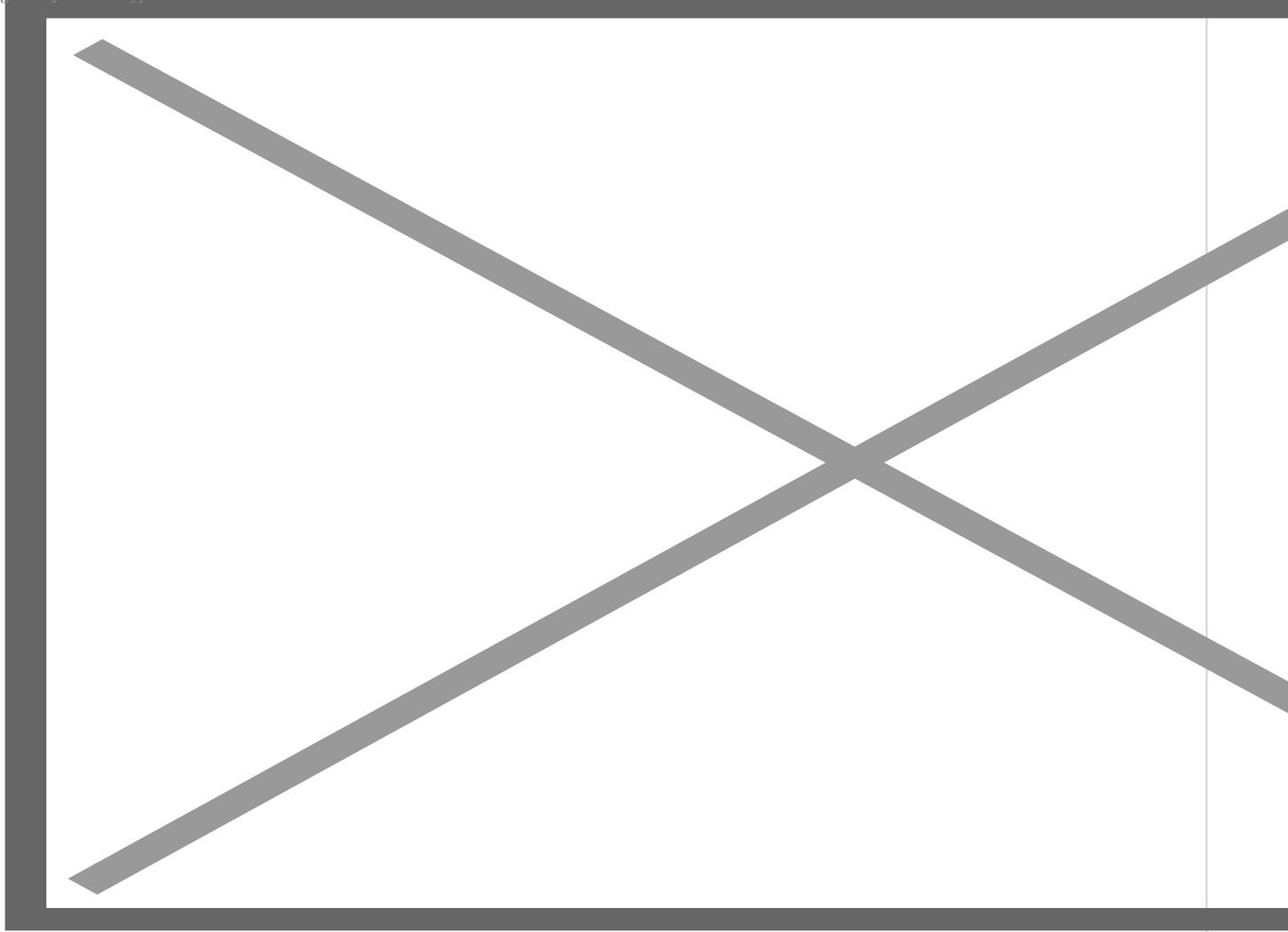


Iranian advisor says U.S. attack could trigger full-fledged regional war

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Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan, military advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. (Photo: Press TV)

Tehran, November 19 (RHC)-- A military advisor to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei warns that an act of military aggression by the U.S. against Iran that could lead to an even limited conflict is likely to set off a full-scale war that would affect other parts of the region, too.

The remarks were made by Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan, defense minister during President Hassan Rouhani's previous tenure and former commander of the Air Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC). He made the comments to the Associated Press, adding: "A limited, tactical conflict can turn into a full-fledged war."

The Iranian general not only clearly distanced Iran from any intention to trigger such a conflict, but also cautioned strongly about such confrontation's repercussions for the region and, by extension, the world. He said: "We don't welcome a crisis. We don't welcome war. We are not after starting a war," adding: "Definitely, the United States, the region, and the world cannot stand such a comprehensive crisis," the military expert noted.

He reminded that Washington's atrocities under Trump had made it extremely difficult for Iran to accept its return to the negotiation table. Among the rest, he referred to the U.S. assassination of Iran's senior anti-terror commander Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani on Trump's direct order near Baghdad airport in January.

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