

Iran Vows Revenge After Wave of Israeli Retaliatory Strikes

Iran has said it has the right to defend itself following Israeli airstrikes in retaliation for the Islamic republic's missile strikes earlier this month, but one Iranian expert has told *Newsweek* that Tehran may not want to escalate hostilities immediately.

Multiple explosions were heard in Tehran and in the western province of Ilam and southwestern Khuzestan on Saturday in what Israel described as "precise and targeted strikes" on military sites.

The strikes followed weeks of anticipation over how Israel would respond to an Iranian barrage on October 1, which Tehran said was to avenge the killings of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah and Iranian commander Abbas Nilforoushan.

Tasnim, a semiofficial Iranian news agency, reported there would be a "proportional reaction" to Israel's strikes.

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