

# *Iran says missiles and drones will continue to haunt illegal Israeli settlers*

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**Members of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, parade on trucks with rockets in a street in Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip, on May 27, 2021. (Photo: AFP)**

Tehran, May 30 (RHC)-- Iran's defense minister says Palestinian missiles and drones will continue to haunt illegal Israeli settlers in the occupied territories following the regime's recent failed aggression against the besieged Gaza Strip.

"From now on, missiles, drones and defensive capabilities of the [true] owners of Palestine will haunt usurper [Israeli] settlers like a nightmare," Brigadier General Amir Hatami told a gathering of high-ranking officials of Iran's Defense Ministry on Sunday.

He added that the most important achievement of the victory against the Israeli regime in the recent war was enhanced unity and solidarity among all Palestinians across the occupied territories in the face of the criminal Zionist regime and its Western and American supporters. "As the sage Leader of the Islamic Revolution [Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei] said, the Zionist regime will not see the next 25 years," the Iranian defense chief added.

Pointing to the Palestinian resistance fighters' victory over "the armed-to-the-teeth Israeli regime," Hatami emphasized that the Palestinian people fought the enemy under the most difficult circumstances "and emerged victorious through faith in the divine victory over falsehood."

The Gaza war began on May 10 and lasted until May 21, when the occupying regime announced a unilateral ceasefire, which was accepted, through Egyptian mediation, by the Palestinian resistance groups in Gaza. The war was precipitated after weeks of Israeli violence against Palestinian worshippers at al-Aqsa Mosque and the regime's attempts to force more Palestinians out of their homes in Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood to build new illegal settlements.

Throughout the 11-day encounter, Israeli airstrikes killed at least 254 Palestinians, including 66 children, wounded almost 2,000, and displaced over 72,000 people in the besieged enclave. On the other side, Palestinian rocket attacks killed 12 people in the occupied territories.

The commander of the Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Division, Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, said on Saturday that the Zionist regime and the US are declining and would face more defeats as the resistance front would achieve bigger victories in the future. Hajizadeh added that victories of the resistance front and back-to-back defeats of the global arrogance and the Zionist regime are not confined to their policies vis-à-vis Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Iraq or Yemen, saying: "The Zionists know that they should pack up and leave this region."

Elsewhere in his remarks, Hatami warned that the enemy of the Islamic Republic is attempting to break the Iranian nation's resistance and eliminate the Islamic Republic from the region. "Through negative propaganda and offering a distorted image of the valuable achievements of the Islamic Republic, the [world's] arrogant system is trying to do away with solidarity and social strength of the Iranian nation, because they know that today, Iran is a powerful Iran, which is source of huge developments both in the region and at international level," Iran's defense minister said.

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