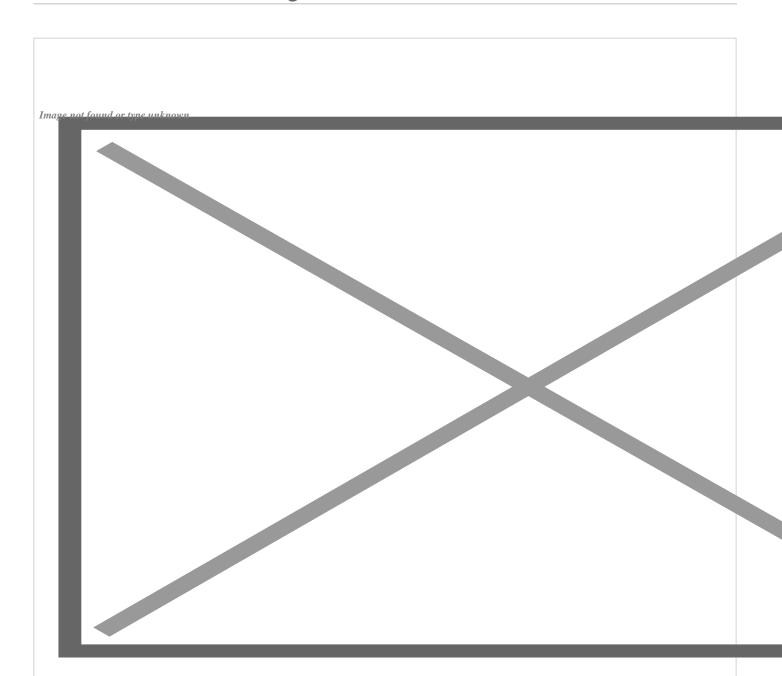
Iran calls on UN Security Council to hold Israeli regime accountable for its crimes



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United Nations, June 14 (RHC)-- Iran's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Amir Saeed Iravani, addressed an emergency session of the UN Security Council following the Israeli military aggression against the Islamic Republic.

He called on the UN Security Council to "strongly condemn" the "illegal aggression" by the Israeli regime and demanded urgent and concrete measures by the world body to hold the regime accountable and prevent further destabilization of international peace and security.

Israel launched a series of premeditated and coordinated attacks early on Friday, targeting multiple Iranian cities, including nuclear facilities and vital civilian infrastructure. The envoy described the Natanz nuclear site in central Iran's Isfahan province – under full International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards – as a primary target.

"These criminal and savage attacks have killed at least 78 people, including senior military officials and innocent civilians, among them women and children, with over 320 wounded," he told the gathering.

Iravani described the latest strikes as deliberate massacres and acts of terrorism, violating international law and human conscience.

The ambassador criticized the UN Security Council and UN nuclear agency for their inaction in response to Iran's repeated warnings about Israeli threats to its nuclear facilities, accusing them of emboldening the regime to escalate aggression and cross red lines.

Iravani emphasized the potential catastrophic radiological consequences of attacks on safeguarded nuclear sites, warning that the effects could extend far beyond Iran's borders.

He said Israel's aggression also violated the sovereignty of Iraq, whose airspace was used for the aggression, with the Iraqi permanent mission to the UN formally protesting the breach.

The ambassador held the United States responsible for enabling the Israeli strikes, citing Washington's intelligence, political support, and weapons transfers. "The complicity of the United States in these terrorist acts is undeniable," he said.

Iran reaffirmed its inherent right to self-defense under Article 51 of the UN Charter.

Recalling Security Council Resolution 487 (1981), which condemned Israel's previous attack on Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor, Iravani called on the council to enforce international law and hold Israel accountable. He stressed that decades of inaction and double standards have emboldened Israel's aggressive conduct.

"Any failure to act now," he warned, "would signify the collapse of the international system and invite chaos."

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