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# **10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE IRAN-ISRAEL WAR (JUNE 2025)**

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Confronting a Threat  
to Global Peace and Security

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**1** On June 13, 2025, Israel began conducting successful airstrikes against Iran's military leadership, missile systems, and nuclear program. The Iranian regime responded by launching massive barrages of missiles at Israeli cities, mostly hitting apartments full of civilians.

**"You must either choose a slow death ... or save yourselves from the 24-hour missile bombardment by fleeing as quickly as possible from [Israel]."**

—Lt. Col. Iman Tajik, Iranian military spokesperson, threatening the Israeli people\*

**2** Iranian leaders are religious extremists who, for decades, have constantly threatened to destroy America, England, Israel, and all others who oppose their reign of terror.

**"[Israel] is the lethal cancerous tumor of the region. It has to be uprooted, and it will be uprooted for certain."**

—Ayatollah Khamenei, Supreme Leader of Iran, May 17, 2025

**Death to America!  
Death to England!**

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**Speech by Admiral Alireza Tangsiri, Commander of Iran's Navy**  
March 27, 2025

LEFT AND ABOVE: screenshots of videos from the Middle East Research Institute (MEMRI) website

\*Sources: [bit.ly/x-iman-tajik](https://bit.ly/x-iman-tajik), [bit.ly/memri-tajik](https://bit.ly/memri-tajik)



**3** **Iran's regime has been developing the capacity to build nuclear weapons for decades.** This includes enriching uranium—the material used to make nuclear bombs—up to 60 percent. According to the Institute for Science and International Security, “Iran has **no civilian use or justification** for its production of 60 percent enriched uranium, particularly at the level of hundreds of kilograms.”

**4** A May 2025 report by the UN-affiliated International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) showed that Iran could produce 233 kilograms (514 pounds) of weapons-grade uranium within days—**enough for nine nuclear bombs**. The IAEA could not verify that Iran's nuclear program is peaceful, due to the regime's refusal to answer key questions or grant access to key nuclear sites.



5 Some have compared the Israel–Iran war to the 2003 Iraq War, suggesting that the threat of Iran’s regime getting nuclear weapons is exaggerated or not real. This is false.

6 **As it enriched uranium, the Iranian regime also built long-range ballistic**

**missiles.** According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, many missiles in Iran’s arsenal could be armed with a nuclear weapon and then fired at Israel and other countries. Iran’s military attacked Israel with some

**“There is very concrete evidence that while there was nothing to be found with Iraq in 2002–2003, there was a lot to be found in Iran ... [here you have a pretty large nuclear program, portions of which are secret and dedicated to being able to make nuclear weapons.](#)”**

**—David Albright**, former IAEA nuclear inspector and head of the Institute for Science and International Security

of these in April and October 2024, including the Ghaadr and Emad missiles. It reportedly continued to use these weapons against Israel during the war in June 2025.\*

The vast majority of Iran’s strikes have been intercepted by Israel’s air defenses. However, some

got through, leveling apartment buildings full of Israeli civilians and causing massive damage to one of Israel’s largest hospitals. If any of those missiles had been carrying atomic bombs, millions of people would be dead now.



\*Sources: [bit.ly/iiss-report](https://bit.ly/iiss-report), [bit.ly/iran-status](https://bit.ly/iran-status), [bit.ly/missile-strategy](https://bit.ly/missile-strategy)

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**Iran's government is the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism, reportedly spending over \$20 billion from 2012 to 2023 to fund and arm Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and others.\*** The regime and its extremist

proxies have murdered and kidnapped thousands of Israelis, Americans, and people of many other backgrounds. Through horrific civil wars in Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen and atrocities like the October 7 massacre in Israel, they have brought nothing but death and destruction to people across the region.

One of Israel's goals is to prevent Iran from building and then transferring nuclear weapons to genocidal terrorists.



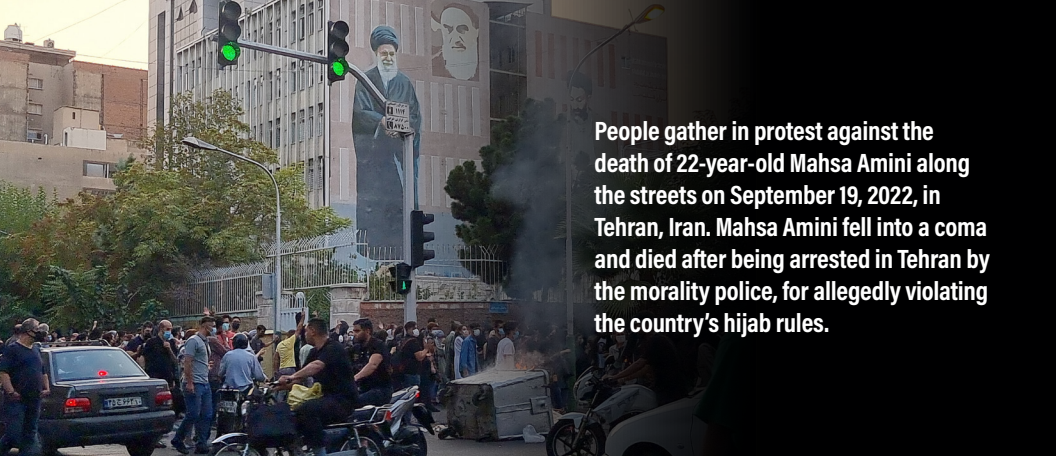
**October 7, 2023: Bloodstained floor of a home in Kibbutz Be'eri, where Hamas tortured and murdered civilians**

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**The Iranian regime threatens global safety and security, and nuclear weapons would make it even more difficult to stop it from fueling violence and chaos.** It has supplied thousands of drones to

fuel Russia's assault on Ukraine. With Iranian military support, the Houthis in Yemen have harmed the global economy by attacking cargo ships in the Red Sea. Iranian agents are involved in the global narcotics trade, partnering with Hezbollah and violent drug cartels in the Americas and elsewhere. It has carried out terrorist attacks and attempted assassinations in America, Argentina, Turkey, and numerous European countries. Threats from Iran are a major reason why multiple Arab states have made peace with Israel under the Abraham Accords or increased cooperation more quietly.

\*Source: [bit.ly/house-committee](https://bit.ly/house-committee)



People gather in protest against the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini along the streets on September 19, 2022, in Tehran, Iran. Mahsa Amini fell into a coma and died after being arrested in Tehran by the morality police, for allegedly violating the country's hijab rules.

## 9 Iran's leaders brutally oppress the Iranian people, ruling through religious extremism, violence, and fear.

After taking over the country during the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the regime executed over 6,000 gay men. Religious minorities such as Bahá'ís, Zoroastrians, Sunni Muslims, Christians, and Jews face persecution. While the Iranian regime exploits the country's tiny Jewish community for PR purposes, over 90 percent of the country's Jewish population fled after 1979. Iranian authorities surveil, beat, and imprison women for dress code violations. After the 2022 killing of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, mass protests for women's rights erupted in over 150 cities across the country. The regime responded with over 20,000 arrests, hundreds of child detentions, and the killing of at least 550 protesters, including women and minors. Nuclear weapons would help Iran's leaders tighten their grip on power, making it harder for the Iranian people to achieve freedom.

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For many years, Israel waited to see if diplomacy or economic pressure could remove the threat of a nuclear Iran. The U.S. entered into negotiations with Iran on April 12, 2025, with a deadline of 60 days to make a deal. No agreement was reached, and Israel began its airstrikes on June 13, one day after the deadline.

Israel was also reportedly concerned that waiting would allow Iran's regime to rearm Hamas and Hezbollah, rebuild air defenses that the IDF destroyed in previous clashes, and build an overwhelming number of missiles. All these factors would make it much more difficult to prevent Iran from building a nuclear weapon.

On June 24, after a major U.S. air strike on Iran's key underground nuclear facilities, Iran and Israel agreed to a ceasefire. As of this writing, 28 Israelis were murdered by Iranian missiles fired at Israeli cities, almost all of them civilians. Over 3,000 were reportedly wounded and over 9,000 displaced from homes that were hit. In Iran, 974 people were reportedly killed and 3,458 injured during the war. It is still unclear how accurate these numbers are or how many were Iranian regime officials, nuclear weapons scientists, and soldiers.

According to early U.S. and Israeli assessments, their operations either destroyed Iran's nuclear program or set it back by several years. Israel also reported causing major damage to Iran's ballistic missile program.

**We do not celebrate this war or the tragic suffering it brought to civilians in Israel and Iran. At the same time, we stand with the IDF, the Israeli people, the U.S. military, and the many Iranians who oppose their brutal regime. We hope the joint operations by Israel and the U.S. have removed the threat of a nuclear Iran and will lead to a safer and more secure Middle East.**

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