

Iran holds war-mongering U.S. responsible for consequences of its aggression



Tehran, June 22 (RHC)-- Iran's foreign ministry has strongly condemned the brutal military aggression against Iran's peaceful nuclear facilities, calling it "a grave and unprecedented violation of the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law."

In a statement on Sunday, hours after the aggression took place, the ministry said it holds the "war-mongering and lawless" US regime "fully responsible for the dangerous consequences and far-reaching implications of this egregious act of aggression and heinous crime."

“The US military aggression against the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of a UN member state—carried out in collusion with the genocidal Israeli regime—once again laid bare the depth of depravity that governs American foreign policy and revealed the extent of hostility harbored by the US ruling establishment against the peace-seeking and independence-loving people of Iran,” read the statement.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, it added, is determined “to defend Iran's territory, sovereignty, security and people by all force and means against the United States' criminal aggression.”

The ministry said the aggression has “unequivocally exposed Washington’s criminal complicity with the Zionist regime in orchestrating and waging a war against Iran.”

“This act of aggression, perpetrated by a permanent member of the Security Council, against Iran’s peaceful nuclear facilities constitutes not only a flagrant breach of the UN Charter—especially the prohibition of the use of force under Article 2(4) and the obligation to respect states' territorial integrity and sovereignty—but also a violation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2231 and a devastating blow to the global non-proliferation regime,” it noted.

“Silence in the face of such blatant aggression would plunge the world into an unprecedented level of danger and chaos.”

The ministry said the Islamic Republic reminds the United Nations, the UN Security Council, the UN Secretary-General, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and other relevant international bodies of their responsibilities to take “urgent and decisive action in response to this appalling breach of international law.”

“We urge the UN Security Council to convene an emergency session to unequivocally condemn this criminal act of aggression by the United States against Iran and to hold the United States accountable for its egregious violation of the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter and of the norms of international law,” read the statement.

“The responsibility of the IAEA and its Director General—who, through evident bias in favor of warmongering parties, paved the way for this recent catastrophe—is now clearer than ever. We call on the IAEA Board of Governors to immediately convene and carry out its legal responsibility in response to this dangerous U.S. attack on Iran’s peaceful nuclear facilities, all of which have been under the Agency’s full safeguards and monitoring.

The ministry said the world must not forget that it was the US that, in the middle of a diplomatic process, betrayed diplomacy by supporting the genocidal and lawbreaking Israeli regime to impose a war of aggression on the Iranian nation.

“Now, in completion of that regime’s unlawful and criminal acts, the United States itself has launched a dangerous war against the Islamic Republic of Iran,” it said, adding that it has now become abundantly clear to all that “the very regime which enjoys permanent membership in the Security Council is beholden to no principle or morality and will stop at no illegality or crime to serve the aims of a genocidal, occupying regime.”

The US aggression against Iranian nuclear sites was reported in the early hours of Sunday, announced by US President Donald Trump himself on his social media platforms.

In response, the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) strongly condemned the aggression on the three sites that operate under the full supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the “brutal assault” on them violates international law.

The AEOI said the aggression was carried out “under the indifference—or rather the complicity—of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).”

“The international community is expected to condemn this lawlessness based on jungle rules and to stand with Iran in asserting its legitimate rights,” read the statement.

“The organization has placed on its agenda all necessary actions to defend the rights of the noble Iranian people, including legal follow-up measures.”

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