

# *Iranian foreign minister warns of desperate Israeli plot to drag entire region into war*

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**Site of an Israeli airstrike on a residential building in Beirut's southern suburbs on September**

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Tehran, September 22 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has failed to achieve any of his objectives in almost a year of its genocidal war in Gaza and is now trying to escalate tensions across the entire region.

“Almost a year into his genocide, Netanyahu has achieved none of his aims, desperate to drag the region into war,” Araghchi said in a post on his X account on Saturday.

Araghchi also attached a picture of 12 members of the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah, who were killed in an Israeli air attack in Beirut’s southern suburbs on Friday, and said Hezbollah proudly honors the sacrifices of its martyrs.

“While the Israeli regime hides its losses, Hezbollah honors martyrs by showing their sacrifices for us all—inspiring countless more to dedicate themselves to their noble goals,” the top Iranian diplomat pointed out.

At least 37 people, including three children and seven women, were killed and 68 people injured in an Israeli strike that wrecked two buildings in the Lebanese capital’s Dahiyeh district during rush hour on Friday.

Hezbollah confirmed that two of its top commanders, Ibrahim Aqil and Ahmad Mahmoud Wahabi, along with 12 other members, were killed in the strike.

Speaking upon arrival in New York to attend the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly on Friday night, Araghchi said Israel will not achieve its objective of inflaming the region to extricate itself from the Gaza quagmire, stressing, however, that the regime will get a response to its atrocities.

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