

## Zionist-US Military Aggression and the Iranian Medical Community

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### Abstract

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### Dear Editor,

The Zionist state of Israel struck the Islamic Republic of Iran on 13th June 2025 with sudden and unprovoked air attacks in a blatant act of aggression assassinating many military commanders, nuclear scientists, and killing civilians, mostly women and children <sup>1,2</sup>. This 12 days of US-Israeli aggression also destroyed houses, apartments, schools, clinics, hospitals, industrial areas and defense and military facilities. It was condemned by the world community including UN <sup>3</sup>. On June 22, the United States also directly entered the war and heavily bombed three Iranian nuclear facilities in Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan. It was a clear violation of international laws and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) <sup>1</sup>. Two days later, Iran, launched successful retaliatory military operation code named True Promise III with precise missile attacks against key Israeli military, industrial, scientific, and strategic non-civilian facilities including the Weisman Science Center, the Kiryat Gat industrial area, Israeli Ministry of Defense HQ, Nuclear Research Center, Israel's military intelligence telecommunications unit and the HQ of Israel's external intelligence agency, Mossad. Additionally, during the same time, Iran's powerful missile attack on a US military base in the region forced

the aggressors to halt their attacks leading to rapid ceasefire <sup>4</sup>. According to Iran's Deputy Health Minister, Dr. Razavi, more than 6800 individuals were injured of whom, 1100 cases (16%) were fatalities, the majority of whom were non-military <sup>5</sup>. In addition, the head of Iran's emergency services stated that over 6,000 injured were transferred to medical centers during the war. He also said that 9 hospitals, 11 Ambulances, 6 Emergency Bases, and 4 health units were damaged. In this aggression, 302 women and 215 children or adolescents were injured and 102 and 47 cases died, respectively <sup>6</sup>. Iran's deputy minister of sports and youths, Asbaqian recently announced that at least 100 athletes including at least 32 ranging from children and pre-teens to teenagers and young adults were killed in the aggression. Dr. Kolivand, the head of Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) mentioned that five of their relief workers were martyred after being directly targeted, two of them in an attack to an Ambulance (Figure 1) <sup>7</sup>. Due to the ballistic mechanisms involved in the aggressions, most victims sustained multiple traumas, including lacerations, bleeding, fractures, burns and crush injuries. About 86% of deaths (martyrdom) occurred on the spot due to severity of

attacks, while 14% occurred after arrival at the hospital. More than 1050 victims (approximately 18.5%) underwent surgery in hospitals. Twenty medical and health staff members on duty were injured, six of whom were killed<sup>5</sup>. Iran's health minister Dr. Zafarqandi said: "Even medical workers and patients are not spared. We are facing a regime that does not recognize any boundary, any law, or any humanitarian principles." He also noted that in the country, 18 medical professionals were martyred including 6 physicians and 12 nurses or other members in the field of medical groups<sup>8</sup>. These included a female gynecologist and a pediatrician with her 3-year-old child. The indiscriminate assault on Iran's medical community is part of a broader pattern of violence that echoes the systematic destruction of hospitals and clinics in Gaza amid the genocide that completed 650 days recently<sup>8,9</sup>. This short but severe military attack against Iran provided an opportunity for the Iranian physicians, nurses and other medical personnel to rapidly and effectively provide their services. In addition, it also gave an opportunity to know their strengths and identify areas of weakness. With this challenging experience, in future, the Iranian Medical Community will be ever vigilant and prepared to provide its medical services to the injured in case of any future military aggressions by the Zionist entity and the US. Finally, International Organizations should be reminded and are hereby emphasized to observe ethical and humanitarian principles in wars, especially not to harm relief and medical personnel.

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Figure 1: Attack on the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) Ambulances

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