

Israeli attack on Iranian Red Crescent facility 'a war crime': Envoy

Iran's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Amir Saeid Iravani has strongly condemned Israel's airstrike on the Iranian Red Crescent's humanitarian aid depot at the Syrian-Lebanese border, saying that the attack constitutes an undeniable war crime."The deliberate targeting of humanitarian and medical facilities by the Israeli regime is a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and constitutes an undeniable war crime", Iravani said in letters he wrote to the UN secretary general and the president of the UN Security Council. The attack, which the Iranian envoy called "heinous and savage", took place on October 9 and completely destroyed the Iranian facility and its supplies. On instructions from my Government, I am writing to bring to your attention and to strongly condemn the deliberate and brutal bombardment of the Iranian Red Crescent's humanitarian aid depot by the Israeli occupying regime on the night of 9 October 2024. This facility, which was located on the Syrian-Lebanese border, held essential humanitarian supplies, including 200 hospital beds, a fully equipped field hospital with 56 beds and advanced medical equipment, oxygen production units, critical medical items, two mobile bakery machines, food and drinking water, 5,000 food packages, and other vital shelter materials. This heinous attack on humanitarian aid is a flagrant violation of international law and an egregious attack on life-saving relief efforts. The humanitarian facility was established by the Iranian Red Crescent solely to provide critical assistance to displaced Lebanese civilians and victims of the Israeli regime's relentless and barbaric aggres sion, offering a vital lifeline to those suffering in the face of such atrocities. The Red Crescent of the Islamic Republic of Iran had formally informed the International Committee of the Red Cross of its intention to establish this humanitarian aid center. Yet, despite its clear humanitarian purpose, the facility and its supplies were completely destroyed in this savage and terrorist attack. The deliberate targeting of humanitarian and medical facilities by the Israeli regime is a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and constitutes an undeniable war crime. Under international law, any attack on civilian infrastructure, particularly humanitarian and medical facilities, equipment, and hospitals, is unequivocally prohibited. These centers and their equipment are afforded absolute protection without exception and must be respected and safeguarded at all times.



Pezeshkian-Putin meeting to speed up expansion of relation

Iranian ambassador to Moscow while rerring to Friday meeting Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin said that given the element of neighborhood and common approaches of Tehran and Moscow in the field of regional and international issues, this meeting will accelerate the development of relations. «Relations between Iran and Russia are very important, and considering that «we faced a change of government in Iran in the past months, it was naturally necessary for the two presidents to meet as soon as possible so that the development of relations could gain more momentum,» the Iranian ambassador Kazem Jalali told IRNA.

Hezbollah destroys four Israeli military bases



The Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah said early on Saturday that it had targeted and destroyed four Israeli military bases. According to resistance media outlets, Hezbollah hit a gathering of Israeli soldiers at the Al-Jarrah base with missiles. The Zar'it base was also among the targets destroyed by the Lebanese resistance group. Additionally, Hezbollah said it

bases in the occupied Golan
Heights, including Soma Base.
Hezbollah's operations command also issued a statement
on Friday night, saying that
Israeli soldiers failed in their
attempt to advance on Lebanese territory. The statement
said that Israeli forces were only
able to enter a few houses in
border villages just to take pho-

tos, according to a report from Al Jazeera. Hezbollah emphasized that homes and military bases used to manage Israeli settlements remain key targets of its ongoing operations. Meanwhile, Israel confirmed that two drones had been fired from Lebanon toward Tel Aviv. One reportedly hit the Gush Dan area of the city. The other one, hit the northern area of Herzliya where Israeli police said damage was caused. The drone strike on Herzliya reportedly caused a power outage. Since late September, Israel has been conducting extensive military operations in Lebanon. According to Lebanon's Health Ministry, these attacks have resulted in hundreds of deaths and thousands of injuries. In response, Hezbollah has escalated its attacks on Israeli military positions and settlements in northern occupied territories, launching hundreds of rockets in recent days.

Hezbollah launches new attacks on Haifa, occupied Golan

The Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah has started a new wave of attacks against the Israeli regime's bases in Haifa and the occupied Golan Heights of Syria. From early hours on Saturday, Hezbollah started the attacks and also targeted an explosives manufacturing factory in Haifa, according to the Hezbollah statement. To support the Palestinians resistance movement Hamas, the people in Gaza and the Lebanese nation, Hezbollah targeted a Zionist military gathering with missiles

in al-Jardah base, the statement says. Hezbollah also says it targeted the enemy's position in Mi'ilya early today. Hezbollah fighters targeted an Israeli bulldozer with a drone. The bulldozer was trying to exit Ramya base. Zarit was among the military bases attacked by Hezbollah, according to the statement. Further, Hezbollah announced in separate statements on Saturday that it had targeted Houma military base in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights with missiles. On September 23, the

army of the Israeli regime started massive ongoing attacks across southern Lebanon. According to the Lebanese Ministry of Health, the aggressions have claimed the lives of hundreds of people and injured thousands of others. Five days later, Hezbollah announced the martyrdom of Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah after massive Israeli attacks in southern Beirut. To retaliate, Hezbollah carried out many operations against the Israeli bases and settlements in northern occupied Palestine.

Iranian parliament speaker pilots flight to Beirut amid Israeli attacks

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Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bager Qalibaf has piloted a flight to Lebanese capital Beirut amid the ongoing Israeli airstrikes on the Arab country.Qalibaf arrived in Beirut on Saturday morning at the invitation of his Lebanese counterpart Nabih Berri. Upon arrival at the city's airport, he told reporters that he would meet Lebanese officials to convey a message from Iran's Supreme Leader as well as officials and people that the Islamic Republic stands in solidarity with the Lebanese people, government, and

Qalibaf is the second Iranian official to visit Lebanon since Israel started its intense airstrikes on the Arab country late last month. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi visited Lebanon on October 4 for talks with top officials there. Later on Saturday, the Iranian speaker will leave Beirut for Geneva, Switzerland, where he is scheduled to attend the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) taking place on October 13-17

At the IPU meeting, Qalibaf said



he will speak about the Israeli regime's crimes against the people of Gaza and Lebanon and will elaborate on activities of the Palestinian and Lebanese resistance groups in defending their countries.

Pezeshkian calls for more contribution of academia to Iran's technological progress



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has called on the country's academia to further contribute to the technological progress of the Islamic Republic.Pezeshkian was speaking at the University of Tehran on Saturday on the occasion of the beginning of the new academic year in Iran. "We have pinned our hope to the university students and instructors," he said. "Of course, the industry and production sectors are also of prime importance for the country." Pezeshkian urged the university students and professors to take concrete actions to deal with the problems in the country. He said

that he welcomes reasonable remarks regardless of the speakers' political backgrounds. The Iranian president called on all experts in various fields including economics, agriculture, industry, culture, and sociology to play a role in line with tackling the local challenges. Pezeshkian calls for more contribution of academia to Iran's technological progressIn a related development, Minister of Science, Research and Technology of Iran Hossein Simaei called for achieving common solutions to resolve the problems. He deemed it necessary to rely on critical thinking and science when it comes to finding common solutions.

Iran FM to visit Egypt in coming days: Report

The New Arab news outlet has said that Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi may visit Egypt in the coming days. The New Arab website said in an Arabic language report that Araghchi will leave for Cairo on an official visit in the coming days and will consult with Egyptian officials about common issues and the latest regional developments. It added that the visit is expected to strengthen ties between Iran and Egypt and comes at a sensitive time in the region. Accordingly, Araghchi is scheduled to meet and hold talks with President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, Director of the General Intelligence Directorate of Egypt Abbas Kamel, and Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty. The agenda of this visit is to discuss the latest developments in the Red Sea region and Yemen, the latest developments in the Gaza Strip, the aggression of the Zionist regime in Lebanon, as well as consultation on ways to de-escalate tensions in the region. According to The New Arab website, Araghchi is supposed to convey the message of Iranian President, Masoud Pezeshkian, regarding the steps to de-escalate tensions in the region to the Egyptian officials. In a phone conversation on Monday, Araghchi and his Egyptian counterpart Badr Abdelatty discussed regional tensions, especially the situations in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip.

'Israeli attack on Iranian Red Crescent facility violated int'l humanitarian law'

Secretary of Iran's High Council for Human Rights Kazem Gharibabadi has said that Israel's airstrike on the Iranian Red Crescent's humanitarian aid depot at the Syrian-Lebanese border is a war crime and violation of international humanitarian law."The attack by the Zionist regime on the 56-bed field hospital of the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Syria along with its medicine warehouse on October 9, 2024, and setting it on fire, while creating a serious obstacle to the provision of humanitarian services, is considered a war crime," Gharibabadi said on his X account on Saturday.He added that the Israeli attack is also "a violation of the principles and rules of international humanitarian law contained in the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the customary international humanitarian rules, which absolutely prohibit any attack on civilian places and centers, especially medical centers and hospitals." Earlier, Iran's Ambassador to the United Nations Amir Saeid Iravani strongly condemned the attack in letters he sent to the UN chief and the Security Council's president.