

Iran ready for all military possibilities, says speaker

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Tehran – Iran would be ready for all military possibilities including an Israeli attack on the country’s nuclear facilities, IRNA news agency quoted parliament speaker Ali Larijani as saying Sunday. “We are ready for all possibilities but if they (Israel) really planned to take such an unwise action, then they would face much more damage than us,” Larijani told IRNA.

The New York Times reported Friday that Israel had conducted a major air force exercise earlier this month that United States officials say appeared to be a rehearsal for a potential attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities.

Iranian government spokesman Gholam-Hossein Elham on Saturday termed Israel a dangerous regime and said the latest threats against Iran jeopardized global peace. However, he doubted that the Jewish state had the strength to attack Iranian interests.

Iranian Defence Minister Mostafa-Mohammad Najar told state television Sunday that the Israeli manoeuvre was another part of the “psychological war” aimed at intimidating Iran in the dispute over the country’s nuclear programmes.

The minister warned that although Iran was not after any military conflict, if attacked, “the response would have no time and space limitations and would be quite devastating.”

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