

Iran issues statement after targeting U.S. military base in Qatar in retaliatory operation



The remnants of an Iranian missile intercepted over Qatar, as it lies on a pavement near a fence, are seen on June 23, 2025 [AFPTV]

Tehran, June 23 (RHC)-- Iranian armed forces have launched a missile barrage at American military bases in Qatar in a retaliatory operation a day after Iranian nuclear sites were targeted by U.S. bombers.

In a statement following the successful retaliatory operation codenamed 'Tidings of Victory', Iranian armed forces said it came in response to the "blatant military aggression by the criminal regime of the United States" against the nuclear facilities of the Islamic Republic.

The statement described the U.S. aggression as "a clear violation of international law" and added that under the directive of the Supreme National Security Council and the command of the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters (PBUH), the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), using the sacred code "Ya Aba Abdillah al-Hussain (AS)," launched a powerful and devastating missile strike on the Al Udeid base in Qatar.

This base serves as the headquarters of the U.S. Air Force Command and represents the most strategic asset of the American military in West Asia.

"The message of this decisive action by the sons of the nation in the armed forces to the White House and its allies is clear and direct," the statement noted, adding that the Islamic Republic of Iran will "never leave any violation of its territorial integrity, sovereignty, or national security unanswered."

The statement issued in Tehran further said that the American enemy's aggression has "exposed to all that Zionist malice is simply a continuation of U.S. strategy" while reminding all that in this national defense, American military bases and assets in the region "are not points of strength but critical vulnerabilities — the Achilles' heel of this warmongering regime."

"On the eve of the month of Muharram, the time of mourning for the Master of Martyrs, Imam Aba Abdillah al-Hussain (AS), we once again warn the enemies of Islamic Iran that the era of 'hit and run' is over," the armed forces stated.

The statement noted that the will of the powerful, people-backed armed forces is such that "any repeat of these hostile actions will only hasten the collapse of America's military presence in the region, lead to their disgraceful retreat from West Asia, and fulfill the shared dream of the Islamic Ummah and freedom-loving nations — the eradication of the cancerous Zionist entity."

Teetering on the brink of defeat, the Israeli regime involved Americans on Sunday to target three Iranian nuclear sites in Natanz, Isfahan and Fordow, which amounted to a grave violation of the UN Charter, international law, and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The American assault came more than a week after the Israeli regime launched an unprovoked and unlawful aggression against the Islamic Republic, leading to the assassination of many top-ranking military commanders, scientists and ordinary civilians.

In response, Iranian armed forces have since June 13 targeted numerous sensitive and strategic Israeli military, intelligence and industrial centers in the occupied territories.

Iranian officials had warned that the American aggression would not go unpunished. Prior to the attack, it had also warned all regional countries against allowing their soil to be used by the US for any act of aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In a separate statement, the Supreme National Security Council said the operation on Monday was in response to the "brazen and aggressive act" by the United States against Iran's nuclear facilities, carried out by the powerful armed forces of the Islamic Republic.

The number of missiles used in this successful operation, it said, matched the number of bombs the U.S. regime employed in its attack on Iran's nuclear facilities.

The statement added that the base targeted by Iran's capable forces was located far from urban infrastructure and residential areas in Qatar, without posing any threat to Qatar. "The Islamic Republic of Iran remains committed to maintaining and continuing its warm and historic relations with Qatar," he stated.

Ahead of the operation on Monday evening, Qatari authorities had ordered the closure of its airspace and the U.S. embassy in Doha had also evacuated its staff.

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