

# *Iranian state media says new missile and drone attack launched against Israel*

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Israeli search and rescue team conduct operation amid the rubble of destroyed building after the attacks of Iranian army following the launch of large-scale Israeli strikes against Iran in Rishon LeZion, Israel on June 14, 2025. [Mostafa Alkharouf/Anadolu Agency]

Tehran, June 14 (RHC)-- Iran's official news agency IRNA says Iranian forces are carrying out a hybrid attack with drones accompanying the missiles targeting Israeli cities, with explosions heard across the occupied territories.

Israel's Channel 13 cites "initial reports" late Saturday that Iranian missiles have hit the northern coastal city of Haifa and neighboring town of Tamra. Videos posted to social media, and verified by Al Jazeera's Sanad, showed Iranian cruise missiles in the skies of northern Israel.

The Israeli military, in the meantime, says it is now attacking military targets in Iran's capital, Tehran.

Earlier on Saturday, Iran said that Israel intensified its military campaign against it for a second consecutive day, targeting key infrastructure and dealing another blow to the country's struggling economy, as the conflict spirals towards a potential sustained all-out war.

Iranian officials confirmed that a blaze had erupted at the South Pars gas field – one of the country's most vital energy sources – after it was struck by Israeli forces on Saturday.

Production from part of the field has been suspended, with state-affiliated media reporting that 12 million cubic metres (423 million cubic feet) of gas from Phase 14 have been temporarily halted. Though Iranian authorities later said the fire had been extinguished, the scale of the disruption remains unclear.

An Israeli official stated the strike was intended as a direct warning to Tehran. The message appears to be part of a broader strategy to cripple Iran's economic and military capabilities, according to Fox News.

The Israeli Broadcasting Authority cited an official as saying: "We attacked another Iranian gas field after Bushehr, and national infrastructure is on the list."

Energy expert Manouchehr Takin told Al Jazeera that targeting South Pars – crucial for domestic consumption and commercial use – would deepen Iran's internal energy crisis. "This is an attempt to paralyse Iran's economy," Takin said. "The domestic gas network was already under pressure due to sanctions and mismanagement."

Al Jazeera's Nour Odeh, reporting from Amman, said the move marked a shift in strategy. "Israel has previously targeted Iran's military infrastructure, nuclear scientists and missile facilities. Now it's going after civilian economic assets," she said, warning that the economic impact could be severe if damage is extensive.

Iran reels from civilian toll and pledges retaliation

Tehran reported at least 80 people killed and more than 320 injured, including women and children, following Israeli strikes on both military and residential sites across the capital.

Among the dead are reportedly nine nuclear scientists. Iran hit back with a barrage of missiles that penetrated Israel's high-tech missile defence system, with at least four deaths and more than 200 injuries recorded in Israel since Friday.

Iranian state media also claimed the downing of an Israeli F-35 fighter jet, one of the most advanced aircraft in Israel's arsenal. While several Iranian news outlets have cited a military statement confirming the incident, there is no official footage or visual evidence, and Israeli officials have dismissed the reports as fabricated.

Reporting from Tehran, Al Jazeera's Tohid Asadi noted growing public anger. "Many Iranians are frustrated that non-military targets were hit," he said. "There had been hope weeks ago with talks on the table. Now, there's only uncertainty and fear of escalation."

The cancelled talks were originally set to take place in Oman on Sunday.

U.S. President Donald Trump had tied the diplomatic effort to Iran's agreement to roll back its nuclear programme. But Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said negotiations were off the table while "barbarous" Israeli attacks continued.

Meanwhile, the Israeli military claimed to have struck more than 150 Iranian targets and warned its operation could continue for weeks. Defence Minister Israel Katz issued a stark warning: "If Khamenei continues to fire missiles at the Israeli home front, Tehran will burn."

Iran hinted at a potential closure of the Strait of Hormuz – a crucial oil shipping lane – should the conflict deepen. Tehran also warned that any foreign military bases aiding Israel could face retaliatory strikes.

Iran's capacity for external retaliation, however, has weakened. After nearly two years of war in Gaza and last year's conflict in Lebanon, its key regional allies – Hamas and Hezbollah – are significantly depleted, narrowing Iran's military options.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke by phone with both Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian. In both calls, Erdogan blamed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for fuelling the crisis.

According to a statement from Erdogan's office, he told bin Salman that Israel poses the greatest threat to regional stability and urged an immediate halt to its actions. "The only way to resolve the nuclear dispute is through negotiations," Erdogan said, warning of a potential refugee crisis if the situation spirals further.

The Turkish president also accused Israel of using attacks on Iran to distract from what he labelled a genocide in Gaza. "Netanyahu is trying to set the region on fire and sabotage diplomatic efforts," Erdogan said, according to the statement.

As international concern mounts, US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin held a 50-minute call on Saturday.

While Trump praised Israel's strikes and warned Iran of harsher consequences, Putin expressed grave concern and called for a halt to the military campaign. Both leaders, however, left the door open to a possible return to nuclear talks.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi spoke to his Iranian and Israeli counterparts and made clear Beijing's support for Tehran.

Wang told Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi that Beijing "supports Iran in safeguarding its national sovereignty, defending its legitimate rights and interests, and ensuring the safety of its people", according to a statement by the foreign ministry.

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