

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Item 4: General Debate

The Israeli Offensive into Iranian Territory

Mr. President,

Considering the aggression of Israel and the US against Iran in June, 2025, we would like to raise some points.

- The attacks violated Article 2(4) of the UN Charter and the human rights of the Iranian people, including the rights to life, health, adequate housing, information, food, clean environment, cultural rights, rights of vulnerable groups and the right to self-determination.
- The aggression caused the loss of about 1100 human lives including women and children and enforced disappearances of several individuals.
- The unilateralism of Israel and the US is putting a dangerous precedence in the world and is highly undermining the role of negotiation and dialogue in conflict resolution.
- We echo the statement of the UN experts¹ who unequivocally condemned the attacks, emphasized that the timing of the attack sabotaged peaceful resolutions and reinforced a "might makes right" approach. In addition, the experts announced that "the responsible U.S. political and military leaders may also be liable for the international crime of aggression".²

Mr. President,

- We call on the Human Rights Council to recognize the cases of mass killings in June-military aggression against Iran as "war crimes"³ and crime of aggression to bring the perpetrators to justice.

¹<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/06/un-experts-condemn-united-states-attack-iran-and-demand-permanent-end>

²ibid

³Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/08/14/iran-israeli-attack-on-evvin-prison-an-apparent-war-crime>; Amnesty International: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2025/07/iran-deliberate-israeli-attack-on-tehrans-evvin-prison-must-be-investigated-as-a-war-crime/>; UN Experts, ibid.