



Word for Word

Leader on Iran's Victory in Recent Israeli Imposed War

During the 12-day imposed war by the Zionist regime against Iran, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, as Commander-in-Chief, addressed the Iranian people three times. This trilogy narrates a sequence of three pivotal steps: Restoration, Stabilization, and Victory.

Restoration

Step One: Averting shock and issuing the command to fight

The Zionist regime hoped to win the battle through a massive shock and sudden assault, aiming to provoke the Iranian people into turning against their own system. But the tide turned. The shock of the regime's attack was swiftly offset by the immediate replacement of the martyred commanders. The armed forces received the order to strike, national unity was reinforced, and the people emerged as the primary pillar supporting the country's defense capabilities.

1. Avoiding passivity and emphasizing the necessity of an active response

"The Zionist regime has made a big mistake, a grave error, committed a reckless act. By God's grace, the consequences of this will bring that regime to ruin. The Iranian nation won't permit the blood of its valued martyrs to go unavenged, nor will it ignore the violation of its airspace."

"Life will definitely become bitter for them. They shouldn't imagine that they've attacked us and that everything is over now. No! They are the ones who have started this and have begun a war. The Zionist regime will not escape safely from the heinous crime that they've committed."

2. Reinforcing national unity

"Today, similar messages have been issued by all the various political factions and numerous groups throughout the country. Everyone feels that we must give a strong response to the evil, despicable, terrorist Zionist identity. We must give a strong response. God willing, we will respond with strength, and we will show them no mercy."

3. Issuing the command to strike and reassuring the nation

"This is a certainty that the Islamic Republic's Armed Forces will deal heavy blows to this evil enemy. The Iranian people are with us. They support the Armed Forces, and the Islamic Republic will triumph over the Zionist regime, by the will of God. Let our dear nation know this, be certain, and rest assured that every effort will be made in this regard."

Step Two: Solidifying national unity and defining the battlefield dynamics

In the midst of battle, the enemies still hoped to sway public opinion. Yet national solidarity held firm, and signs of national strength were upheld. The battlefield became clear, as the Leader drew a definitive line between aggressor and defender, eliminating all ambiguity. The threats were severe and intimidating—especially with American intervention. But that too was analyzed and addressed. Ultimately, by mentioning the divine traditions in the course of history, hope was anchored in hearts and a narrative of strength was affirmed.

Stabilization

1. Appreciation for the nation's solidarity

"My first words are in praise of the behavior of our dear nation in this situation that the enemies have recently brought upon the country. The Iranian nation has shown that it's dignified, courageous, and is able to correctly assess the situation. The great movement that the people showed to the world on the Day of the Ghadir celebrations was a great movement. The gatherings of people, the rallies that people took part in during these days, their presence in Friday Prayers, and their rallies after the [Friday] Prayers – all of these demonstrated the growth and the strength of their rationality and spirituality, along with our dear nation's courage and ability to correctly assess the situation."

2. Gratitude to the stars of the battlefield

"I feel it's necessary here to refer to the beautiful, meaningful gesture of the female television host in response to the enemy's attack – her saying Allahu Akbar [God is the Greatest] and showing a sign of the [Iranian] nation's power to the entire world. It was a historic event. It was very valuable."

3. Clarification

"The second point is that this act, the Zionist regime's foolish, malicious attack on our country, took place at a time when our government officials were engaged in negotiations indirectly and through intermediaries with the US side. There was no indication on the part of Iran that signaled a military move or a sudden, harsh move. Of course, it was suspected from the beginning that the United States was involved in the malicious move carried out by the Zionist regime. But considering their recent remarks, this suspicion is growing stronger day by day."

4. Standing firm amid war: Neither imposed war, nor imposed peace

"The Iranian nation will stand firmly against any imposed war... The Iranian nation also firmly opposes any imposed peace. The Iranian nation will not capitulate to anyone in the face of coercion. I expect intellectuals, speakers, and writers – especially those who have an influence on global public opinion – to express, explain, and clarify these concepts for their audiences. They must not allow the enemy to distort the truth with their deceptive propaganda. The Zionist enemy has made a grave mistake and committed a serious crime. It must be punished and is already being punished."

5. Responding to American threats

"The final matter is that the US President has recently resorted to threats. He has threatened us. Not only does he make threats, but he also uses absurd, unacceptable rhetoric to openly demand that the Iranian people surrender to him. When a person hears such things, it's truly surprising. First of all, they should make threats against those who are afraid of being threatened. The Iranian nation isn't frightened by such threats. "Do not weaken or grieve: you shall have the upper hand, if you are faithful" (Quran 3:139). The Iranian nation believes in this, and threats don't affect the behavior or mindset of the Iranian people. Second, it isn't wise to tell the Iranian nation to surrender... What should the Iranian nation surrender to? The Iranian nation isn't a nation that surrenders. We haven't attacked anyone, and we definitely won't tolerate anyone attacking us, and we will never surrender in response to the attacks of anyone. This is the logic of the Iranian nation... Of course, the Americans who are familiar with the policies of this region know that the US entering in this matter [war] is 100% to its own detriment."

6. Mentioning the divine traditions in the midst of battle

"I would like to tell our dear nation to always keep this noble verse in mind. Life is proceeding as usual, praise God. Don't let the enemy sense that you fear them or that you feel weak before them. If the enemy senses that you fear them, they won't let go of you. Continue strongly with the same behavior that you have exhibited until today... "And victory comes only from Allah, the Almighty, the All-Wise" (Quran 3:126). And Almighty God will certainly, definitely grant victory to the Iranian nation, to the truth, and to the side that is in the right, God willing."

Victory

Step Three: A Triumphant Conclusion

In our time, war unfolds less on the battlefield and more in the arenas of media and narrative. In a proactive and precise move—and contrary to American efforts to portray the aggressors as victors—the truth was told through a deliberate, evidence-based narrative. By taking control of the discourse, the victories were clearly articulated.

1. First congratulations: Defeat of the Zionist regime

"First of all, I offer my congratulations on the victory over the fallacious Zionist regime. With all that commotion and all those claims, the Zionist regime was practically knocked out and crushed under the blows of the Islamic Republic. The thought that the Islamic Republic could inflict such blows on that regime never even crossed their minds and they never imagined such a thing, but this is what happened. We thank God for helping our Armed Forces. They were able to break through the enemy's advanced, multi-layered defense and raze many of their urban and military areas under the pressure brought by Iran's missiles and powerful attacks using advanced weaponry."

2. Second congratulations: Victory over the US

"My second congratulations is related to our dear Iran's victory over the US regime. The US regime entered the war directly because it felt that if it didn't, the Zionist regime would be completely destroyed. It entered the war in an effort to save that regime but achieved nothing. It attacked our nuclear facilities, which warrants an independent criminal prosecution in an international court, of course. But they weren't able to achieve anything significant. The US President used a bizarre exaggeration in describing what happened. It's evident he needed such an exaggeration... they weren't able to accomplish anything... they exaggerate things to cover up and conceal the truth. Here too, the Islamic Republic has been victorious and delivered a heavy slap to the US's face in return. It [Iran] attacked and inflicted damage on the Al-Udeid Air Base, which is one of the US's key bases in the region. The same people who made exaggerated claims in the previous case, tried to downplay this one, claiming that nothing much had happened. But in fact, a major event had taken place."

3. Third congratulations: National unity and solidarity

"My third congratulations is for the remarkable unity and solidarity shown by the Iranian nation. Praise God, a nation of approximately 90 million people stood together as one, were united in voice, stood shoulder to shoulder, and didn't show any differences in their demands or the goals they expressed. They stood together, chanted slogans, spoke out, and supported the actions of the Armed Forces, and this will continue to be the case in the future."

4. An Iran that will never surrender

"...in one of his remarks, the President of the United States declared that Iran must surrender. Surrender! The issue isn't about enrichment or the nuclear industry anymore. It's about Iran surrendering. Needless to say, this statement is too big to come out of the US president's mouth. For the great country of Iran – a nation with such a history, such a rich culture, and a steadfast national determination – any talk of surrender is nothing but a mockery in the eyes of those who truly know the Iranian people... the US will only be satisfied with Iran's surrender and nothing less... The Iranian nation must know that the core of the conflict with the US is over this point. The US is greatly insulting the people of Iran, and such a thing will never happen. It will never happen."



Words of Wisdom

Selected Statements from Ayatollah Khamenei

The very fact that the Zionist regime's American friends have entered the scene and are saying such things is a sign of that regime's weakness and inability.

The Zionist enemy has made a grave mistake and committed a serious crime, and it must be punished.

The harm the US will suffer will definitely be irreparable if they enter this conflict militarily.

From Imam Khamenei's televised message to the Iranian nation on June 18, 2025



Memorable Frame



The threat to assassinate the lawful and high-ranking leaders of other countries is yet another vile manifestation of violence and madness by the Zionist regime following the Al-Aqsa Storm. Another nail in the coffin of Western human rights and international norms!

The threat from this murderous regime was serious, and the Supreme Leader was directly targeted for assassination. They claimed this threat would instill fear, preventing the Leader from appearing in public for the time being. But on the night of Ashura—whose slogan is “Hayhat Minna al-Dhilla” (Far from us is humiliation)—the Leader, like his martyred ancestor, courageously attended the mourning ceremony and ignored the threat from this terrorist regime.

Nationalism, as a modern Western identity, was born in conflict with religion and religious identity. But the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979 and the establishment of the Islamic Republic redefined many anti-religious values within the framework of a religious government! After the revolution, nationalism in Iran found new meaning through religious values.

Israel's imposed war against Iran further unified Iran's identity values—Islam and Iranian identity became one, and Iranian nationalism fully merged with religion. The elegy recited by the eulogist on this year's Ashura night was a reflection of this unity. At the Leader's suggestion, the Hosseini eulogist recited a poem that beautifully described both Iranian identity and Hosseini devotion side by side.

“Sing, O Iran...”



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Become Familiar with the Quran

(Inspired by Imam Khamenei's letter to American university students on May 25, 2024)



إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا. (سوره مبارکه الإسراء آیه ۸۱)
وَقَالَ: إِنَّ الْأَرْضَ يَرِثُهَا عِبَادِيَ الصَّالِحُونَ (آیه ۱۰۵ سوره مبارکه الأنبياء)

“Indeed, falsehood is bound to perish.” (Surah Al-Isra, Verse 81) And He said: “Indeed, My righteous servants shall inherit the earth.” (Surah Al-Anbiya, Verse 105)

The sorrowful tale of Palestine and the heart-wrenching anguish of this patient, perseverant, and resilient nation truly torments every freedom-seeking, truth-loving, and justice-pursuing human being and leaves a burden of pain and grief upon the heart. The history of Palestine, its unjust occupation, the displacement of millions, and the heroic resistance of this valiant people is filled with ups and downs. A wise examination of history reveals that at no point have any nations of the world faced such suffering, sorrow, and oppressive action — that in an extra-regional conspiracy, an entire country is occupied, a nation is expelled from its homeland, and in their place, groups from across the globe are deployed; a real identity is denied, and a fabricated one is installed in its place.

Yet, this too is among the tainted pages of history that, like its other polluted chapters, will be closed by the permission and help of the Almighty God. For:

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Opinion

Iran won the war, here's why

In the early hours of Friday, June 13, the Zionist regime launched a blatant act of aggression, carrying out savage attacks against Iranian commanders, scientists, civilians, residential areas, and certain military and nuclear facilities, igniting the flames of war. The Islamic Republic of Iran swiftly entered the operational phase and began its decisive retaliatory strikes. After twelve days of battle, Iran agreed to a ceasefire requested by the Americans, and the war came to an end. What we address in this analysis is the answer to the question: Why can Iran be considered the victor of this battle?

Iran's regional strategy and the Zionist regime's praxeology

For many years, the Islamic Republic of Iran has pursued a grand, long-term strategy against the US and the Zionist regime: the creation, expansion, and strengthening of the Resistance Front in the region. Based on this strategy, several nations in the region have aligned themselves with the ideals of Resistance and defined their stance against the American-led Western order. Expelling foreign forces from the region and cutting off their access to the resources and interests of West Asian nations has been, and remains, a key objective of this strategy and the order Iran and the Resistance Front seek to establish. The collapse of the fabricated Zionist regime is one of the definitive outcomes of this emerging order, which advances contrary to the desires of the Western-Hebrew axis, which seeks to entrench Israel's role in the region.

Zionist leaders have repeatedly likened Iran to an octopus, whose tentacles — the Resistance groups — have encircled the occupying regime, pressuring it from all sides. They have also admitted that the Islamic Republic, through this brilliant strategy, strikes hard but does not suffer decisive blows. Some analysts have compared Iran's policy to the ancient

Persian art of carpet-weaving: Intricate, patient, and masterful. In contrast, Israel has had and still has no choice but to attempt to dismantle the order Iran has established to escape its geopolitical suffocation. In the American ideal order, the Zionist regime must serve as the West's watchdog fortress and guardian of US interests, acting as the central hub for all political, economic, military, and security activities in the region. This vision cannot be realized without containing Iran. This idea was revived through agreements like the Abraham Accords, which faced severe challenges after the events of October 7.

The Zionist regime's aggressive behavior is largely a nervous reaction to this strengthening regional order. It cannot sit idly by and watch its gradual demise, so it lashes out in desperation. The Zionist regime's attack on Iran must be understood within this framework.

The Zionist regime's initial calculations

What calculations and objectives led Israel to launch Operation Rising Lions and start a war at midnight? Israel's assumption was the notion of a "weak Iran." This perception had both external and internal causes. Externally, the Zionist regime believed that after the fall of Syria's political system and the martyrdom of Hamas and Hezbollah leaders, Iran had lost its international arms and operational capabilities against the regime. Internally, another calculation was that Iran's domestic landscape had become polarized, with worsening economic problems and escalating political and social divisions. Thus, a segment of Iranian society was allegedly ripe for rebellion, merely awaiting a trigger. In the minds of Zionist leaders, these factors represented a closing window of opportunity that had to be exploited.

Objectives of the attack

What were the Zionist regime's goals in attacking Iran?

Four key objectives can be identified:

1. Eliminating Iran's missile and nuclear threat: The regime repeatedly claimed to be under threat from Iran, citing its nuclear program and missile capabilities as justification.

2. Extracting major concessions in nuclear negotiations: Over the past decade, the US has employed various pressure tactics against Iran. The post-October 7 developments and the Zionist regime's dire situation now provided an opportunity to use war as another tool. The Americans, through relentless threats, sought to extract major concessions in nuclear talks.

3. Regime change: Netanyahu declared on the first day of the attack: "The time has come for the Iranian people to unite and rise up for their freedom." Thus, the regime's primary objective was clearly the overthrow of the Islamic Republic. The assassinations of senior commanders, attempts to eliminate leadership figures, threatening communications with officials, direct appeals to the Iranian public, and strikes on infrastructure — all indicate that the Zionist regime's main goal was to spark street protests and topple the political system.

4. "Normalizing" the Islamic Republic's behavior: This refers to what US officials like Secretary of State Marco Rubio called "integrating Iran into the international order" — i.e., forcing Iran to abandon its revolutionary ideals.

Objectives Failed: The regime was defeated

The Zionists believed that by launching a blitz operation and assassinating Iran's top commanders, the chain of command would collapse, leaving the Islamic Republic unable to mount a serious response. However, due to Imam Khamenei's wisdom and with unprecedented speed, all commanders were replaced, and through the efforts of Iranian experts, the country's offensive and defensive capabilities were fully restored on the very first day of the war. On that same day, Iran launched around

200 missiles and drones in just the first wave of attacks, targeting strategic locations in the occupied territories. The Supreme Leader, in a televised address, reassured the nation that the Zionist regime will be brought to ruins. His message in the early hours of the war instilled calm and reinforced national unity in defense of the homeland under the Commander-in-Chief's leadership.

Contrary to the enemy's expectations, Iranian society did not fracture. Instead, it experienced unprecedented unity. Political, economic, ethnic, and religious fault lines did not erupt, and all segments of the population stood united in defense of national pride and sovereignty. The people witnessed firsthand that the enemy made no distinction between military and civilian targets — women, children, the elderly, and the young were all equally at risk. They quickly realized: The target was Iran itself. Thus, the enemy's primary objective, regime change, failed from the outset. Iran declared it had entered a war with the Zionist regime and would continue to the end with full strength. Over twelve days of battle, the Islamic Republic continuously struck the usurping regime based on a precise target bank, with no signs of surrender. Instead, the accuracy and lethality of strikes increased daily, inflicting heavier blows on the enemy. With direct US intervention, the scope of these strikes expanded to include their regional bases.

Neither nuclear nor missile programs were destroyed

According to experts — even Western analysts — Iran's nuclear program stems from indigenous, widespread knowledge, disseminated across universities nationwide. It is not something that can be eliminated by assassinating a few scientists or bombing a few facilities. Moreover, Iran had long since relocated its key enrichment capabilities from Natanz to underground facilities. Thus, even if the Americans had bombed Natanz or Fordow, no serious damage would have been inflicted on Iran's enrichment capabilities. Meanwhile, doubts about the actual extent of damage to Iran's

nuclear facilities grow daily even within the US and Zionist regime's own circles. Reports from outlets like CNN and statements from US congressmen have intensified skepticism about the program's destruction, forcing Trump into daily emotional reactions. On its part, Iran has suspended cooperation with the IAEA, moved its enriched uranium to secure, undisclosed locations, and adopted a policy of nuclear ambiguity. Who now knows where the 400 kg of 60% enriched uranium is, or what the Islamic Republic's specialists intend to do with it? While the nuclear program has suffered some damage, it remains intact and will undoubtedly accelerate in the near future. As for missile capabilities, Iran fired missiles with full force until the last moments of the war. A significant portion of the unprecedented destruction witnessed in the occupied territories over twelve days resulted from Iran's final missile waves; attacks that, according to Hebrew sources, caused higher casualties than previous waves. Regarding the goal of "normalizing" Iran's behavior, this imposed war did not lead Iran to abandon its ideals. Instead, it strengthened Revolutionary fervor domestically, unifying Iranians in their calls for resistance against arrogance and the eradication of the fabricated Israeli regime — an objective that will now be pursued with even greater determination.

Conclusion

The Zionist regime and its allies not only failed to achieve their objectives but were caught off guard in several ways:

1. Iran's astonishing speed in restoring command and control.
2. Unimaginable national cohesion in Iran.
3. The sheer volume and precision of Iran's strikes from day one to the last.
4. The shift in Iran's operational patterns, delivering unprecedented strikes on Tel Aviv and Haifa.

The Islamic Republic successfully penetrated all layers of the enemy's missile defense shields, which were built in collaboration with the US, some Western nations, and regional allies to

protect the fabricated regime, and pounded any target it desired across the occupied territories with powerful missiles. The skies over the Zionist enemy were wide open to Iran, with strikes raining down from the north to the south of the occupied lands. Despite total media censorship, reports confirmed the precision and effectiveness of Iran's strikes.

For the first time, foreign media began speaking of "Tel Aviv becoming Gaza." Beyond targeted strikes on sensitive and strategic sites, the occupiers witnessed unprecedented devastation across the occupied territories. For twelve days, settlers could not leave their shelters, and when they did, they saw maximum destruction of what the glass houses they had built in the face of hypersonic rocks. In reality, Iran painted a war-torn image of Israel, while the Zionist regime failed to do the same to Iran's vast geography. The strikes on military and security targets, damage to economic infrastructure, and the leveling of vital Zionist facilities left them with no choice but to beg America for rescue — meaning the Zionists were humiliated. By striking Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the most important US command and control hub in the region, Iran sent critical messages to all parties. Ultimately, it was America that requested a ceasefire, with Iran setting the condition that it would deliver the final blow. The enemy's plea for a ceasefire came while Iran had not yet activated many of its options, such as energy warfare or mobilizing Resistance groups. If the enemy had the upper hand in this battle, would it have begged for a ceasefire? Would it have stood by helplessly as Iran launched its heaviest and final missile wave? The gap between "unconditional surrender" and "pleading for a ceasefire" shows who emerged victorious. Thus, Iran's victory in this twelve-day war is undeniable, and now, the narrative of victory matters most.



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