

## Iranian missile barrage sparks fires in Haifa, Kiryat Gat; eight people hurt

*IDF says to expect more missile attacks, urges citizens to follow instructions; also says it has shot down more than 100 drones since Friday, and not one drone has impacted*

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) and [Nurit Yohanan](#) 15 June 2025, 11:49 pm



*The scene in Haifa after an Iranian ballistic missile attack, June 15, 2025. (Magen David Adom)*

**Iran launched several barrages of ballistic missiles at Israel on Sunday, with an attack in the evening resulting in several impacts and falling shrapnel, injuring eight people, damaging property and sparking several fires.**

**Seven people were injured in Haifa and another in a town near Kiryat Gat, with one person moderately hurt and the rest lightly injured, according to the Magen David Adom ambulance service. Nine people were treated for acute anxiety.**

Those requiring attention, including the moderately wounded 72-year-old woman, who presented signs of smoke inhalation, were transferred to local hospitals, MDA said.

Earlier, **around 4 p.m., Iran launched another barrage of missiles at Israel**, according to the Israel Defense Forces, sending millions to bomb shelters. Most of the projectiles were intercepted by air defenses; there were no reports of impacts in residential areas.

**Also Sunday, dozens of drones were launched from Iran at Israel** and intercepted.

The **latest missile attacks came after Iran launched some 70 ballistic missiles** over the previous night, resulting in several direct hits that killed 11 people, including two children, and wounded hundreds. The missile attacks have come in response to Israel's ongoing bombing campaign in Iran targeting its nuclear and ballistic missile programs, which Israel has described as an existential threat.

**The IDF said Sunday night that over 100 drones launched from Iran have been intercepted** by the Israeli Air Force and Israeli Navy since the beginning of the operation. So far, no drones have struck Israel.

The **figure included dozens of drones launched at Israel on Sunday**, including 20 within an hour in the afternoon and seven within an hour in the morning. Most were intercepted before reaching Israel, and the rest were intercepted as they reached Israel or inside the country.

The **drones were shot down by IAF fighter jets** and helicopters, and Navy missile boats.

On Friday, Iran launched around 100 drones at Israel, many of which were intercepted by the IDF, while others either fell short or were shot down by Jordan.

**Separately, one rocket launched from the southern Gaza Strip struck an open area in southern Israel on Sunday night.** There were no reports of injuries in the attack. Sirens had sounded in Ein HaBesor, Magen, and Nir Oz.

**Iraqi militia says Tehran doesn't need its help**

The **secretary general of the Iraqi Hezbollah Brigades — one of the largest pro-Iranian militias in Iraq, separate from the similarly named group in Lebanon— implied Sunday that it won't involve itself in the fighting unless the US gets involved.**

"Iran does not need military support from anyone to deter the Zionist entity. It has sufficient personnel and capabilities for that," Abu Hussein al-Hamidawi said in an interview with an Iraqi news outlet.

He said the militia is monitoring the situation and warned that if the United States intervenes in the fighting between Israel and Iran, it will directly target American interests and bases in the region.



*Members of the Hezbollah brigades, Kataeb Hezbollah, attend the funeral of a fighter killed in a US strike earlier in the day, during a funeral in Baghdad on November 22, 2023. (AHMAD AL-RUBAYE / AFP)*

Following the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led assault in Israel, pro-Iranian militias in Iraq attacked US bases and launched drones toward Israel. But amid reports of an agreement between the militias and the Iraqi government, they have not conducted operations against either Israel or the United States since December 2024.

Hezbollah in Lebanon has also stayed out of the current fighting, reportedly due to domestic pressure

and fear of an Israeli response. The terror group was devastated by two months of open war with Israel last year, ending with a November 2024 ceasefire agreement.

**IDF: 'Challenging days are ahead'**

**Further Iranian missile attacks on Israel are expected in the coming days, IDF Spokesman Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin said** in a press conference on Sunday.

"Challenging days are ahead. There will be more launches and impacts in the coming days," Defrin said, noting that the Israeli Air Force is "not stopping its strikes [in Iran] for a moment."



*IDF Spokesman Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin speaks at a press conference on June 15, 2025. (Screen capture/IDF)*

**The IDF Home Front Command said Sunday night, following a fresh assessment, that there were no changes to guidelines** for civilians amid the conflict with Iran.

All gatherings are prohibited, and schools will not open. Workplaces are also closed, apart from those deemed critical.

The guidelines remain in effect until Tuesday night, when the Home Front Command will conduct another assessment.

Israel's leaders have urged citizens to follow the [Home Front Command's instructions](#) at all times.

In the event of a missile attack, citizens are expected to enter a protected room in their apartment if they have one, or to enter a building's shelter or a communal shelter, or a school's shelter if not. The IDF has noted that underground spaces, such as parking lots, are not safe spaces unless they are specifically designated as such.

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## Israel comes under heavy missile attack, direct hits reported, dozens hurt

**Dozens are hurt in multiple impact sites, including a 10-year-old child in serious condition and a newborn; extensive damage is caused to residential blocks in Tel Aviv, Petach Tikva, Haifa, Bnei Brak**

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**Residential blocks in Tel Aviv suffered direct hits from Iranian missiles in the latest attack on Israel in the early morning hours on Monday. Dozens were hurt, including a 10-year-old boy in serious condition and a newborn baby. At least two residential high-rise buildings sustain direct hits in the greater Tel Aviv area.**

Emergency teams in Tel Aviv after a missile hits the city center

*Missile hits residential blocks in Tel Aviv (Photo: Yuval Chen)*

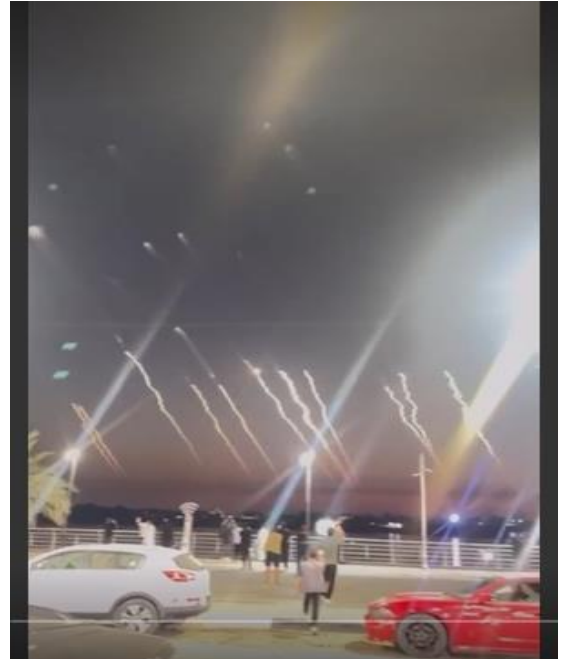


Initial reports early on Monday indicated that a number of locations were hit in the latest barrage of missiles fired from Iran. Emergency teams said they were responding to calls. In the north sirens warned of drones still threatening the area.



*Missile hits  
Tel Aviv on  
Monday  
(Photo: Leo  
Correa / AP)*

*Missiles  
launched in  
Iran toward  
Israel*



*Damage  
in Petach  
Tikva after  
a missile  
strike*



**Fire broke out in a residential building in Petach Tikva after a missile landed there. Magen David Adom (MDA) medics were on the scene, treating a number of people suffering slight injuries.**

**Missiles also fall on Haifa in the north. Iran launched a heavy attack of missiles and drones in the pre-dawn hours.**



*Iran missiles intercepted over Tel Aviv  
(Photo: Itay Cohen / Reuters)*



Missile lands in Tel Aviv causing fire  
(Photo: Dana Kopel)



Emergency teams in Tel Aviv after missile fire (Dana Kopel)



Residential block in Tel Aviv destroyed in missile strike  
(Photo: Dana Kopel)

**IDF alerted everyone in Israel to remain near shelters ahead of an expected missile attack, after reports in Iran that Israeli fighters attacked the underground uranium enrichment facility at Fordow.**

**Authorities later reported that two more bodies were pulled out from the site of Saturday's Iranian missile strike in Bat Yam, raising the death toll to nine.**

Earlier, [Home Front Command](#) issued updated safety instructions for residents across several regions, including [Tel Aviv](#) and the Dan region, [Jerusalem](#), the Shephelah, the Sharon, Judea and Samaria, the Yarkon area, Lachish, the Jordan Valley and Beit She'an, urging them to remain close to protected shelters ahead of an impending attack from [Iran](#). Even after more than an hour, the IDF said the order is in place until further notice.



The underground uranium enrichment facility at Fordow (Photo: AFP PHOTO / Satellite image ©2025 Maxar Technologies)

**The IDF advised minimizing public movement and avoiding gatherings. "Upon hearing a warning siren, enter a protected space immediately and remain there until an official update is issued," the statement said.**

Shortly after the alert, the military announced that the [Israeli Air Force](#) was actively striking surface-to-surface missile sites in central Iran in what appears to be a preemptive operation. Iranian media reported that air defense

systems were activated near key nuclear and military sites in Isfahan, Qom and Parchin, just prior to expected missile launches toward Israel.

**Meanwhile, a senior official told Reuters that Iran has informed Qatari and Omani mediators it will not enter ceasefire negotiations with Israel while strikes on its territory continue.** The official said

Tehran would only consider “serious talks” after completing its response to Israeli attacks.

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## 8 killed, nearly 300 injured as Iranian ballistic missiles strike central Israel, Haifa

**4 killed in Petah Tikva, 3 in Haifa, 1 in Bnei Brak; US embassy branch in Tel Aviv lightly damaged; Katz says ‘Tehran residents will pay the price,’ then clarifies civilians won’t be physically harmed**

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

Today, 1:29 pm Updated at 5:39 pm



*Rubble and emergency forces seen at sites of Iranian strikes in Bnei Brak, Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva, central Israel, on June 16, 2025. (Chen Kalifa/Reuters/Oren Ziv/Raanan Cohen/AFPTV/AFP)*

**Eight people were killed by Iranian ballistic missiles that slammed into Israeli cities in at least five locations early Monday, and nearly 300 others were injured, as the conflict entered a fourth day.**

**Four people were killed in Petah Tikva, three in Haifa, and another person in Bnei Brak.**

**The Health Ministry said 287 people were hospitalized nationwide as a result of the**

**barrage of Iranian missiles. One person was listed in serious condition, and 14 were moderately injured, including two at Schneider Children’s Hospital in Petah Tikvah.** The remainder were lightly injured or suffered acute shock.

Two **missiles also hit Tel Aviv, causing significant damage to a number of buildings**, as well as some injuries.

US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee confirmed in a post to X that the embassy branch in the coastal city was slightly damaged from an impact, but there were no injuries to staff. He said the American embassies and consulates remain closed, with a shelter-in-place order still in effect. The US embassy itself is located in Jerusalem.

Iranian missile barrages have repeatedly targeted the densely populated Tel Aviv metro area and

surrounding cities since fighting began on Friday, as well as the Haifa area.



*Israeli security and rescue forces at the scene where a ballistic missile fired from Iran hit and caused damage in Tel Aviv, June 16, 2025. (Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)*

**The Israel Defense Forces began airstrikes on Iran’s nuclear and military infrastructure in the early hours of Friday**, acting to fight what it says is an immediate and existential threat to Israel from the Iranian nuclear and missile programs.

**The campaign, which also included Mossad sabotage operations within Iran, has received support from many Western**

**nations, which have affirmed Israel’s right to defend itself.**

**Shortly after midnight in the early hours of Monday, the IDF’s Home Front Command alerted the Israeli public to stay close to bomb shelters in the expectation of a missile attack.**

**Notifications were sent via a cellphone app that gives an early alert of possible attacks**, which is generally followed by a second warning that is minutes ahead of sirens, at which point there is around 90 seconds to find shelter.



*People evacuate after a missile launched from Iran struck Tel Aviv, Israel, June 16, 2025. (AP Photo/Baz Ratner)*

In the hours that followed, the IDF said it hit surface-to-surface missile launchers in central Iran, an action the military said reduced by half the number of rockets Iran had planned to fire.

Then, just after 4 a.m., sirens went off as Iran fired a barrage at the central and northern regions of the country.

The IDF said that some 40 missiles were fired and that, like in previous barrages, Israeli air defense systems intercepted most of them but some slipped through.

Dozens of drones were also launched at Israel

overnight and on Monday morning, but were all intercepted by the Israeli Air Force and Navy, the military said.

Also Monday morning, a ballistic missile launched at Israel by the Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen fell short outside the country's borders, the military said. Sirens had sounded in southern Israel.

#### **Petah Tikva**

Home **Front Command official Udi Elbaz told the press that an Iranian missile hit a 20-story building in Petah Tikva, badly damaging its fourth and fifth floors.**

**"It is important for me to emphasize that in additional buildings we searched, most of the people who were in a protected space were not injured,"** he told reporters.



*Responders inspect a damaged building following a strike by an Iranian missile in Petah Tikva on June 16, 2025. (Jack GUEZ / AFP)*

**The IDF later clarified that the missile directly hit a bombproof room, which is an area built into modern Israeli buildings that has thicker walls and a blast door to protect against such attacks. Two people who were in one of the safe rooms were killed. The two other fatalities at that location were not in a protected space despite the sirens.**

#### **Haifa**

**Haifa Mayor Yona Yahav confirmed that three people were killed in a barrage targeting the northern city.**

Yahav told Channel 12 news **the three were working at a facility "that's very important to us in the area, which we would be happy if it closed and left."**

**It was later permitted for publication that the missile hit the Bazan oil refinery complex.**

Rescuers had attempted for hours to reach the three missing people, who were buried under rubble during the attack on the northern city. A fire also broke out at the location, complicating rescue operations.

**An Iranian missile attack a night earlier on Haifa caused "localized damage" at the oil facility.**

*Israeli air defense systems are activated to intercept Iranian missiles over Haifa on June 16, 2025. (AHMAD GHARABLI / AFP)*



**Yahav said several homes and other buildings in the city suffered extensive damage, but only four people were hospitalized with light injuries.**

Israel Police said officers were sent to clear international media journalists who have been broadcasting live missile impacts in the Haifa area.

“Coastal District police vehicles set out to conduct a search and handle the incident,” a spokesperson said.

Haifa is home to a number of sensitive facilities, including the oil refinery, a major port, and a naval base.

#### **Bnei Brak**



**In Bnei Brak, a town east of Tel Aviv, the body of a man in his 80s was pulled out of a building that was damaged by a missile, authorities said on Monday.**

**The impact caused significant damage to a number of other buildings in the area.**

*Israeli security and rescue forces at the scene where a ballistic missile fired from Iran hit and caused damage in Bnei Brak, June 16, 2025. (Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)*

**At impact sites, rescuers helped evacuate hundreds of people from destroyed and damaged residential buildings.**

**The Magen David Adom emergency service reported that at one of the locations, a four-day-old baby was found in**

**which caused major damage to residential buildings along a street, a four-day-old baby was found in a destroyed building, but suffering no injuries.**

**Medics kept the child safe in an ambulance until his mother was extracted from a building about an hour later.**



*Rescuers work near a damaged building following a strike by an Iranian missile in Bnei Brak, east of Tel Aviv, on June 16, 2025. (Jalaa MAREY / AFP)*

**In addition to the missiles, eight drones launched at Israel from Iran were intercepted by Israeli Navy missile boats overnight, the IDF said, adding that it had used a new air defense system for the first time.**

According to the military, it intercepted some of the drones using LRAD interceptor missiles, part of the BARAK MX air defense system, which were deployed to the Navy's Sa'ar 6-class corvettes.

**Since the start of the conflict on Friday, the IDF said, the Navy has intercepted some 25 drones**

**heading to Israel, mostly from Iran.**

**The IAF has shot down around 100 other drones with fighter jets and helicopters.**

**Defense Minister Israel Katz threatened that Tehran's residents would suffer in retaliation for the Iranian missile strikes that have caused widespread damage to Israeli residential areas.**

“The arrogant dictator of Tehran has become a scared murderer who fires at Israel's civilian home front in order to deter the IDF from continuing to carry out attacks that are destroying his capabilities,” Katz said in a statement, apparently referring to Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei.

“The residents of Tehran will pay the price, and soon,” he vowed, in what appeared to be a threat to target Iranian civilians in kind.

He later clarified that “there is no intention to physically harm the residents of Tehran, as the murderous dictator does to the citizens of Israel.”

“The residents of Tehran will be forced to bear the cost of the dictatorship and evacuate their homes from areas where it will be necessary to strike regime targets and security infrastructure in Tehran,” he said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said later Monday that Israel was telling Iranian civilians to leave

certain areas for their own safety. “When we control the skies over Tehran, we are hitting these targets, the targets of the regime, unlike the criminal regime of Iran that targets our citizens and comes to kill children and women,” he said. Israel, in contrast, is telling Tehran’s residents to “get out” while the IAF strikes targets in the capital.



*Defense Minister Israel Katz, right, meets with IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, left, and members of the military’s top brass ahead of the Israeli operation against Iran’s nuclear program, June 13, 2025.. (Defense Ministry)*

**350 missiles fired since Friday**

**Iran has launched some 350 ballistic missiles at Israel since Friday, the vast majority of which were intercepted, according to IDF statistics released Monday.**

**In all, 24 people have been killed in**

**Iran’s ballistic missile attacks since Friday.**

**That number is expected to rise, as one person is still missing and presumed dead** in a missile strike on a building in Bat Yam over the weekend.



*The scene of an apartment building destroyed by an Iranian ballistic missile impact, in Bat Yam, June 15, 2025. (Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)*

**Iran’s barrages consist of some 30-60 missiles each, according to the IDF.**

**Military officials said that Tehran has sought to fire more — hundreds at a time — but Israeli Air Force strikes on ballistic missile launchers in Iran are disrupting the attacks.**

**In each barrage, 5-10 percent of the missiles “leak” through and impact Israel, officials said. This includes missiles that the IDF says it does not try to shoot down “according to protocol,” allowing them to strike open areas without causing**

**damage to any critical infrastructure, as well as missiles it failed to intercept which hit urban areas and caused casualties and damage.**

The **military has routinely emphasized that, as good as Israel’s multilayered air defenses** are, they are not hermetic. It has urged Israelis to heed Home Front Command instructions to take shelter in safe rooms and bomb shelters when incoming missile warnings are received.

Most of Iran’s ballistic missile fire has been aimed at Tel Aviv and Haifa — which are densely populated — and to a lesser degree, the Beersheba area. This means that the few missiles that are not intercepted are likely to cause harm. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/8-killed-nearly-300-injured-as-iranian-ballistic-missiles-strike-central-israel-haifa/>

**Israel kills Iranian intel chiefs, strikes deep inside Iran, opens ‘air corridor to Tehran’**  
**Dozens of targets hit throughout Sunday, including energy sites, radar systems, missile launchers; refueling plane hit at Mashhad Airport, possibly marking Israel’s farthest-ever strike**

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) and [Tol Staff](#) Today, 2:43 am



*An Iranian refueling plane is seen on fire at Mashhad Airport in northeast Iran following an Israeli strike on June 15, 2025. (Social media: used in accordance with Clause 27a of the Copyright Law)*

**Israel on Sunday attacked dozens of sites in Iran — including energy sites, radar systems, and ballistic missiles and their launchers — and killed Iran’s top intelligence officers on the third day of its ongoing campaign** against the Islamic Republic’s nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

The Israel Defense Forces also bombed an Iranian refueling plane at Mashhad Airport in northeast Iran, some 2,300 kilometers (1,430 miles) from Israel, marking what it said was the most distant strike since the beginning of the operation.

And **early Monday morning, the army said it struck surface-to-surface missile launch sites** in central Iran, shortly after the IDF Home Front Command told Israelis to remain close to shelters ahead of an expected missile barrage that didn't materialize.

The **IDF says it has been attempting since Friday to prevent Iranian missile attacks.**

IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, in a video statement Sunday evening, hailed the "historic and unprecedented operation aimed at significantly damaging the existential threat that Iran has built for years to destroy us."

"We are **continuing to operate according to a structured, thorough, professional and evolving plan,**" he said. "In the past 24 hours, we completed opening an air corridor to Tehran... **Air Force pilots are flying with great risks, hundreds of kilometers away from Israeli territory, striking hundreds of diverse targets with precision. At the same time, we are locating and destroying missile launchers firing at our territory."**



**In an earlier statement, Zamir said the Air Force was striking Iran's "infrastructure and nuclear program in a precise and extensive manner, beyond what the enemy anticipated."**

*IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir (left) and IAF chief Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar are seen at the IAF's underground command center, June 15, 2025. (Israel Defense Forces)*

**Widespread airstrikes were reported Sunday afternoon in the Iranian capital, with videos from the city circulating on social media.**

**There were also local reports of large-scale sewage and water pipe explosions across Tehran, allegedly connected to Israeli strikes, a matter on which the IDF had no comment.**

**Strikes were also reported against Iranian military sites in Shiraz, and** the IDF said the Air Force also launched a wave of airstrikes on dozens of ballistic missile targets in western Iran.

On **Sunday night, Iranian media also reported Israeli strikes in Parchin,** with the Mehr News Agency posting a video showing air defense systems activating in the area.

**In October, Israel's airstrikes reportedly destroyed an active nuclear weapons research facility in Parchin,** after Iran's ballistic missile attack earlier that month.

**The strike on Mashhad Airport potentially marked the Israeli Air Force's farthest-ever strike. In 1985, the IAF struck the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Tunisia, also over 2,000 kilometers from Israel.**

A large fire could be seen at Mashhad Airport following the Israeli strike.

**"The Air Force is working to achieve air superiority throughout Iran," the military said.**



Iranian state media confirmed Sunday that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) intelligence chief, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Kazemi, and his deputy Hassan Mohaqiq were killed in an Israeli strike during the day, shortly after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asserted as much in an interview with Fox News.

**State media also said a third IRGC intelligence officer, Mohsen Bagheri, was also killed in the strike in Tehran.**

*Smoke billows following an explosion in central Tehran on June 15, 2025. Iranian media said an Israeli strike hit the Tehran police headquarters in the city center. (Photo by Atta KENARE / AFP)*

Later in the evening, the IDF said it had completed an “extensive” wave of airstrikes in Iran aimed at destroying weapon manufacturing capabilities.

The strikes targeted infrastructure belonging to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the Guards’ Quds Force, and Iran’s armed forces, and “numerous weapons production sites across Iran were targeted,” according to the IDF.

The military published a video showing an airstrike carried out by fighter jets on a surface-to-air missile launcher in Tehran on Sunday, and said it also struck ballistic missile production sites and a radar facility in the Iranian capital.

Iran’s semi-official Mehr News Agency reported that an Iranian foreign ministry building in Tehran had been hit in one of the Israeli airstrikes throughout the day.

The president of Iran’s foreign ministry-affiliated Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), Saeed Khatibzadeh, said the strike also damaged the IPIS building, located across from the targeted site.

He shared what he said was footage of the damage to the institute’s library in a post on X.

Israel did not comment Sunday on the report.

Iran’s IRNA news agency reported during the day that five car bombs had been detonated in Tehran, blaming Israel for the attack. But an Israeli official speaking to the Kan public broadcaster denied that Israel was behind that act.

Iran’s state media claimed Sunday that the death toll from Israel’s attacks since Friday had climbed to 224, of whom 90 percent are allegedly civilians.

Years of hostility between Israel and Iran exploded into open conflict early Friday morning when Israel launched a major offensive against Iran and its nuclear program, hitting nuclear sites, missile bases and top military officials.

Israel said it had no choice but to attack Iran, and that it had gathered intelligence showing that Tehran was approaching “the point of no return” in its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

Military officials said that the IDF was preparing for heavy fire from Iran, but asserted that “at the end of the operation, there will be no nuclear threat” from the Islamic Republic.

Lazar Berman, Stav Levaton and Reuters contributed to this report. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-kills-iranian-intel-chiefs-strikes-deep-inside-iran-opens-air-corridor-to-tehran/>

## IDF reiterates safe rooms still best option against Iran’s missiles, despite 2 fatalities

**Home Front Command finds those in reinforced rooms above and below direct impact site in Petah Tikva high-rise were unharmed, notes that reinforced spaces have saved many lives**

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

Today, 1:20 pm



**Responders inspect a damaged building following a strike by an Iranian missile in Petah Tikva on June 16, 2025. (Jack GUEZ / AFP)**

~The Home Front Command on Monday morning confirmed that two people were killed by a ballistic missile while sheltering in a protected space in their home, but stressed that inside in a bombproof room is still the safest place to be amid Iran’s attacks.

According to the Home Front Command, one of the ballistic missiles fired by Iran overnight, carrying a warhead of hundreds of kilograms, directly hit the wall of a safe room on the fourth floor of a high-rise apartment building in Petah Tikva.

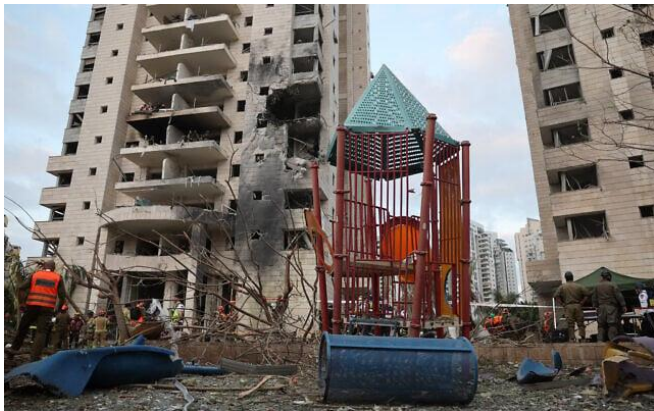
The direct missile impact “breached” the bombproof room, which is designed to sustain the shockwave of ballistic missiles as well as shrapnel — though not a direct strike from a large explosive warhead.

Two people in the safe room were killed; those in the shelters on the floors above and below were unharmed, the Home Front Command said.

The two other fatalities in Petah Tikva were outside of protective spaces when the missile struck. One person was on the floor above where the missile hit, but not in their safe room, and the other was in a neighboring

building hit by the shockwave, according to the Home Front Command.

The Home Front Command stated that bombproof rooms are the safest place to be during ballistic missile attacks, especially in new buildings, and even outperform public bomb shelters, although older underground shelters remain sufficient. The reinforced rooms have saved countless lives in the missile barrages from Iran thus far, it said.



***Responders are seen next to a damaged building following a strike by an Iranian missile in the Israeli city of Petah Tikva, east of Tel Aviv, on June 16, 2025 (Jack GUEZ / AFP)***

In a missile impact in Bat Yam early Sunday, 180 civilians who were inside bomb shelters in the building that was hit were unharmed, the Home Front Command said.

Each floor in that apartment building had a shared safe room for the use of residents of that floor, and the building also had an underground shelter. According to the Home Front Command, all of the casualties — nine dead and nearly 200 wounded — were outside of the shelters.

The Home Front Command said that in the case of a high-rise tower in Tel Aviv that was hit Sunday, the missile struck the ninth floor, destroying several apartments, but the bombproof rooms resisted the impact, and hundreds of civilians were unharmed or only lightly hurt.



***A residential building that was struck by a missile fired from Iran, is seen in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Saturday, June 14, 2025. (AP Photo/Leo Correa)***

In Ramat Gan, a relatively old home without a bombproof room was directly hit by a missile on Saturday. However, those who been in a basement under the building were unharmed, the Home Front Command said.

The Home Front Command called on civilians to head for the safest place possible amid Iran's missile attacks.

Iran's missiles carry warheads of hundreds of kilograms of explosives and are considered to be a much greater threat than its drones, which are mostly intercepted before reaching Israel.



***The scene of an apartment building destroyed by an Iranian ballistic missile impact, in Bat Yam, June 15, 2025. (Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)***

“Even when the type of threat changes, the method of defense remains the same,” said Home Front Command chief Maj. Gen. Rafi Milo on Monday. “Throughout the war, we have been dealing with many complex challenges, including missile launches and unmanned aerial vehicles directed at the State of Israel. We operate around the clock, striking every threat we identify and intercepting threats in real time.”

Milo added, “Alongside every military action, the personal responsibility of each and every one of you on the home front is of utmost importance, to follow the instructions.” <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-reiterates-safe-rooms-still-best-option-against-irans-missiles-despite-2-fatalities/>

**Israel launches rescue operation to bring close to 150,000 stranded Israelis home**  
**Operation 'Safe Return': Private airlines and the Mano Maritime shipping company will be mobilized to bring stranded Israelis home by air and by sea.**

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*An El Al flight lands at Ben Gurion Airport, March 31, 2025(photo credit: YOSSEI ALONI/FLASH90)B*

**Israel's Transportation Ministry will launch Operation 'Safe Return' to bring close to 150,000 Israelis stuck abroad back home, Transport Minister Miri Regev announced Monday.**

According to Regev, private airlines and the Israeli Mano Maritime shipping company will be mobilized to bring between 100,000 and 150,000 Israelis stranded across the globe home by air or by sea.

Regev noted that the operation will be carried out in accordance with the Defense Ministry. She said the Transport Ministry had initially requested helicopters and aircraft, but was unable to receive them due to constraints within the Israeli Air Force.

Therefore, Regev said, Israelis trapped abroad may be brought back on landing crafts. The Transportation Ministry will launch a specialized body to monitor the safe return of Israelis, in coordination with officials from the IDF's Home Front Command and the National Emergency Authority (RAHEL).

Furthermore, Israel will take steps to evacuate non-citizens staying in the country, including teenagers on Birthright trips and tourists, because "they do not need to be here."

**Transportation MINISTER Miri Regev. (credit: Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)**

Regev noted that "we will do everything to bring Israelis home," but stressed that "it will take time, it will not happen overnight." She also told Israelis stuck abroad that they "have nothing to worry about - you are abroad, enjoy."

In a message to Regev, National Unity chair MK Benny Gantz said on X/Twitter, "A woman who is elderly and waiting for surgery. A young woman whose husband fell in the war traveled for a few days and left behind a 4-year-old child in the country. These are just two cases out of thousands of stories of people who need to return home. Your role and the government's role is not to tell them what to



do – but to bring them home safely."

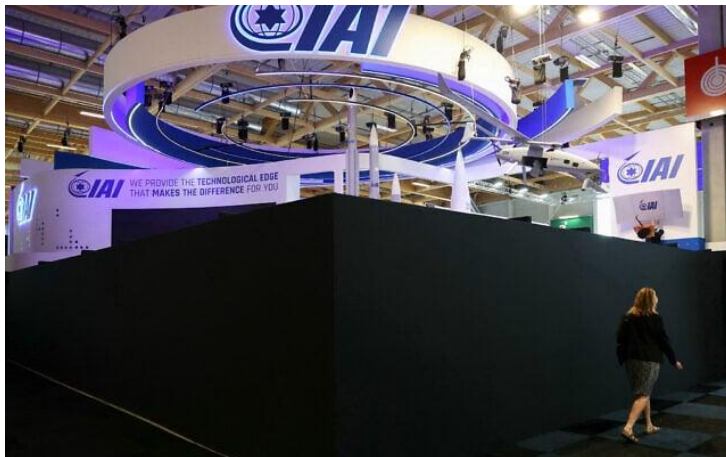
**Rescue flights to begin within 72 hours, per Israeli reports**

N12 reported on Monday that rescue flights will start within 72 hours. However, N12 noted that the plan includes only two flight landings per hour and will only land during daylight hours.

El Al also extended its flight suspension through June 23 due to the current security situation.

Ben-Gurion Airport has been closed since Thursday, and airlines canceled flights to Israel, leaving thousands of Israelis stranded abroad. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-857879>

**Paris Air Show closes off pavilions of Israeli companies displaying**



**'offensive weapons'**

**Defense Ministry slams 'ugly and improper' move, which comes after France tried to ban Israeli firms from an arms fair last year**

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*An attendee walks past the closed Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Israeli Pavillion during the 55th edition of the International Paris Air Show at the Paris Le Bourget Airport, on June 16, 2025. France on June 16, 2025, blocked access to the stands of five Israeli arms manufacturers at the Paris Air show for displaying "offensive weapons", according to a French government source. (ALAIN JOCARD / AFP)*

**French authorities erected black partition walls around Israeli company exhibits displaying offensive weapons systems at the Paris Air Show overnight Sunday, hours before the event opened at Le Bourget Airport.**

The **Defense Ministry condemned the last-minute decision** by the event organizers, acting on behalf of the French government.

“The **French are hiding behind supposedly political considerations to exclude Israeli offensive weapons from an international exhibition — weapons that compete with French industries,**” the ministry said in a statement, calling the action “ugly and improper.”

According to **the ministry, the move broke with standard global practices and was carried out overnight after Israeli defense officials had finished setting up their booths.**

The **Defense Ministry initially refused to comply with a demand to put up partitions, after which organizers erected black walls themselves, isolating the Israeli pavilions from the rest of the exhibition.**

“Last night, after our booth was set up and was ready for the show, we were asked to remove some of our systems from the booth,” Israeli Aerospace Industries president and CEO Boaz Levy said in a statement.

“We tried to negotiate with them, but it seems these orders came from the highest levels in Paris. This morning, when we arrived at our booth, we were shocked to find out that we were blocked by black walls built overnight, which reminds us of the dark days when Jews were segmented from European society.”

In a video filmed by the Kan public broadcaster, event employees were seen covering up pro-Israel graffiti written by Israeli representatives on the black walls in protest of the decision.

“Behind these walls are the best defense systems used by many countries. These systems are protecting the State of Israel these days. The French government, in the name of discrimination, is trying to hide them from you!” the Israeli representatives wrote.

“The Israeli industry deeply concerns [the French], because it’s not just showcasing its products at the exhibition, it’s also proving their effectiveness in practice,” said Defense Ministry Director General Amir Baram.

“When you hear, ‘No problem, Israelis will only display the defensive components and not the offensive ones,’ don’t be misled. It’s not only about policy — which, in my view, is entirely antisemitic, blatant and crude — but it’s also about exclusion for business reasons,” he added.

The booths displayed “offensive weapons” that could be used in Gaza — in violation of agreements with Israeli authorities, a French government source told AFP.

The companies — Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Rafael, Uvision, Elbit and Aeronautics — make drones and guided bombs and missiles.

*Israeli air defence systems are activated to intercept Iranian missiles over the city of Tel Aviv amid a fresh barrage of Iranian rockets on June 16, 2025. (Jalaa MAREY / AFP)*

French Prime Minister Francois Bayrou defended the decision during a Monday press conference at the air

show.

“The French government’s position was very simple: no offensive weapons at the arms exposition,” he said. “Defensive weapons were perfectly acceptable.”

Bayrou cited the ongoing conflict in Gaza as the rationale behind the ban.

“Given the situation in Gaza... which is extremely serious from a humanitarian and security point of view, France was keen to make it clear that offensive weapons should not be present at this exposition,” he said.

President Isaac Herzog said he was shocked by the “outrageous” closure of the pavilions and said the situation should be “immediately corrected.”

“Israeli companies have signed contracts with the organisers... it’s like creating an Israeli ghetto,” he said on French television channel LCI.

The Rafael defense firm, which is part of the Israeli delegation to the Air Show, said in a statement: “This action is discriminatory, unprecedented, and contrary to the principles of partnership that international exhibitions are meant to uphold.”





*Riot police officers patrol by the Israeli pavilions at the Paris Air Show, June 16, 2025 in Le Bourget, north of Paris. (AP Photo/Michel Euler)*

**“This attempt to silence or sideline our presence does not diminish our relevance—it only underscores the growing impact of our technologies and values,” it continued.**

The Defense Ministry had previously announced it would take part in the Paris Air Show despite ongoing flight cancellations from Israel and the conflict with Iran.

The ministry’s International Defense Cooperation Directorate (SIBAT) pavilion and booths of various defense

firms were set to open as scheduled, though presentations were to be scaled back due to travel disruptions.

The Paris Air Show, which takes place during odd-numbered years at the French capital’s Le Bourget airport, is one of the world’s most important aerospace events for both civil and military companies.

In January, France’s President Emmanuel Macron said that Israeli companies would be allowed to attend this year’s show, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office said after a call between the two leaders.



*An Israeli flag is seen next to a black wall that blocks the Israeli pavilions erected at the Paris Air Show, June 16, 2025 in Le Bourget, north of Paris. (AP/Michel Euler)*

The pair fell out last year after Macron tried to restrict Israeli businesses at a French arms fair and called for a halt to weapons exports to Israel over the war against Hamas in Gaza. The effort to put restrictions on the exhibitors was ultimately blocked by a court.

Last October, after Macron’s government said it would prevent Israeli companies from exhibiting at the

Euronaval arms show, then-defense minister Yoav Gallant called his actions “a disgrace to the French nation and the values of the free world.”

Macron’s administration had also tried to restrict Israeli companies at a land defense and security exhibition five months earlier, but the decision was likewise overturned by the French courts.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/paris-air-show-bars-israeli-companies-from-displaying-offensive-weapons/>

## **Jewish-owned store in Massachusetts attacked with brick reading "Free Palestine"**

***Window of a kosher store in Brookline was smashed and a pro-Palestinian message was discovered on the brick thrown inside; In Brussels, banners were hung with the faces of the leaders of the Federation of Jewish Organizations in Europe and the accusation that they are "lobbyists for genocide"***

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**A brick bearing the slogan “Free Palestine” was thrown through the storefront window of a Jewish-owned shop in Brookline, Massachusetts, on Saturday night. In response, more than 150 people gathered outside the store Sunday afternoon for a spontaneous show of solidarity. Local residents, members of the Jewish community, and non-Jewish allies, condemned the attack and expressed concern over the rise in antisemitic violence.**



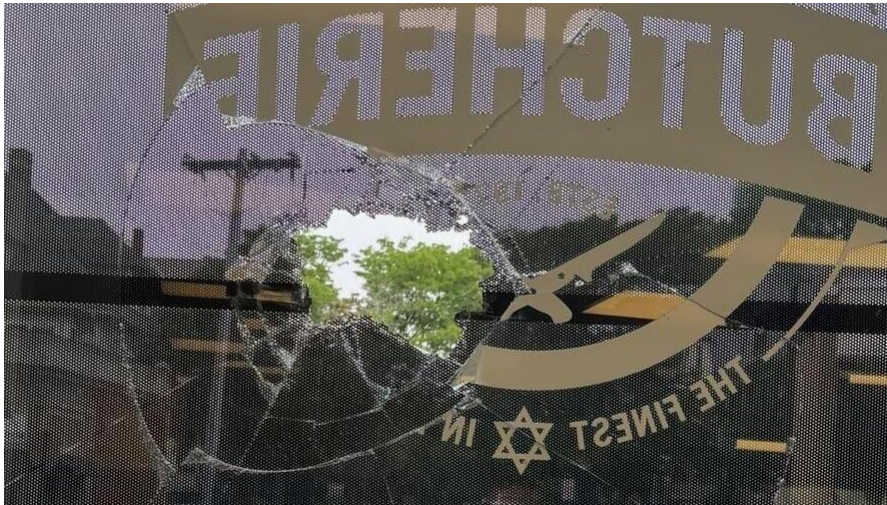
**The kosher store, The Butcherie, was attacked shortly after midnight. The window was shattered and the brick, inscribed with the pro-Palestinian message, was found inside. The** longtime Jewish-owned business is located at 428 Harvard Street. According to Brookline Police, at least two masked individuals approached the store from a nearby street, threw the brick through the storefront, and fled.

*Brick thrown through the window of the kosher store in Brookline, Mass. (Photo: The Butcherie)*

**Surveillance footage captured the suspects approaching and leaving the scene, with one clearly holding the brick. No other businesses in the area were damaged.**

The store is located near a synagogue on a nearby street. “Dear friends and community members, this morning The Butcherie was targeted in an antisemitic hate crime,” owner Gil Zilberberg wrote on the store’s official Facebook page. **“People came with the intent to vandalize our store, using political slogans as cover to spread intimidation and hate. Let us be clear: this was not a protest statement—it was an attack on the Jewish community.”** This wasn’t about policy or politics. It was an act meant to intimidate, isolate, and target us for who we are.”

He **also said that: “We are troubled and saddened, but not shocked.** We will not be silent, and we will not be afraid. The Jewish people have endured far worse and always stood tall, with dignity and unity. We will continue to serve our community with pride and without fear. Law enforcement has been notified, and we are taking this matter seriously. We will not allow hate to go unanswered. To our customers, friends, and neighbors: thank you for your continued support. Please continue to stand with us. Together, we are stronger. Am Yisrael Chai.”



*The brick was thrown through the store's window(Photo: The Butcherie)*

**Speaking to local media, Zilberberg added: “This wasn’t random. It was a hate crime, plain and simple. I’ve been here for more than 20 years, and it breaks my heart—not just for me, but for the whole community. I’m a third-generation owner. This has never happened in The Butcherie’s history.”** Referring to a map of Israel in the store showing wine-producing regions, **he added, “It’s not a political statement.”**

The Anti-Defamation League also issued a statement condemning the attack. Samantha Joseph, ADL’s New England regional director, called the vandalism “another example of antisemitism masquerading as political protest.”

“Targeting a Jewish business over the conflict in the Middle East is not activism—it’s bigotry,” she said. “This kind of hate has no place in our communities and must be confronted directly. Silence is complicity.”

Brookline Police said **the incident is being investigated as a potential hate crime and urged the public to share any information they may have.**

#### **Antisemitic posters target Jewish leaders in Brussels**

In **Europe, antisemitism and anti-Israel incitement also surged over the weekend.** Posters accusing Jewish leaders of being “genocide lobbyists” were hung throughout Brussels, the Belgian capital. The inflammatory posters featured photos of Rabbi Menachem Margolin, chairman of the European Jewish Association (EJA), along with Deputy Chairman Alex Benjamin and EU Affairs Director Ruth Isaac.

Some of the posters were placed just meters from European Union institutions. “This is a well-coordinated campaign aimed at delegitimizing Europe’s Jews, branding them with a moral stain, and turning them into targets



for both physical and political attacks,” Rabbi Margolin stated. “When your face is plastered across the capital of Europe under the label ‘genocidal,’ you are not being criticized—you are being threatened, defamed and marked. This is not debate—it’s dangerous persecution. It echoes the darkest chapters of European history from which the continent claims to have learned.”

*Posters accusing Jewish leaders of being “genocide lobbyists” were hung throughout Brussels(Photo: EJA)*

**He added that: "The fact that the EJA's growing influence has made us a target for radical pro-Palestinian elements only reinforces our mission. Attempts to** intimidate us with slander, fear and incitement will not succeed. We will continue to expose the hypocrisy of those who shout 'freedom' but mean the destruction of the Jewish state, and we will stand firmly on the front lines against those who support terror. In the face of ignorance and the 'useful idiots' who dangerously and naively align with hate, we will speak clearly and truthfully in defense of democratic values."

The EJA urgently appealed to the Belgian government, EU leadership and local authorities, demanding immediate and unequivocal action, including the removal of all posters across Brussels; a full criminal investigation into those responsible for planning and distributing the campaign; an explicit public condemnation from Belgium and EU institutions; and strengthened protection for targeted Jewish leaders, Jewish institutions, and communities across Europe. <https://www.ynetnews.com/jewish-world/article/hjjgq5p7eg>

## 'Pathetic': Former White House press secretary shreds media for 'disgusting' coverage of military parade

By [Jason Cohen, Daily Caller News Foundation](#)

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*Members of the military cheer for President Donald Trump before he delivers remarks at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, during a visit to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, Tuesday, June 10, 2025. (Official White House photo by Daniel Torok)*



**Former White House press secretary Sean Spicer condemned the media on Monday for its coverage of the Army's 250th anniversary parade on Saturday.**

**Legacy media outlets labeled the celebration "[President Donald] Trump's Military Parade," while also covering anti-Trump "No Kings" protests that took place the same day across the country. Spicer, on "The Morning Meeting," said**

**referring to the event as "Trump's parade" was "disgusting" and suggested media coverage disrespected the Army.**

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**"The Army and the Navy were founded before the country, right? So, my point is that this year we will careen into the 250th anniversary of the country. How do they handle that? The idea that most of these people called it Trump's parade is disgusting," Spicer said. "CNN didn't bother to air the end of that beautiful celebration the other night ... It was moving and patriotic. And the idea that they chose to cover rallies called 'No Kings,' I mean, it was embarrassing for the media how this was covered."**

**"The United States Army alone has lost over a million Americans in the service of this country to give people the freedom to go do stupid crap like they did this weekend," he continued. "And the idea that for one day, which also happened to be Flag Day, that you can't just stop and recognize that service is pathetic ... I've put up with a lot of stuff, you know, flag burning and things over the years ... but at some point, if you don't want to be in this country, then leave. Get out. But there are people that have fought and died for the freedom that give us the ability to have this platform, to allow you to protest."**

Spicer clarified that he was fine with mocking Trump, but that he was opposed to the lack of regard shown for the military.

**"If you want to go around and make fun of the president of the United States on a day — any day — go ... You can do anything you want," he said. "Just pay a little respect to the people who actually serve this country. And I found it pathetic."**

Spicer also read a Saturday X [post](#) by NewsNation political contributor Chris Cillizza about the parade, which included a [speech](#) from Trump that lasted just eight minutes.

"I have never heard Trump given such a short speech," Cillizza wrote. "For the people who said this would be all about Trump, it hasn't been. 95% celebrating the Army, 5% celebrating Trump."

Spicer took issue with the post, saying "the people" consisted of the media.

"They're acting like somehow they weren't complicit in this. The media's coverage of this was disgusting," Spicer said. "And as we head into the 250th anniversary to celebrate this country, I hope that they learn a lesson from this." <https://www.wnd.com/2025/06/pathetic-former-white-house-press-secretary-shreds-media-for-disgusting-coverage-of-military-parade/>

Op ed

## Death to Iran's Regime

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Last month, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei [told an enraged crowd](#) of Islamists that President Trump's statements weren't even "worthy of a response."

As the crowd chanted "Death to America", Iran's leader called Trump a liar, and warned that, "America should leave the region, and leave it will." Then he called for the destruction of the Jewish State while the crowd chanted, "Death to Israel."

The only question was whether America and Israel would take the regime's threats seriously.

That question was answered when Israel, after two decades of trying to get the mostly fictitious "international community" to do something about Iran's nuclear program, finally took action.

The endless negotiations in pursuit of an impossible deal that would somehow allow Iran to have nuclear technology without nuclear weapons were based on refusing to listen to what the Islamist terror regime said, as recently as weeks ago, and refusing to believe that it meant it.

To believe in a nuclear deal, you also had to believe that a terror state that gets its electricity from its abundant natural gas resources for a fraction of the cost of our electricity wanted a [civilian nuclear program](#). To believe in any kind of deal with Iran, you had to believe, as the New York Times insisted to sell Obama's nuke deal, that Iran "has a complicated relationship with the phrase" and that when it says, "Death to America" and "Death to Israel", it doesn't really mean it.

"The situation between America and Iran is this: When you chant 'Death to America!' it is not just a slogan – it is a policy," Ayatollah Khamenei explained in 2023.

What did that policy look like in practice?

"'Death to America' means death to Trump," Khamenei previously warned.

Last year, an Iranian operative was charged in a plot by the IRGC, Iran's terror arm, to assassinate Trump before Election Day. The "complicated relationship" wasn't so complicated and it's not a metaphor. "Death to Trump" literally meant trying to kill the president. "Death to America" means the destruction of America. And "Death to Israel" means just what it says.

Apologists for the Jihadist regime in Tehran try to pretend that it's about our foreign policy, but beyond chanting for the destruction of America, Israel and England, the chants at the Khamenei speech included "Death to the hypocrites and infidels" (meaning the deaths of all non-Muslims and insufficiently devout Muslims) and death to those who oppose the supreme power of Sharia Islamic jurisprudence in the form of its Ayatollahs, Mullahs and other theocratic tyrants.

According to Ayatollah Khomeini anyone who did not believe that Mohammed, Islam's genocidal warlord prophet was a messenger of Allah, is defined as an infidel, and the only thing to do is to convert him, enslave him or kill him. "If one permits an infidel to continue in his role as a corrupter of the earth, the infidel's moral suffering will be all the worse. If one kills the infidel, and this stops him from perpetrating his misdeeds, his death will be a blessing to him."

Opposing the Ayatollahs just made America one of the first 'infidels' in line for destruction.

Iran kidnapped our diplomats, bombed our Marines, abducted and tortured our people, [brutally killing them in the most grotesque ways](#), because its regime believes in "Death to America."

Not as a metaphor or a complicated relationship, but as violently graphic as the Muslim terrorists jumping up and down on the body of Navy diver Robert Stethem and then putting up a microphone to his face to broadcast the screams or [removing the skin from the face](#) of Colonel William R. Higgins before castrating, killing him and dumping his body near a mosque.

That's 'Death to America'.

The Israelis, who live much closer to Iran than we do, did not decide to escape into the extended Carter administration diplomatic dreamworlds about a deal with Iran. They understood that Iran was serious and they acted. Whatever we do or don't do about Iran, we would be fools to pretend that the Islamic terrorist regime isn't serious about wanting us dead.

And bigger fools to act like we can bribe or negotiate our way out of the threat.

Right now, Israel is doing our work for us in fighting Islamic terrorists. It's doing it even though our elected officials keep sending mixed messages, undermining Israel, calling for restraint and pretending that the Middle East would be more stable if it were dominated by the terrorists.

Obama already tried that with the Arab Spring. It turned out the same way Carter's Iran tampering and every experiment in nation building and democracy by the Bushes, Clinton and other administrations did. Instead of standing up to Muslim terrorists, we let ourselves be intimidated by them, by their sheer numbers, by their destructiveness and willingness to die.

But Israel, far smaller than us, a country tiny enough that you can walk its width, stood up to an entire region. Iran is 80 times Israel's size, has 9 times its population and yet Israel did what so many of our administrations feared to do. Why? Because Israel understood what we deny.

Israel knew that the calls for genocide are real and that the alternative to action is death.

Faced with the threat of death, Israel instead brought death to the IRGC leaders of Iran's death machine, to its commanders and struck at the machinery of its ballistic missile and nuclear program meant to kill millions. Its secret wasn't just its brilliant strategy, but its grip on reality.

Israel took Iran seriously and acted seriously. It faced down death threats and delivered death to the terrorist enemies of civilization. That is what serious nations do. Unserious ones play word games and take refuge in wishful thinking. As we confront not only Iran, but Islamic terrorists around the world and in our own country, it's time we get serious too.

If our enemies want to kill us, we have a choice between killing them or letting them kill us.

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