

# Escalation Guaranteed. Iran's Retaliation? Israel is Preparing to Strike Back

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*We are still awaiting Iran's retaliation on Israel for the killing of Hamas' top political leader **Haniyeh** in Tehran.*

Before taking Iran into further far-reaching hostilities, Iran found it wise first to get prepared. To get over the wasteful talks with US Secretary of State Blinken.

Then present the case for the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC), and finally conclude a top-visit by Russia's Shoigu in Tehran. The latter, Shoigu's visit, is extremely important, as it contains huge supplies of advanced weapons to Tehran as well as a possible strategic defense agreement between Iran and Russia.

Now that these items are crossed on Iran's shopping list, Iran can finally get into business.

Iranian **President Masoud Pezeshkian** has assured **Khalil al-Hayya**, the deputy head of the Hamas political bureau in Gaza, that nothing other than a **decisive action** could be considered a retaliation for the heartrending target killing of **Ismail Haniyeh**.

He added that Iran's **Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf** has also underlined during meetings with Hamas officials over the past few days that Iran's response will be **definite, decisive** and different in kind and manner.

**The representative of Hamas in Tehran says Iran's response to Israel's assassination of the head of political bureau of the Palestinian resistance group will be "definite and decisive" and will be carried out at "a substantial level."**

Khaled Qaddoumi made the remarks in an exclusive interview with the Arabic service of Tasnim news agency on Monday, stressing that Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has assured Khalil al-Hayya, the deputy head of the Hamas political bureau in Gaza, that nothing other than a decisive action could be considered a retaliation for the heartrending target killing of Ismail Haniyeh.

He added that Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf has also underlined during meetings with Hamas officials over the past few days that Iran's response will be definite, decisive and different in kind and manner.

"Experience has proven that the Zionist regime will press ahead with its crimes in case

it does not receive an answer... The most important reason why a criminal like [Israeli prime minister Benjamin] Netanyahu is forging ahead with its genocide is the absence of diplomatic pressures from the United States. He does not feel such strains," Qaddoumi said.

The senior Hamas official emphasized that Iran will definitely respond to the Israeli assassination of Haniyeh at a substantial level, and expressed regret that the occupying Tel Aviv regime is not under pressure from any other party, either in West Asia or anywhere else.

—[PressTV](#), August 13, 2024

As Israel prepares to be attacked, Israel vows to **strike back at Iran no matter the size or result** of Iran's expected retaliation against Israel. See [this](#).

It won't help Iran to give in for US efforts "restrain" its retaliation against Israel - the result will anyway be a circle of retaliations, likely a full-scale regional war

Escalation is guaranteed.

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