

True Promise III: Iran's new missile barrage sends Israeli settlers fleeing back to shelters



Tehran, June 16 (RHC)-- The eighth round of Operation 'True Promise III' against the Zionist entity was carried out by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) early on Monday.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched a fresh wave of missile strikes – the eighth since Friday – against the occupied territories as part of “Operation True Promise III.”

At approximately 4:50 a.m. local time on Monday, hundreds of missiles were fired from Iran toward strategic and sensitive targets in Tel Aviv and Haifa. The retaliatory operation, which was launched on Friday, is being carried out under the code name “Ya Ali ibn Abi Talib,” coinciding with the blessed occasion of Eid al-Ghadir.

Sirens blared across the occupied territories as Israeli authorities ordered settlers to immediately seek refuge in underground shelters, according to Israeli media reports.

Videos circulating on social media captured Iranian missiles breaching multiple layers of Israel's air defense systems to strike their designated targets.

Among the sites hit, the Haifa power plant was seen engulfed in flames following an Iranian missile strike, as shown in a widely shared video.

Located in the northern occupied territories, Haifa power plant is a critical component of the Zionist entity's energy infrastructure and has come under a series of attacks since October 7, 2023.

The plant, guarded by the much-hyped Arrow 3 air defense system, was attacked and destroyed by an Iranian missile attack, according to Israeli media.

According to the Israeli media reports, the occupation army called on settlers not to film the locations where missiles made impact and created scenes of devastation.

A massive power outage was reported across central parts of the occupied territories shortly after Iranian missiles struck their designated targets, plunging several areas into darkness.

One of the missiles reportedly hit a high-rise building in Ramat Gan, causing severe structural damage. In Petah Tikva, municipal officials confirmed that a missile struck a building there as well, prompting emergency and rescue teams to rush to the scene to provide medical assistance.

In a jibe aimed at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli media quoted a settler saying, “When we emerge from the shelters after this wave of missile strikes ends, we’ll find the ‘complete victory’ Netanyahu promised proudly displayed across Tel Aviv’s shattered squares.”

Preliminary estimates indicate that at least eight buildings have been destroyed in the latest wave of Iranian missile strikes, with more than two dozen settlers reported injured.

There are also reports of dozens of settlers trapped beneath the rubble of collapsed buildings in Tel Aviv, as rescue teams work to pull them out.

On Sunday, Iran’s armed forces issued a stern warning to settlers in the occupied territories, advising them to evacuate immediately for their own safety.

Colonel Reza Sayyad, spokesperson for Iran’s Armed Forces Communications Center, warned settlers that remaining in the area would place their lives in grave danger, as Iran prepares for a “crushing” retaliation to recent Israeli military aggression.

“Leave the occupied territories. Leaving this occupied land is the only way to preserve your lives,” Colonel Sayyad said in the video statement, slamming the “Zionist regime” for criminal aggression against the Islamic Republic.

This retaliatory operation follows Israeli aggression on the Islamic Republic of Iran that started on Friday morning and has resulted in the assassinations of many high-ranking Iranian military commanders, nuclear scientists, and civilians, including children and women.

Among those martyred are Major General Mohammad Bagheri, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces; IRGC Commander-in-Chief Hossein Salami; Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the IRGC Aerospace Division; senior IRGC commander General Gholam Ali Rashid; and Brigadier General Mohammad Kazemi, head of the IRGC's Intelligence Organization.

Nuclear scientists Dr. Fereydoon Abbasi, Dr. Mohammad Mehdi Tehranchi, and Dr. Abdolhamid Minoucher were also martyred in separate attacks.

Before the True Promise III operation was launched on Friday, Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, said the Zionist regime made a "big mistake, a grave error" by targeting civilian areas across Iran and warned that the consequences will "ruin them."

"The Iranian nation will not overlook the blood of its precious martyrs and will not ignore the aggression against its sky," he declared in a televised message.

In the strikes on Sunday morning, the IRGC struck the Israeli regime's fighter jet fuel production facilities and energy supply lines in Haifa with a massive barrage of missiles and drones.

Brigadier General Ali Mohammad Naeini, the spokesperson for the IRGC, said the operations of the Iranian armed forces will continue with "even greater force and scale" if the acts of aggression persist.

On Sunday afternoon, the IRGC carried out another wave of missile and drone strikes against the Zionist regime, as huge explosions were heard in upper and lower Galilee, Haifa, Afula, and Nazareth.

Sirens sounded in the occupied territories and Israeli settlers were seen fleeing towards shelters.

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