

Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran Condemn Israel's 'Declaration of War' after It Bombs 3 countries in One Weekend

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A pair of kamikaze drone attacks on Beirut's southern suburbs on Sunday and a drone

strike on Palestinian militia in the Bekaa Valley early on Monday morning were akin to *"a declaration of war,"* Lebanese President Michel Aoun told the United Nations Special Coordinator on Monday, adding that the aggression *"allows us to resort to our right to defending our sovereignty."*

The international community must reject Israel's *"blatant violation"* of UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which ended the 2006 war between Lebanon and Israel, PM Saad al-Hariri implored ambassadors from the UN Security Council's permanent members. *"Any escalation could develop into a regional cycle of violence that nobody can predict the extent of."*

And any Israeli drones overflying Lebanon will be shot out of the sky, Hezbollah Secretary-General Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah warned Tel Aviv. *"Hezbollah will tolerate no more Israeli drones penetrating Lebanese airspace,"* he declared on Sunday after an explosive-laden drone took out Hezbollah's media center in Beirut.

Nor was Lebanon the only nation to draw the line at the eruption of Israeli aggression over the weekend. A powerful bloc in Iraq's parliament has demanded US troops leave the country after a series of Israeli airstrikes targeting Iran-allied Shiite militias known as Popular Mobilization Units over the past week.

The Fatah Coalition holds the US *"fully responsible"* for the Israeli attacks, *"which we consider to be a declaration of war on Iraq and its people,"* it said in a statement on Monday after yet another drone strike killed a PMU commander in the western town of al-Qaim. US troops, the coalition insists, are *"no longer needed"* in Iraq.

And in Syria, Israeli missiles attacked several targets outside Damascus over the weekend, killing at least two in what the IDF claimed was a pre-emptive strike against a *"large-scale attack of multiple killer drones on Israel"* by Iran – ironically, a larger version of what they themselves were preparing to inflict on Lebanon.

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