

Tehran people caught between fear, resolve as air war intensifies

AFP, Tehran

As Israeli air strikes on Tehran show no sign of abating, many residents have fled the Iranian capital. But for others, escape is not an option.

"I've heard multiple explosions near my home in western Tehran," said Mina, a 37-year-old computer scientist. "I wanted to leave, but I have several cats and I can't abandon them."

Israel launched a devastating attack on Friday that has killed at least 224 people -- including women and children -- leading many parts of the Iranian capital to empty out.

Israel on Monday warned residents to leave a northern district of the capital before striking

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the headquarters of state television -- an attack the broadcaster said killed three people.

It came two days after Israel declared it had "opened a path to Tehran" by knocking out Iran's air defences. But amid the ensuing exodus, those left behind are grappling with fear, shortages and a sense of defiant endurance.

Yesterday, long queues stretched outside bakeries and petrol stations -- some several kilometres (miles) long -- as remaining residents rushed to stock up on fuel and basic supplies.

Grocery and convenience stores stayed open, but markets and jewellery shops across the city remained closed.

Security checkpoints have been set up across Tehran, adding to the atmosphere of tension as authorities monitor movement in and out of key districts. Traffic in central Tehran was visibly thinner, with sporadic lines forming outside pharmacies.

Images posted online -- though unverified -- showed extensive damage to homes: shattered windows, collapsed facades and debris-filled living rooms.

In Tajrish Square, workers scrambled to repair a water pipeline damaged in an earlier strike, while some residents relocated temporarily to access running water.

"The regime (Israel) must await harsh punishment," read one banner in downtown Tehran, displayed alongside portraits of slain Iranian military commanders and nuclear scientists.



People arrive with their luggage before the departure of buses evacuating foreign passport holders, mainly European and Polish nationals, from Israel at a meeting point in Tel Aviv yesterday. The operation, coordinated by the Polish embassy, aims to evacuate several hundred people who will board buses headed to Sinai, Egypt, and then continue to Warsaw, Poland.

PHOTO: AFP

ISRAEL'S ATTACKS ON IRAN

Is the world close to a nuke radiation incident?

Experts say Israel's attacks on Iran's atomic facilities have increased fears of nuclear and chemical contamination

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to launch strikes against Iran's nuclear facilities has sparked concerns among sections of the global community, atomic energy regulators and experts on the risks of nuclear contamination.

WHAT DID THE IAEA SAY?

Addressing an urgent session of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna on Monday, Grossi said radiation levels appear normal outside both the Natanz nuclear installation and another facility in Isfahan also targeted in Israeli strikes.

However, the IAEA director general warned that military escalation "increases the chance of a radiological release". Grossi had on Friday told the UN Security Council that Israel's strike on Natanz destroyed the above-ground part of the facility. While the main centrifuge facility underground was not hit, it lost power because of the attack.

HAVE NUKE FACILITIES BEEN HIT BEFORE?

Al Jazeera cannot find a record of an operational nuclear installation coming under attack, but power plants have often been attacked while under construction -- mostly in the Middle East.

A week into the Iran-Iraq War in 1980, Iran's Operation Scorch Sword damaged Iraq's unfinished Osirak nuclear reactor in the world's

first attack on a nuclear power plant.

Israel conducted another air attack the following year, destroying the French-built reactor in Operation Opera. A decade later, US Operation Desert Storm attacked the Tuwaitha Nuclear Research Centre, of which Osirak was a part.

Iraq also attacked Iran's incomplete nuclear reactor at

open information to show we were so close to disaster is the Petrov incident in September 1983 -- a false alarm in the Soviet early warning system that he [an engineer] refused to report," Smith said.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR ADDED TO RISKS TOO?

A more recent nuclear contamination scare came early in



Bushehr during the Iran-Iraq War, damaging it. The Soviet Union eventually completed the reactor in the early 2000s, and it went into operation in 2009.

In an interview with Al Jazeera, Dan Smith, the head of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, said the world has rarely been in much danger from accidental nuclear weapons use. Previously, risks have primarily arisen from the threat of miscalculations.

"The last time that there was

Russia's invasion of Ukraine when it seized the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) on March 4, 2022. The ZNPP has six reactors, and it stands on the left bank of the Dniro River, which forms part of the front line between Ukrainian and Russian forces.

The IAEA eventually intervened to ensure all six reactors were powered down and hostilities around the plant ceased, but the plant still needs a steady supply of water and electricity to cool spent fuel rods and reactors.

G7 expresses support for Israel

Calls Iran source of instability; Tehran accuses the bloc of siding with Israel

REUTERS, Washington

The Group of Seven nations expressed support for Israel in a statement issued late on Monday and labeled its rival Iran as a source of instability in the Middle East, with the G7 leaders urging broader de-escalation of hostilities in the region.

The air war between Iran and Israel - which began on Friday when Israel attacked Iran with air strikes - has raised alarms in a region that had already been on edge since the start of Israel's military assault on Gaza in October 2023.

"We affirm that Israel has a right to defend itself. We reiterate our support for the security of Israel," G7 leaders said in the statement.

"Iran is the principal source of regional instability and terror," the statement added and said the G7 was "clear that Iran can never have a nuclear weapon."

Meanwhile, Iran accused the Group of Seven nations of siding with Israel in its call for "de-escalation" in their intensifying conflict, now in its fifth day.

"The G7 must give up its one-sided rhetoric and tackle the real source of the escalation -- Israel's aggression," foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said.

PLANE CRASH PROBE

India regulator asks Air India for training data of pilots

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's aviation safety watchdog has asked Air India for the training records of the pilots and dispatcher for the plane that crashed last week as part of its investigation into the incident that killed at least 271 people, government memos showed.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation also asked all flying schools to conduct training compliance checks, according to the confidential memos, seen by Reuters.

The DGCA said the requests were part of a "regulatory" review of the accident, and also sought details of action taken following the watchdog's audits of Air India in the last few months. It asked for the details to be provided by Monday.

It was not clear whether Air India had complied with the directive. The airline and the DGCA did not respond to Reuters' requests for comment.

24 rescued as oil tankers collide off UAE

AFP, Dubai

Twenty-four crew have been rescued after two oil tankers collided off the UAE, sparking at least one fire, the United Arab Emirates coastguard and a shipping company said yesterday.



British maritime security monitor Ambrey said the incident, which took place at a time of high tensions as an air war rages between nearby Iran and Israel, was "not security-related".

Shipping company Frontline said a fire was extinguished on its Front Eagle tanker after the collision with Adalynn, another oil transporter, 15 nautical miles off the UAE's Gulf of Oman coast.

"We are (also) aware of reports of a fire onboard the Adalynn following the collision," a Frontline statement said.

WIFE'S FAKE JOB

French ex-PM Fillon given suspended sentence

AFP, Paris

Former French prime minister Francois Fillon was yesterday given a four-year suspended prison sentence over a fake jobs scandal that wrecked his 2017 presidential bid.

Fillon, 71, had been found guilty in 2022 on appeal of embezzlement for providing a fake parliamentary assistant job to his wife, Penelope Fillon, that saw her being paid from public funds although the court found that she never did any work in the National Assembly.

The Paris appeals court also ordered him to pay a fine of 375,000 euros (\$433,000) and barred him from seeking elected office for five years.

The sentence was milder than the one handed down in 2022, when he had been ordered to spend one year behind bars without any suspension.

But France's highest appeals court, the Court of Cassation, overruled that decision and ordered a new sentencing trial.



Ukrainian rescuers carry out search and rescue operations in a heavily damaged residential building following a Russian missile strike in Kyiv yesterday. Russia launched hundreds of drones and dozens of missiles at Ukraine, hitting dozens of civilian targets in Kyiv including a large apartment block, killing at least 16 people and wounding scores.

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