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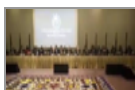
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## Iran Condemns US-Led Strikes on Syria, Warns about Consequences

Tehran has categorically condemned the missile strikes on Syria by the US and its allies, warning about the repercussions of the attacks for the region and beyond.



That came in a Saturday statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The full text of the statement follows.

This amounts to a flagrant breach of international laws and principles, and a violation of Syria's right to national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Based on religious, legal and moral principles, the Islamic Republic of Iran is against the use of chemical weapons, and at the same time dismisses as utterly unacceptable and denounces seeking pretexts to launch aggression against an independent country.

Incontrovertibly, the US and its allies are responsible and should be held accountable for the consequences of this adventurism both in the region and beyond as they have taken military action against Syria and put themselves in the position of the global judge and police while there is no substantiated evidence [that Syria used chemical weapons] and [they have taken military action] before the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) announces its final viewpoint. The timing of the United States' levelling accusations and military action, which was taken at two points in time, shows well that both [military] actions came after the defeat of terrorists in Aleppo and now in Eastern Ghouta, and this blatant aggression is a move to make up for the failures and defeat of terrorists and to support them. Indubitably, the resistant Syrian nation, like in the past seven years, will thwart the plots aimed at changing the equations on the ground in favour of terrorists.

The United States' recent military aggression against Syria comes at a time when this country (the US), a few days ago, even prevented the condemnation of [the attacks by] the Zionist regime [of Israel], which had slaughtered thousands of oppressed Gaza residents over the previous years, to once again lay bare its biased policies and double standards before the international community.

International organizations and institutions as well as independent countries around the world should fulfil their historical responsibility vis-à-vis such international chaos-provoking behaviour and strongly condemn this arbitrary and unilateral move against the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of an independent country which is a member of the United Nations, a move which is in gross violation of legal and international regulations, especially the UN Charter, and will definitely further undermine the pillars of peace and security in the world, bring about more instability and unrest across the globe and promote extremism and terrorism.