

Distr.: General 23 June 2025

Original: English

Identical letters dated 19 June 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to you with utmost urgency regarding the Iranian regime's continuing indiscriminate attacks on the civilian population in Israel, including on the morning of 19 June, when the regime rocketed Soroka hospital, the primary medical hub for southern Israel which provides life-saving care to Jews, Christians and Muslims from all over the country. By targeting the hospital, Iran aimed its missiles at an institution which embodies the very values its theocratic regime loathes.

Forty-five people were wounded in this attack, and the entire facility suffered shock wave damage.

Simultaneously, missiles rained down on densely populated areas in central Israel, destroying the homes of civilians whose only "crime" is living in a democracy that stands in defiance of Tehran's vision.

Deliberately striking a hospital is a war crime and an act of terror. Since the beginning of this operation, the Iranian terror regime has launched 450 missiles and hundreds of uncrewed aerial vehicles at population centres.

Twenty-four people have been killed and over 1,170 injured across more than 40 impact sites. More than 6,500 people have been evacuated from their homes and more than 25,000 civilian properties have been reported as damaged by the attacks so far.

One of the victims was Anastasiia Buryk, a 7-year-old girl with cancer, who was murdered by the Iranian regime in Bat Yam along with four other members of her family. Anastasiia came to Israel to receive life-saving cancer treatment and was killed in an Iranian ballistic missile attack.

In these nefarious actions, Iran is violating resolution 2573 (2021), as well as international humanitarian law, by targeting civilian population and civilian objects with indiscriminate attacks.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi lying and claiming to target military sites is a pathetic attempt to distract from what has clearly become a modus operandi for his regime: targeting civilians and wreaking havoc and destruction on the Israeli people. It is shameful.

The fact that Minister Araghchi has been invited to address the Human Rights Council in Geneva tomorrow is even more shameful and demonstrates that this United Nations body has lost its sense of purpose and its moral compass.





The international community should strongly condemn Iran for these war crimes and hold the regime responsible for its actions.

I would be grateful if the present communication could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Danny **Danon** Ambassador Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations