

Iranian foreign minister affirms that after full-scale war in region, Israel does not deserve UN membership

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Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi addresses an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council on the situation in the region, which was held with a focus on Lebanon, on September 26, 2024.

United Nations, September 26 (RHC)-- Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warns that the Israeli regime is after igniting a "full-scale war" in the West Asia region, saying the regime "does not deserve" to be a member of the United Nations due to its deadly and incendiary provocations.

The top diplomat made the remarks in New York on Thursday, addressing an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council on the situation in the region, which was held with a focus on Lebanon.

The meeting came amid the regime's ongoing genocidal war on the Gaza Strip and escalated deadly attacks against Lebanon.

The escalation, which began following the launch of the brutal military onslaught against the coastal sliver on October 7, has witnessed the regime carrying out countless attacks against the Lebanese territory, killing hundreds of people over the past week alone.

Iran's president says the Israeli regime has been defeated in its genocidal war on Gaza and now cannot "repair its myth of invincibility" through resorting to barbarism against Lebanon.

"In continuation of its brutality in occupied Palestine, the apartheid-occupying regime of Israel is now waging an unjust war of aggression against Lebanon and targeting innocent people across the border and deep inside the territory," Araghchi said.

He cited the case of the regime's detonating thousands of booby-trapped pagers and walkie-talkie radios across the country on September 18 and 19, killing at least 39 people and wounding 3,000 others.

The Israeli regime "deliberately" detonated the explosives that had been planted in advance inside the devices, the official said, describing the atrocity as a "new version of terrorism" that "must sound the alarm for the entire international community since this is the most outrageous manifestation of the weaponization of ordinary communication devices."

He warned that such atrocity could "establish a very dangerous precedent that could be easily replicated by other terrorist groups and entities besides Israel." Araghchi denounced the United States, the regime's biggest supporter, for refusing to allow issuance of "a simple press statement" by the Security Council in condemnation of the "'mass terror' operation."

The official reaffirmed the Islamic Republic's all-out support for the Lebanese people's "heroic" defense of the country in the face of the regime, referring to the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah's ongoing anti-Israeli operations.

Addressing the same meeting, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned: "Hell is breaking loose in Lebanon. As I told the General Assembly yesterday, we should all be alarmed by the escalation. Lebanon is at the brink."

"An all-out war must be avoided at all costs. It would surely be an all-out catastrophe. The people of Lebanon...and the people of the world cannot afford Lebanon to become another Gaza."

The European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell also urged implementation of necessary action towards "halting the path to war," calling on the council to shoulder its responsibility and put an end to the Israeli aggression.

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