

In the Name of God

To: H.E António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

From: Iranian Association for UN Studies

Executive Summary

The Iranian Association for UN Studies submits this letter with deep regret and growing alarm to express grave concerns over US and Israel's aggressions against Iran, which constitute a series of systemic violations of peremptory norms of international law. These violations threaten not only the integrity of the UN Charter but the very foundations of international peace, security, and international order.

Key Violations and Concerns:

- **Breach of the Peremptory Norm Prohibiting the act of aggression:** The repeated and deliberate resort to armed forces and cross-border attacks constitutes a flagrant and undeniable breach of Article 2(4) of the UN Charter.
- **Illegitimacy of Self-Styled Doctrines of “Preemptive” or “Preventive” Self-Defense:** These actions cannot be justified under Article 51, and even the highly controversial doctrines of “anticipatory” or “preventive” self-defense are legally untenable.
- **Attacks on Nuclear Facilities:** These pose catastrophic risks and directly violate Article 56 of Additional Protocol I to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, raising profound concerns about the collapse of the global non-proliferation regime.
- **Attacks on Medical Facilities and Personnel:** The bombardment of hospitals, medical teams, and Iranian Red Crescent volunteers constitutes a grave breach of the Geneva Conventions and a war crime.
- **Assassination of Scientists and Non-Combatants:** The targeting of civilian professionals, including nuclear and missile scientists, is a blatant violation of international humanitarian law.
- **Normalization of the Language and Practice of Political Violence:** Terms like “targeted killing” or “preemptive elimination” are becoming normalized, blurring legal lines and undermining decades of efforts.

- Targeting Prisons and Endangering Prisoners and Families: The intentional targeting of detention facilities endangers inmates, staff, and visiting families, showing disregard for international norms.
- Targeting Infrastructures: Airstrikes on airports, residential neighborhoods, and public systems are clear violations of international humanitarian law, amounting to collective punishment.
- Passive and Active Complicity by Other States and International Institutions: The failure to explicitly condemn these violations constitutes complicity and contradicts UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001).
- Security Council Paralysis: The persistent failure to act has undermined the credibility of the United Nations. The Association urges the immediate convening of an Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly under the “Uniting for Peace” resolution (A/RES/377).

With the 80th anniversary of the United Nations approaching, the Association calls upon the Secretary-General to take urgent and decisive action. History will judge the choices made at this moment.

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