

John Kerry denies allegations he divulged Israel's covert operations

Kerry called the claims - detailed in leaked audio obtained by several media outlets - 'unequivocally false.'

U.S. Special Climate Envoy John Kerry on Monday denied allegations that while he was serving as secretary of state under Barack Obama informed the Iranian foreign minister of Israeli operations in Syria.

In a Twitter post, Kerry called the claims - detailed in leaked audio obtained by several media outlets - 'unequivocally false.'

John Kerry@JohnKerry

I can tell you that this story and these allegations are unequivocally false. This never happened - either when I was Secretary of State or since.

John Hudson@John_Hudson

Many conservatives attacking John Kerry for discussing with Iran that Israel covertly struck 200 Iranian targets in Syria, per leaked audio. @StateDeptSpox notes that those strikes had already been disclosed by a gov't in the region (i.e. Israel)

Israel says struck Iranian targets in Syria 200 times in last two years

By Dan Williams

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JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israel has carried out more than 200 attacks against Iranian targets in Syria in the last two years, a senior Israeli official said on Tuesday, in a rare summary of its campaign.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif alleged in the audio that Kerry told him that Israel had struck around 200 Iranian targets in Syria.

The Iranian leader admitted he was shocked by the purported admission, as reported by The New York Times.

Republicans were quick to jump on the reports as a betrayal to Israel – a key U.S. ally in the region – with some even calling for Kerry’s resignation from his post in the Biden administration.

Sen. Dan Sullivan@SenDanSullivan

.@NYTimes & others are reporting John Kerry disclosed covert Israeli operations to Iran, the largest state sponsor of terror with the blood of thousands of US soldiers on its hands. If this is true, it’s traitorous and Kerry needs to go.

Rick Scott@SenRickScott

The allegations involving @JohnKerry are deeply disturbing. If true, he must resign. My full statement below:

“I have been clear that Iran cannot be trusted. We cannot forget that Iran is the world’s leading state sponsor of terror. However, these allegations involving John Kerry are deeply disturbing and must be explained immediately. Until we have clarity and know the truth, President Biden must remove John Kerry from all access to and briefings on national security intelligence. If these allegations are true, he must resign. Above all, this clearly shows why the United States cannot for a second entertain re-entering the failed Iran Nuclear Deal. We must stand by our great ally, Israel, and maintain harsh sanctions against the Iranian government.”

Elise Stefanik@EliseStefanik

This is a criminal act and John Kerry must be immediately investigated and PROSECUTED. President Biden must immediately remove John Kerry from any government or advisory position.



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on Iranian forces in Syria.

Nikki Haley@NikkiHaley

This is disgusting on many levels. Biden and Kerry have to answer for why Kerry would be tipping off Iran, the number one sponsor of terror, while stabbing one of our greatest partners, Israel, in the back.



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As previously reported by Fox News, Kerry has been accused of colluding with Iran to undermine President Donald Trump during his presidency in an effort to ease relations between the U.S. and Iran.

Kerry has said he met with Zarif on at least two occasions during the Trump administration, for which Trump said he should be "prosecuted."

Fox News' Evie Fordham contributed to this report.

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