

Iran: We can destroy Israel in less than half an hour



A long-range S-200 missile is fired in a military drill in the Iranian port city of Bushehr. (AP/Amir Kholousi/ISNA)

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In an interview with Iran's Channel 5 earlier this month, the chairman of Iran's National Security Agency threatened Israel and America if either country made a "mistake" against Iran, reports MEMRI.

"If Israel or America makes a mistake, Israel won't live for longer than 20 or 30 minutes. We have thought about all these things," Mojtaba Zonnour said.

Zonnour told the interviewer that they are "tracking every change in the forces in America's military bases," and that "America has 36 bases in the region. The closest one is in Bahrain, and the farthest is in Diego Garcia Island in the Indian Ocean."

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"If they shoot, they will be hit. When the Leader [Khamenei] says that the days of hit-and-run are over, he is not speaking out of emotion or excitement. His words are backed up by what has already been done," he said.

Zonnour also defended the comment made by Iran Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, who said that one of the reasons why the Iranian Nuclear agreement failed was because of a missile that had 'Israel must be destroyed' written on it.

"I have also heard this, but even if this is true, we have dozens of answers for it. The fact that we exist today and that we have a position and make demands about why the JCPOA is not being implemented, and our president travels honorably throughout the world... This is all thanks to our defensive deterrence and those missiles that have 'Death to Israel' written on them," he said.

Israel is not taking Iran's threats lightly.

On Thursday, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi unveiled a new five-year plan of operations that will be primarily focused on combating the growing Iranian threat.

The plan is code-named "Momentum," and will include massive investments in the IDF's military capabilities, such as beefing up Israel's mid-sized drone fleet, acquiring large numbers of precision-guided missiles from the U.S., and obtaining more air defense batteries.

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