

## On Iran's Attacks Against Israel

As the Chairs of the Foreign Affairs Committees of the parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, we stand together in our strong condemnation of Iran's recent attacks against Israel. Earlier today Iran, along with its proxies operating from Yemen, Syria, and Iraq, executed an unprecedented aerial assault on Israel. We denounce these attacks in the strongest terms.

These acts constitute a flagrant violation of both international legal standards and the foundational principles of the United Nations Charter, posing a severe threat to the maintenance of global peace and security. The aggressive stance adopted by Iran, bolstered by its longstanding support of terrorism via proxy organizations, firmly positions it as a leading entity in the promotion of regional instability and international terroristic activities. Despite Iran's assertions to the contrary, its historical backing of groups engaging in terrorist acts against Israel belies any claims of non-aggression. Such hostilities serve only to further destabilize the Middle East and increase the risks to global safety.

The necessity for a unified and immediate response from the international community to these provocations is paramount. Iran's actions, part of a broader pattern of aggressive behaviors, highlight its role at the centre of a new axis of evil, alongside Russia. This alliance poses a profound and escalating threat to global security, systematically undermining the sovereignty of nations and the stability of international order.

There must be the imposition of substantial sanctions against Iran, coupled with The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' designation as a terrorist organisation. This action is necessitated by Iran's persistent endorsement of terrorist activities and its involvement in direct acts of aggression towards sovereign states. The recent assaults bring to light the critical nature of Iran's strategic capabilities, including its nuclear aspirations, and underscore the necessity for urgent and decisive countermeasures.

In adopting a stance of unified condemnation and advocating for firm action against Iran, we reaffirm our dedication to upholding global security and averting further escalations within the Middle Eastern region. The collaboration between Iran and various factions in perpetuating terror and instability highlights the essential need for a coordinated and robust reaction from the global community.

Through this statement, we express our solidarity with the people of Israel and all those who seek peace and stability in opposition to terrorism and aggression. In the face of authoritarian threats and acts of barbarism, it is imperative for democracies around the world to stand tall and strong, united in their resolve to safeguard the principles of freedom, justice, and the rule of law that form the bedrock of our global community.

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