

Israel's Strike on Iran Transforms Middle Eastern Power Dynamics

Two days after Israel's historic strike on Iran, the Middle East is still processing its impact. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that the attack on Iran was precise, powerful and achieved all of its goals.

"We severely damaged Iran's defense capacity and the ability to produce missiles aimed at us," he said.

Three waves of attacks, involving more than 100 warplanes, struck targets over 1,000 miles from Israel. However, the IDF Chief of Staff noted that Israel used only a fraction of its capabilities.

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Satellite images reveal extensive damage to key Iranian military installations, potentially delaying Iran's ballistic missile production for years. Israel also dismantled air defenses in Iraq, Syria and Iran, including advanced S-300 and S-400 systems.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman sees this as a powerful message to Iran. "Most importantly, it's sending the message to Iran. Anytime, we want. We gotcha," Friedman told CBN News. "And we didn't do it this time but keep it up, keep up this nuclear program and you'll see us in the near future."



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Saudi Arabia condemned the attack but did not directly mention

Israel.

"The Arab world is condemning publicly, the GCC, the Arab League condemning the attack publicly. But the secret of the Middle East is don't listen to what people say, watch what they do," said Dan Diker, Executive Director of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA).

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Diker states that Israel is emerging as the "strong horse" in the Middle East.

"The Arab world knows that what Israel just did to the Iranian regime, and what it did to Hamas, and to Hezbollah by killing off their leadership and decimating their command structure is to actually kill the arch enemy of the very Arab nations that were condemning Israel," Diker told CBN News.

Iran responded with a mix of bluster and restraint. The commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps threatened, "The consequences of the attack in Iran will be unimaginable for the state of Israel."

Iran's president, Masoud Pezeshkian, however, offered a measured response. "Iran is not looking for war but is obliged to respond appropriately to the Israeli attack," Pezeshkian said.

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