



Pro-Palestine activists shut San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge

Tehran - IRNA - Pro-Palestinian demonstrators blocked the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco in the United States, stopping traffic completely and causing travel chaos for hours. The pro-Palestinian group «A15 Action» announced in a statement that it is coordinating demonstrations in several cities in the United States and other countries in solidarity with Palestine, IRNA quoted US media reports in the early hours of Tuesday. In every city, we will identify and block commercial highways, focusing on production and tourism with the aim of creating the greatest economic impact, the group's statement further stated, adding that similar action is planned for elsewhere such as Mexico City, Ho Chi Minh City, Sydney, Athens, New York and Johannesburg.

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to the fight against the Zionist regime and keeps advocating (the stances of) the Islamic Republic, he further noted. On April 13, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) fired dozens of drones and missiles toward the positions of the Zionist regime in the occupied Palestinian territories. The firing took place in response to the Israeli attack against Iran's consulate in Damascus, Syria, a few days earlier. "This action was in the exercise of Iran's inherent right to self-defense as outlined in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and in response to the Israeli recurring military aggressions, particularly its armed attack on 1st April 2024 against Iranian diplomatic premises, in the defiance of Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations," Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic to the United Nations (UN) Amir-Saeid Iravani said through a letter sent to the UN chief the same day.



reacted to the punitive act of the Islamic Republic against the Israeli regime which took place in response to the regime's attack on the Iranian embassy in Syria, noting that the courageous act of punishing the enemy who does not live up to any international law and understands nothing but the language of force has been taken from the teachings of Imam Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Revolution. The Resistance Front which is a united front always adheres

countries and international organizations in the reaction to over six months of horrific crimes and genocide in Gaza has encouraged the Zionist regime to commit more crimes and mount regional tensions, he further noted. The expansion of mutual ties will benefit the two nations and Islamic world, he underlined. Yemen's brave initiatives to tip scales for oppressed Gazans: Raisi
Yemen's Supreme Political Council chairman Mahdi Al-Mashat For his part, Al-Mashat

Tehran, IRNA – Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi says that Yemen's brave initiatives will tip the scales in favor of the oppressed people of Gaza. In response to a telephone call from Yemen's Supreme Political Council chairman Mahdi Al-Mashat on Tuesday, Raisi said that the heroic Yemeni nation's standing by the Palestinians will certainly be effective in deterring the crimes of the Zionist regime. Yemeni supportive measures, along with valuable actions such as magnificent marches, the explicit declaration of stances in support of the oppressed Palestinians, as well as the attempt to cut off the economic arteries of the criminal Zionist regime is the source of pride for the Islamic Ummah, he added. Referring to the hypocritical behavior of Western countries towards the criminal actions of the regime, Raisi termed the US and Western pro-Zionist countries as the biggest human rights violators in the world. The silence and inaction of these

Crushing response awaits any aggression on Iran: Armed Forces spokesperson

Tehran, IRNA — The Senior Spokesman of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi has advised the US, the UK, France, and Germany to halt advocating the Zionist regime in advancing its criminal acts. We remind the heads of state of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany to stop supporting the declining child-killing terrorist regime of Israel, Shekarchi has said. The Islamic Republic of Iran has proven that it is not a warmonger and does not seek to spread the war, he added. The response will be stronger if the regime carries out more severe aggressive act, he warned. Commenting on the combat power of Iran in conducting legitimate self-defense against the Zionist regime on April 13 in response to the Israeli attack against Iran's consulate in Damascus a few days earlier, he hailed the preparedness of Iranian missiles and drones that penetrated the so-called Iron Dome.

Israeli intelligence community failed to predict Iran's retaliation: Zionist newspaper



Hezbollah and the Houthis, but without direct Iranian involvement. However, we experienced an unprecedented, direct Iranian attack on Israel. Mossad raised the issue about a month before the operation but was not aware that the operation would take place near the Iranian embassy in central Damascus. "In response to a Sky News reporter who challenged the Israeli regime's airstrike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus on April 1, Head of the Israeli regime Isaac Herzog claimed, «It wasn't in the consulate - it was in a separate building nearby.»

Tehran, IRNA – The Israeli regime's newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth reported that the regime's intelligence community did not expect a direct response from Iran when they were deciding on an attack on the Iranian consulate in Syria. The newspaper wrote in an article on Monday that the regime's "assessment on response to Damascus assassination was lacking and doubt effectiveness of forming official coalition." The Israeli daily admitted, "The Israeli intelligence community failed to predict the Iranian retaliation before assassinating IRGC general Mohammad Reza Zahedi in Damascus. The inaccurate intelligence assessment brought us closer than ever to a regional war. When considering the assassination, Israel's intelligence community, including Mossad, estimated that Iran would not overreact overtly or directly." The Zionist regime's officials were of the opinion that the Islamic Republic would ask its allies in the region to inflict a harsh blow upon the regime. Ynetnews added, "They (Israeli officials) anticipated a harsh response from proxy forces, such as

Pres Raisi vows «painful response» to any anti-Iran act

to take deterrent measures against the continuation of the Zionist regime's crimes in Gaza, especially by Islamic countries. Meanwhile, Hamad Al Thani said that Iran and Qatar have always supported each other. Referring to Qatar's efforts to condemn the Zionist regime's aggression against Iran's consulate in Damascus, he said, «Today, we are witnessing the highest level of global and popular convergence in support of the Palestinian cause, and the Zionist regime is trying to distract the world public from its crimes by creating tension in Gaza.» He praised Iran's wisdom in designing and implementing the response to the Zionist regime's crimes, saying that it has a clear message for everyone.

some Western countries, he added. He described the Zionist regime's terrorist attack on Iran's consulate in Damascus as a sign of desperation rooted in this regime's failure to achieve its goal of attacking Gaza. Contrary to all freedom-seekers' expectations and the explicit text of international laws, the United Nations and the UN Security Council did not fulfill their minimum legal duties in condemning the attack on the Iranian consulate in Damascus, as well as their failure to stop the Zionist crimes in Gaza, Iran designed and conducted an operation against the same position from which they had attacked Iran to fulfill its right to a legitimate defense based on Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, Raisi said. He stressed the need

Tehran, IRNA – Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has stressed the fact that the slightest action against Iran's interests will be met with a severe, extensive, and painful response against all its perpetrators. Answering a phone call from Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim ibn Hamad Al Thani, Raisi referred to the recent regional developments, saying that the most important issue in the region and even the world is the continuation of the brutal genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza and the need for effective efforts to stop the Zionist regime's crimes. While the oppressed and powerful people of Gaza are still victorious in the field with their resistance, pedicide, genocide, and horrific crimes by the Zionists, are supported by the United States and

Flight restrictions suspended at all airports throughout Iran

Tehran, IRNA — Iranian airports have lifted flight restrictions and resumed normal operation days after Iran's extensive retaliatory missile and drone operation against the Zionist regime. In a statement on Tuesday, Iran Airports Company denied claims circulating on social media that Iran has established a no-fly zone in western areas of the country, saying that Iran's airways are open and there are no restrictions on flights. Flight restrictions suspended at all airports throughout Iran Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport resumed flight operations early on Monday (Apr 15, 2024), a day after the Islamic Republic concluded an extensive military operation against the Israeli regime. The IRGC launched an extensive retaliatory missile and drone operation against the Zionist regime on Saturday night in response to the regime's deadly offensive on the Iranian mission in Syria early this month

Iran Army says ready to respond to any threats instantly

Tehran, IRNA – The commander of the Iranian Army's Ground Force has expressed the country's readiness to respond to any threat at any level in the shortest time. Brigadier General Kioumars Heydari made the remarks on the sidelines of a ceremony held in Tehran on the eve of National Army Day (Farvardin 29) to renew allegiance to the late Imam Khomeini's aspirations on Tuesday. Farvardin 29 is the birthday of "our Islamic and Revolution Army," the commander noted. He added that the Iranian Army has scheduled various plans to be held in the day to unveil parts of its power, self-sufficiency and capability. The commander stressed that the Islamic Republic Army does not need foreigners even a bit. Farvardin 29, which was named by the founder of the Islamic Republic as National Army Day, is celebrated across Iran. The Day falls on April 17 this year.

Netanyahu steps up Iran rhetoric amid waning support

Tehran, IRNA- Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of the Zionist regime has stepped up his anti-Iran rhetoric and calls for the international unity to confront Tehran despite facing denunciations worldwide over the Gaza genocide and the recent attack on the Iranian embassy in Syria. In a statement on his X social network, Netanyahu wrote about what he called Iran's aggression against Israel, without mentioning the Zionist regime's attack on the Iranian consulate in Damascus, which violated international laws and the UN charter, according to IRNA citing American media. Continuing his baseless claims, the Zionist premier said that Iran, directly and through resistance groups such as Hamas and others, is carrying out "a full-scale campaign that threatens not only Israel but the entire Middle East". The statements followed the regime's failure at the UN Security Council meeting on Sunday to convince the members of the world body that Iran acted in violation of international laws.

Iran FM says legitimate self-defense, punishing Israel was only option

Tehran, IRNA – Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian has said that carrying out the defensive operation and punishing the Zionist regime was the only option left for Iran. He made the remarks in a phone call with Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres while referring to Operation Truthful Promise. He said that although the Islamic Republic was capable of conducting the operation across a wider radius, it just targeted parts of the Zionist regime's positions, «from which the [Israeli] attack against our country's Embassy in Damascus had taken place.» The security of the region is very important to Iran, but the Zionist regime has been carrying out massacre and genocide against defenseless children and women in Gaza for six months, and the US and its allies will not stop it, he added. «When will the international community act to end the genocide and crimes?» Amirabdollahian asked. Guterres, for his part, called for continued restraint from the parties involved in regional conflicts. «Yesterday, I once again condemned any attack on diplomatic places and stressed that diplomatic places should be protected,» he added. «We advise Tel Aviv to refrain from committing fresh aggression against the Islamic Republic,» Guterres stressed, expressing delight for Iran's current decision of not taking additional measures against the occupying regime if the Zionists do not commit any fresh aggression against it. The IRGC launched an extensive retaliatory missile and drone operation against the Zionist regime on Saturday night in response to its attack on the Iranian mission in Syria early this month.

'Iran showed it will not hesitate to directly attack Israel'

New York, IRNA – Iran demonstrated that it will not hesitate to directly attack Israel in response to attacks against the Islamic Republic's diplomatic mission in Syria, an American analyst says. "Iran demonstrated that it will not hesitate to directly attack Israel. The Israelis will have to consider this before future attacks against Iranian military commanders, diplomatic facilities, and other Iranian interests in Syria and elsewhere," Giorgio Cafiero, the CEO and founder of [Persian] Gulf State Analytics, told IRNA's correspondent in New York. The following is the transcript of the conversation: How do you evaluate Iran's response to Israel's missile attack on Tehran's consulate in Damascus, Syria, in the form of a large-scale military operation? After years of Israel killing high-ranking figures in Iran's military and, most recently, razing Iran's diplomatic building in Damascus, Tehran felt it needed to strike Israel directly in a mostly symbolic way that was not designed to result in much blood being spilled. The Iranian leadership's concern was that had Israel obliterated the Iranian diplomatic facility in Syria without paying a price, Israel would feel emboldened to carry out more military operations against Iranian military commanders, facilities, and interests in the Middle East. Waging this missile and drone attack against Israel was a bold move on the Islamic Republic's part. The action was risky. In this upcoming period, we will see how Israel and its Western backers respond and, ultimately, what price Tehran will pay for this retaliatory attack against Israel. Nonetheless, it seems difficult to dismiss the fact that Iran's "street cred" in Arab countries will likely enjoy a major boost after its attack on Israel. Arab governments, however, are likely to see this move by Iran as dangerous and it will be important to monitor how the fallout impacts the Iranian-Saudi détente.