

The Iranian Foreign Ministry's statement regarding the Zionist regime's acts of aggression

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran condemns in the strongest terms the Zionist regime's acts of aggression against a number of military sites in Iran as a blatant violation of international law and the United Nations Charter, particularly the principle prohibiting the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of countries.

As repeatedly emphasized by the competent authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, based on the inherent right of self-defense, as also reflected in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, the Islamic Republic of Iran considers itself entitled and obliged to defend against acts of external aggression.

The Islamic Republic of Iran stresses the use of all material and spiritual capabilities of the Iranian nation to defend its vital security interests, while also being cognizant of its responsibilities for regional peace and security. It emphasizes the individual and collective responsibility of all regional countries to safeguard regional peace and stability and expresses gratitude to all peace-loving countries in the region and beyond who have condemned Israel's aggressive actions and expressed their disgust over the regime's warmongering posture.

Undoubtedly, the continuation of occupation, illegal actions, and crimes by the Zionist regime in the region, particularly the genocide against the Palestinian people and aggression against Lebanon – perpetuated by comprehensive military

and political support from the United States and certain other Western countries – remains the main cause of tension and insecurity in the region.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, recalling the responsibility of each and every member State of the United Nations, the member States of the "Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide," and the member States of the "Four Geneva Conventions of 1949," emphasizes the urgent need for collective action in response to the gross violations of international law, the UN Charter, the Genocide Convention, and international humanitarian law, which are simultaneously considered serious breaches of international peace and security.

The Islamic Republic of Iran also stresses the necessity for immediate and urgent mobilization of the global community to stop the Israeli regime's genocide, war, and aggression against Gaza and Lebanon, and to rein in the regime's warmongering.