



Khamenei aide: Any US strike will trigger attack on heart of Tel Aviv

January 29, 2026 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Ali Shamkhani, a senior adviser to Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Wednesday warned that any US attack on his country will be met with a harsh response, including targeting Tel Aviv.

In a post on social media which appeared in Farsi, Hebrew and English, Shamkhani wrote, ‘A ‘limited strike’ is an illusion. Any military action by the US – from any origin and at any level – will be considered the start of war, and its response will be immediate, all out, and unprecedented, targeting heart of Tel Aviv and all those supporting the aggressor.’

His post followed US President Donald Trump’s warnings to Iran over the crackdown on anti-regime demonstrators...”

With mural of wrecked US aircraft carrier, Iran threatens retaliation in case of strike

January 28, 2026 timesofisrael.com reported: “Iranian authorities unveiled a new mural on a giant billboard in a central Tehran square on Sunday with a direct warning to the United States to not attempt a military strike on the country, as US warships head to the region.

The image shows a bird’s-eye view of an aircraft carrier with damaged and exploding fighter planes on its flight deck. The deck is strewn with bodies and streaked with blood that trails into the water behind the ship to form a pattern reminiscent of the stripes of the American flag. A slogan is emblazoned across one corner: ‘If you sow the wind, you will reap the whirlwind.’



The unveiling of the mural in Enghelab Square comes as the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier and accompanying warships move toward the region. US President Donald Trump has said the ships are being moved ‘just in case’ he decides to take action...”

Iranians say Tehran labeling those it killed as regime forces, in bid to cover up crimes

January 28, 2026 timesofisrael.com reported: : “Iranian regime operatives have been forcing protesters and their families to falsely present individuals killed by security forces in the recent wave of protests as members of the regime’s Basij paramilitary force who were attacked by demonstrators, according to accounts from inside Iran shared with *The Times of Israel* this week.

The testimonies were relayed to three Iranian anti-regime activists based in the United Kingdom and Canada by acquaintances inside Iran, and then forwarded to *The Times of Israel*, in an effort to publicize events amid the regime’s internet shutdown and violent repression of protests, including by killing thousands who demonstrated across the country.

The demands for false claims of militia membership, which appear aimed at retroactively justifying the regime’s use of widespread deadly force against protesters, could not be independently corroborated, but matched accounts that have been cited by the UN.

‘Families are forced to pay for the bullets used [to kill their relatives], or they are told when and where they can bury the body, or even forced to lie on state TV, claiming the victim was a Basij member killed by protesters,’ a resident of Tehran said in a Farsi-language voice message sent on Thursday to one of the activists and forwarded to *The Times of Israel*...”

Iranian drone swarms pose threat to US ships, expert says as USS Abraham Lincoln approaches

January 27, 2026 jpost.com reported: “Iran’s growing use of swarming, low-cost one-way drones presents a credible threat to high-value US naval vessels, Cameron Chell, CEO of Canadian drone company Dragonfly, told *Fox News Digital* on Monday.

Chell said Iran’s advantage is volume and cost rather than sophistication, pairing inexpensive warheads with cheap delivery platforms launched in large numbers.

‘If hundreds are launched in a short period of time, some are almost certain to get through,’ he told *Fox News Digital*, describing how near-simultaneous arrivals can stress radar, interceptors, and close-in weapon systems.

The assessment was framed around potential risks to large, slow-moving surface vessels that are easily tracked and, in saturation scenarios, may face difficult cost-exchange rates when expending expensive interceptors against cheap attackers. Chell said such swarms give Iran ‘a very credible way to threaten surface vessels,’ particularly if launched in coordinated waves designed to exhaust magazines and create gaps in coverage...”

Houthis threaten new Red Sea attacks as US aircraft carrier heads toward Iran

January 27, 2026 timesofisrael.com reported: “Yemen’s Iranian-backed Houthi rebels threatened new attacks on ships traveling through the Red Sea corridor, likely seeking to back Iran as it worried Monday about an approaching US aircraft carrier after US President Donald Trump threatened military action over its crackdown on nationwide protests.

A short video by the Houthis included previously published images of a ship on fire, with the caption: ‘Soon.’ The rebels did not elaborate, but their campaign in the Red Sea saw over 100 ships attacked as part of a campaign the Houthis said pressured Israel over its war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The rebels also fired ballistic missiles and drones at Israel, most of which were intercepted by air defenses, though one person was killed and some buildings were damaged in the attacks. The Houthis halted their fire after a ceasefire in the conflict, though they’ve repeatedly warned they could resume fire if needed...”

Iran threatens ‘regret-inducing’ response to US attack

January 27, 2026 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei warned on Monday that the Islamic Republic will deliver a ‘comprehensive and regret-inducing’ response to any act of aggression, the *Xinhua* news agency reported.

He made the remarks at a weekly press conference in Tehran, addressing recent US military movements in West Asia and ongoing joint drills between the United States and Gulf states. ‘We have been and still are faced with hybrid warfare. In the aftermath of Israel’s military aggression against Iran in June, we have been faced with new claims and threats from the United States and Israel every day over the past,’ Baghaei said...”



Esmail Baghaei
Iran Foreign Ministry Spokesman

Report: Iran Crackdown Among Deadliest in Modern Times

January 26, 2026 Breitbart.com reported: “A two-day crackdown that new reporting says killed as many as 36,500 Iranians — a death toll placing it among the deadliest short-term mass killings documented in modern history — followed an order by Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei to mercilessly crush nationwide protests ‘by any means necessary,’ including accounts of wounded civilians executed inside hospitals, living victims stuffed in body bags, and a surgeon who described the scenes as a ‘nightmare’ unlike anything he had seen.

A wave of major investigations published Sunday provides the clearest account yet of how the Islamic Republic responded after protests that began on December 28, initially sparked by merchant strikes in Tehran before spreading nationwide amid economic collapse and political repression. Among the most chilling new revelations, *The Media Line* reports that Iranian security forces shoved wounded protesters — still alive — into body bags, transported them to forensic facilities, and executed those who showed signs of life.

The outlet cited testimony from the Iran Human Rights Documentation Center, which documented the case of a young protester who survived by pretending to be dead inside a body bag, hearing gunshots as security forces executed wounded civilians who moved or moaned. The survivor remained motionless for three days, escaping only after families stormed the facility in search of loved ones.

A forensic medicine specialist in Tehran told the outlet that wounded protesters were piled atop one another in hospital corridors, transferred alive to morgues, and placed in body bags, describing brutality by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps so severe that many healthcare workers suffered psychological shock. Medical staff reported seeing bodies with oxygen tubes, ECG leads, and catheters still attached — evidence, they said, that patients were removed mid-treatment and left to die or executed...”