



ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER WAR

US-Israel attack Iran, supreme leader Khamenei assassinated, Tehran retaliates



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Trump had promised to put an end to the wars but...

There is no sign of a full stop to the unending bloodshed in Middle East as US and Israel have once again launched strikes against Iran.

The supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who was leading his country for over three decades, was the target.

The elderly leader was killed and the strikes have now plunged the entire region into a war zone.

Iran has vowed to retaliate and after the assassination, it struck at the US bases in all the countries in West Asia.

Missiles landed in Israel as well as in UAE, Qatar and other countries, leading to panic and fear of an expanding conflict that could affect other countries of Middle East as well.

Clearly, the region is again in the midst of a serious crisis and the escalation could have major affect on the economy as well as trade and safety of public lives in the Arab world.

This is a strange situation as US president Trump had vowed to stop such misadventures of US, because the American public was seemingly tired of the country going to wars in faraway nations.

In his victory speech, Donald Trump had clearly said that he was against wars. When he gave his election night victory speech, Trump promised that he would not start a new war. In fact, he had told his supporters that he would stop wars.

However, America is starting a new war despite apprehensions that it could drag for long and it

may not be in the American interests to fight another war with a country that has a history of resisting sanctions and has been able to sustain the military conflicts for years.

Iran has fought a long war with Iraq in the past. After the Islamic revolution, the country has faced sanctions but against all odds, the regime survived and the country has emerged stronger.

In such a situation, the fresh attack, has come as a surprise. Experts say that Netanyahu was hoping to get America launch the attack on Iran, as it helps him, in Israel's politics.

But, does it help America? That the regime may survive even after Khamenei, is a possibility and the Iranian populace might unite as they see it as arrogance

of the West i.e. US that has been constantly focusing on the regime change.

That Dubai, Doha and other major urban centres of the Gulf that have been struck by Iran, suggests that the war could be messy and it will affect the global trade.

US is aware that its bases, assets and interests in Middle East would be targeted, apart from the potential loss of lives of American soldiers in this conflict.

The conflict in Palestine has not been resolved. Gaza suffered terribly and witnessed huge destruction and deaths. Now was the time for peace and healing, but another war has been thrust on the region.

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Iran strikes at Israel, hits US bases across Middle East & British military base in Cyprus

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Hours after US-Israel launched the coordinated attack, Iran retaliated with direct strikes against Israel and hit multiple locations in several countries in the Gulf.

The targets include cities in Israel like Jerusalem and Tel Aviv that have been attacked.

Besides, US' facilities and bases have been targeted. The attacks have occurred in Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, UAE, Saudi Arab and many other countries in the Middle East.

The British military base has also been attacked in Cyprus. Hundreds of projectiles have been launched overall, with many intercepted by air defenses but several causing confirmed damage, casualties and civilian impact.

Iran launched multiple barrages of ballistic missiles at Israel. Israeli air defenses intercepted a number of them, but several penetrated, causing civilian casualties—the worst since the escalation began.

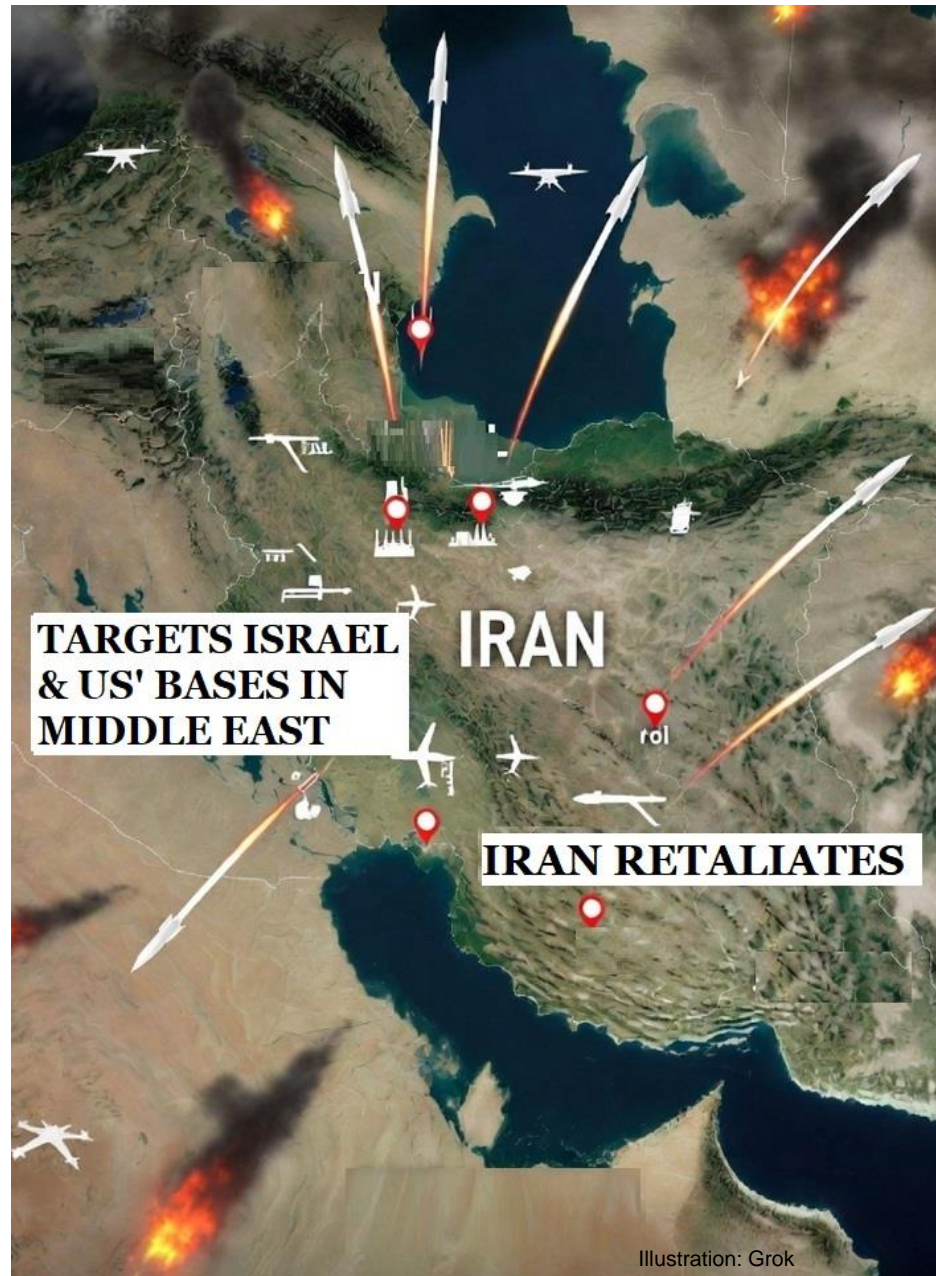
In Tel Aviv, a residential area was struck by missiles. Near Jerusalem, residential building hit and there were reports of casualties.

Injuries have been reported due to missile activity in Beersheba and other places as well.

Iran has claimed to target US' coalition military sites rather than the host countries themselves, but strikes have hit both military installations and nearby civilian infrastructure (airports, ports, hotels, residential areas).

Iran fired missiles and drones at Bahrain (targeting the U.S. Fifth Fleet), the UAE (hitting Dubai and Abu Dhabi airports), Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Tel Aviv, causing casualties, fires, airspace closures, and infrastructure damage.

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Further threatening global trade and posing risk to energy security in Red Sea. Prominent non-military hits include the International airports, major ports, hotels and residential towers apart from vital installations.

Clearly, US' aim was to send a message of shock and awe but Iran took the war to the entire region and attacked US and allies' bases. This is going to create insecurity among US' allies in Gulf as trade and tourism, gets hit.

HORROR: Over hundred minor girls killed in US-Israel's attack on school in Iran

Iran's president Masoud Pezeshkian calls the attack 'barbaric'



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In a horrific incident, a girls' school in Iran was targeted, resulting in 150 deaths—most victims being minor girls. The missile attack took place at the school in Minab in Southern Iran. UNESCO, other international groups & human rights bodies have condemned US-Israel's strikes that have caused large scale death s of minor girls.

The children were in class when the school was attacked. The death toll was reported to be in the range of 148 to 160 though figures could vary. Apart from schoolgirls, several teachers were among those who died in this attack. The attack on school took place in Hormozgan province in Southern part of the country. Iran castigated the US and Israel for the coordinated strike

and charged them of violating the international law that doesn't allow targeting of civilians, particularly, children and pupils. It was the most deadly strike during the ongoing series of attacks on Iran. The Iranian authorities have said that it was a dastardly attack and was an example of belligerence that even children who are protected from strikes

were killed. The Iranian lawmakers said that it was a grave violation of the international law. Reacting to the incident, Iran's president Masoud Pezeshkian said that it was a barbaric act. A video clip that shows missiles strike the school and smoke rising from the building, has been accessed. US has said that it was investigating the incident. Email: editor@asiantribune.net

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Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei will be remembered for his courage & resistance

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Leadership is often tested not in rhetoric but in conduct — in how a leader navigates alliances, offers cooperation and balances with diplomacy. The life of Ali Khamenei offers examples of this balance.

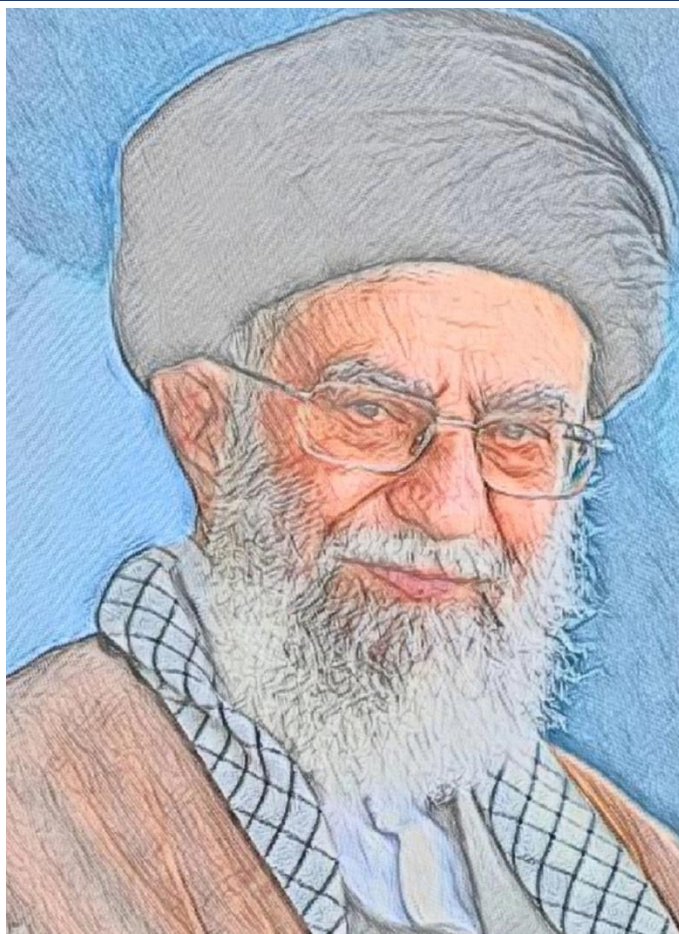
Over more than three decades at the helm of the Islamic Republic of Iran, he presided over a foreign policy that, while firm in its principles, still maintained relations with a wide spectrum of countries across Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

Under his leadership, Iran expanded economic and political engagement with countries such as China, Russia and various African and Latin American nations. The humanitarian assistance during the regional crises, medical cooperation during global health challenges and disaster relief support demonstrated an approach that combined ideological steadfastness with practical outreach. Even amid tensions with the Western powers' diplomatic channels were never entirely closed, evidenced by Iran's stand.

One illustrative example is Iran's strategic engagement with India. Despite international sanctions and the shifting geopolitical alignments, both nations sustained dialogue and cooperation.

The development of the Chabahar Port project had become a clear symbol of the pragmatic collaboration, aimed at strengthening regional trade connectivity and providing India access to Afghanistan and Central Asia. Cultural exchanges, energy ties and diplomatic visits reflected a relationship rooted not merely in politics but in centuries-old civilizational connections.

Beyond statecraft, one of the most consistent themes in his public discourse was Muslim unity. He frequently cautioned against sectarian strife between Sunni and Shia communities, arguing that such divisions weakened the collective strength of the Ummah. Under his guidance, Iran institutionalized the "Islamic Unity Week," hence symbolically bridging the differing Sunni and Shia traditions regarding the



birthdate of the Prophet Muhammad. International Islamic conferences hosted in Tehran often included scholars & leaders from diverse schools of thought, reinforcing the spirit of brotherhood and unity over fragmentation.

He emphasized that the jurisprudential differences should not translate into hostility.

In invoking Karbala, he framed resistance as moral steadfastness. Indeed, it'll be a long lasting legacy.

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