres with alternative resources. Israel has not been able to reach our military capability, and what its media says is a dream they have not reached and will not reach."

"[...] We will choose a Secretary-General for the party at the earliest opportunity according to the party's established mechanism for selection. We will fill the leadership and positions firmly, and be assured that the options will be easy. If anyone is waiting to see what will happen, I tell you that what is happening is under normal and natural follow-up. I thank the Lebanese who showed honorable national unity in confronting the crimes of Israel and America. [...] The unity that manifested



among all sects and families in all regions is the cornerstone of Lebanon's pride. I thank the Lebanese government, political forces, municipalities, and all those who worked for standing with the truth. We are in one boat, but rest assured, God willing, victory is ours, and we have prepared what we have, and we need patience."

Hezbollah Responds to Israel's Incursions Across Blue Line

Hezbollah dismissed as "false" Israel's claim on October 1 that its forces crossed into southern Lebanon.

The Lebanese resistance movement says its fighters are ready for a "direct confrontation" if Israeli troops enter. Spokesman Mohammed Afifi made the remarks in a statement, after the Israeli military announced its troops had entered southern Lebanon earlier in the day in preparation for a ground operation. Afifi went on to say that "no direct ground clashes have yet taken place between the resistance fighters and the occupation forces," emphasizing that the allegations are false. "Hezbollah fighters are ready for a direct confrontation with enemy forces that dare to or try to enter Lebanon to inflict casualties among them."

On October 2, the Lebanese military said an Israeli military force breached the border, reaching 400 metres (about a quarter of a mile) into Lebanese territory before withdrawing.



"An Israeli enemy force breached the Blue Line by approximately 400 metres into Lebanese territory in the areas of Khirbet Yaroun and the Aadeyseh, then withdrew after a short period," the army said.

The Blue Line is a reference to the demarcation border area that separates Israel and Lebanon.

A White House National Security (NSC) spokesperson told the *Times of Israel* that the limited raids that the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launched against Hezbollah posts on the Lebanese side of

the Blue Line are "in line with Israel's right to defend its citizens and safely return civilians to their homes." "We support Israel's right to defend itself against Hezbollah and all Iranian-backed terror groups," the NSC spokesperson said.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III spoke with Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant on September 30, according to news reports. The reports say they "agreed on the necessity of dismantling attack infrastructure along the border to

ensure that Hezbollah cannot conduct October 7-style attacks on Israel's northern communities. [...] He and Minister Gallant discussed the importance of ultimately pivoting from military operations to a diplomatic pathway to provide security and stability as soon as feasible. Austin and Gallant went on to threaten Iran with serious consequences if in the event Iran chooses to launch a direct military attack against Israel."

The *Times of Israel* reported this U.S. declaration as confirmation that "The Biden administration appears to express its support for the raids that the IDF began conducting late Monday night [September 29-30] into Lebanon targeting Hezbollah sites along the border."

September 29 to October 1 Resistance Updates

Amid Israel's genocidal war on Gaza, which has killed more than 41,600 Palestinians so far, the majority of them women and children, resistance groups in Palestine and across the region continue their operations against the genocidal regime and the genocide cartel which backs it. News agencies reported 30 different operations by Palestinian and regional resistance groups on September 29 and 30. Resistance forces reporting military actions against Israeli Occupation Forces include Al Qassam Brigades; Al-Quds Brigades (Jerusalem); Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades; Hezbollah; Islamic Resistance in Iraq; and Yemen's Ansarallah forces.

September 29 Operations

The major operations carried out by the Palestinian and regional resistance groups on Sunday, September 29, are as follows:

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades:

- Targeted the gatherings of Israeli soldiers and military vehicles on the supply line in the "Netzarim" axis south of Gaza City with 107 mm rockets.
- Engaged in fierce clashes with Israeli forces in the vicinity of the besieged house in the town of A'qaba in Tubas, occupied West Bank, using machine guns and explosive devices.
- Engaged in fierce clashes with Israeli forces storming the city of Tubas, occupied West Bank, from several axes, with machine guns.

Hezbollah:

- Targeted the "Ovik" camp with a barrage of Fadi-1 missiles.
- Targeted the movements of Israeli soldiers in the "Manara" settlement with rockets.

- Targeted the "Sa'ar" settlement with a rocket barrage.
- Targeted the occupied city of Safad with a rocket barrage
- Targeted the "Rosh Pina" settlement with a rocket barrage.
- Targeted the "Sonobar" settlement with a rocket barrage.
- Targeted a gathering of Israeli forces at the "Ramia" site with artillery shells.
- Launched an aerial attack with a squadron of attack drones on the "Aliatakim" camp.
- Targeted a gathering of Israeli soldiers in the "Shtula" settlement with missile strikes.
- Targeted the Al-Samaqa site in the occupied Lebanese Kfar Shuba hills with artillery shells.
- Targeted the "Zevulun" military base with a rocket barrage.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq:

- Launched Al-Arqaqab cruise missiles at two separate vital Israeli military targets in the occupied Palestinian territories.

September 30 Operations

The major operations carried out by the Palestinian and regional resistance groups on Monday, September 30, are as follows.

Al-Qassam Brigades:

- Detonated a minefield prepared in advance against an Israeli military engineering force in the Al-Fakhari area, east of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip.
- Targeted and destroyed two Israeli military personnel carriers, a Merkava tank, and two D9 military bulldozers with explosive devices and Al-Yassin 105 shells in the Al-Fakhari area east of Khan Yunis city in the southern Gaza Strip.

Al-Quds Brigades:

- Targeted a concentration of Israeli soldiers in the vicinity of the Palace of Justice building on the "Netzarim" axis with 107mm rockets.
- Targeted the positions of Israeli military commanders in the "Abu Orihan" site and the vicinity of the Turkish Hospital in the "Netzarim" axis with 107mm rockets and heavy-caliber mortar shells.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades:

- Shelled a position of Israeli soldiers on the supply line in the "Netzarim" axis with

a short-range barrage of 107mm rockets.

Hezbollah:

- Targeted an Israeli infantry force at the "Al-Sadah" site with artillery shells.
- Targeted the "Naoura" base with a salvo of Fadi 2 rockets.
- Targeted the occupied city of "Safad" with a rocket barrage
- Targeted the settlement of "Gesher Haziv" with a rocket barrage.
- Targeted the "Sa'ar" settlement with a rocket barrage.
- Targeted the settlement of "Kabri" with a rocket salvo.
- Targeted the "Kfar Giladi" settlement with a Noor missile.
- Targeted a gathering of Israeli soldiers in "Beit Sida" with rockets.
- Targeted a gathering of Israeli soldiers in the "Yiftah" settlement with rockets.
- Targeted a gathering of Israeli soldiers in the "Al-Zaourah" military base with a rocket salvo.
- Targeted northeast of occupied Haifa with a salvo of Fadi 1 rockets.
- Targeted the movements of Israeli soldiers in the orchards opposite the towns of Adaisseh and Kfar Kila with appropriate weapons.

The Yemeni military:

- Shot down an U.S. MQ-9 drone in Saada governorate with air defences, 11th such drone downed since the start of pro-Gaza operations by Lebanon.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq:

- Launched an Al-Arqaab missile and drones at vital Israeli military targets in occupied Palestinian territories.
- Targeted a vital Israeli military target in occupied Haifa with a barrage of drones.
- Targeted a vital Israeli military target in the port of occupied Haifa with a barrage of drones.
- Targeted a vital Israeli military target in the heart of occupied territories with drones.

October 1 Operations

Below are the latest statements by the two main Resistance forces in Gaza, and the Lebanese Resistance Movement Hezbollah.

The statements were communicated via their Telegram channels and are published here in their original form.

Al-Qassam Brigades (Hamas)

"Al-Qassam Brigades targeted a Zionist Merkava tank and two D9 military bulldozers with Al-Yassin 105 shells east of Al-Fakhari, area east of Khan Younis city in the southern Gaza Strip."

Al-Qassam Brigades target enemy forces in the Netzarim axis with a number of Rajoom rockets and heavy mortar shells.

Hezbollah

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a force of Israeli enemy soldiers at the gate to the Shtula settlement with artillery shells, achieving direct hits.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 7:40 on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a movement of Israeli enemy soldiers in the Metulla site with artillery shells, inflicting direct hits.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 8:05 on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a gathering of Israeli enemy soldiers in the settlement of Metulla with a rocket barrage.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 8:55 on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a gathering of Israeli enemy soldiers in the settlement of Avivim with artillery shells.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 10:00 AM on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a gathering of Israeli enemy soldiers near the settlement of Rosh Pina with a rocket barrage.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 10:30 AM on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted the Doviv barracks with a Falaq-2 missile.

"As part of the Khaybar series of operations, and in response to the targeting of civilians and the massacres committed by the enemy, and with the call of 'We are at Your Service O Nasrallah,' the fighters of the Islamic Resistance launched a barrage of Fadi-4 missiles at the Gilot base belonging to the Military Intelligence Unit 8200 and the Mossad headquarters located in the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 11:45 AM on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a gathering of enemy soldiers between the Ramtha and Samaqa sites in the occupied Lebanese Kfar Shuba hills with 32 Katyusha rockets.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 1:40 PM on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a gathering of enemy forces at the Metulla site with artillery shells, hitting it directly.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 1:40 PM on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a gathering of enemy forces in the Kfar Giladi settlement with a barrage of

Katyusha rockets.

"As part of the Khaybar series of operations, and in response to the targeting of civilians and the massacres committed by the enemy, and with the call of 'We are at Your Service, O Nasrallah' the fighters of the Islamic Resistance launched a barrage of Fadi-4 missiles at the Sde Dov airbase located in the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 18:35 PM on Tuesday 1-10-2024, targeted a gathering of enemy forces east of the Ras Al-Naqoura coastal site with a barrage of rockets.

"The Islamic Resistance fighters targeted the Ilania base at 17:53 on Tuesday 10-19-2024 with a barrage of rockets, achieving precise hits.

"The Islamic Resistance fighters targeted a gathering of enemy forces the Metulla site at 8:00 pm on Tuesday 1-10-2024 with a barrage of rockets.

"The fighters of the Islamic Resistance, at 21:50 on Tuesday, 01-10-2024, targeted the artillery position in Beit Hillel with a rocket barrage."

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