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Iran's Inherent Right to Self Defence in Response to Embassy Attack

On 1st April, 2024, the Israeli regime attacked the diplomatic premises of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Damascus which lead to the deaths of seven senior Iranian military advisors, who held diplomatic passports, amongst others. This was a clear breach of international law included in the Vienna Convention 1961.

The Islamic Republic of Iran waited for 12 days, exercising patience for condemnation to come from the international community via the United Nations Security Council. Unfortunately the Security Council was blocked by the UK, USA and France in delivering a condemnation. Therefore in the late hours of 13th April 2024, the IR of Iran carried out a series of military strikes on Israeli military objectives from which the F35 bombers were launched in the attack on the Iranian Embassy building in Damascus

Iran does not want an escalation of the crisis in Gaza. Iran has proven this by carefully monitoring the situation for the last six months while in excess of 33,000 people have been slaughtered. Many Iranians have also been assassinated both inside and outside Iran by the Israeli regime, especially in the last six months.

Iran's response was legitimate and proportionate and could have been completely avoided had the UN Security Council condemned the Israeli regime's attack on the Iranian consulate in Damascus.

Now that Iran's legitimate right to respond to the attack on its Consulate has been fulfilled, Iran considers the matter closed. Nevertheless if Zionist Israel chooses to take a counteraction; the Iranian response will be more severe.

The priorities of the IR of Iran in the region are to achieve a permanent cease fire in Gaza, for humanitarian assistance to reach the suffering people of Palestine and the release of all prisoners from both sides.

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