

INDISCRIMINATE FIRE THE LEGAL CASE AGAINST IRAN'S 2026 MISSILE CAMPAIGN

Between February 28 and April 8, 2026, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) conducted a sustained, high-volume campaign of missile and UAV strikes across the Middle East, breaching the sovereign airspace of Israel, Persian Gulf states, and neighboring territories. The offensive was state-directed, and it deliberately targeted densely populated civilian areas and critical infrastructure.

This report examines the campaign under international humanitarian law (IHL), focusing on violations of the principles of distinction and proportionality, the use of inherently indiscriminate weapons, and acts designed to terrorize civilian populations. It further identifies accountability pathways under international and universal jurisdiction frameworks for individual criminal responsibility within the IRGC command structure. Selected findings appear below. The full report is available at jij.org.

7,650 +

Total Projectiles



11

Countries Affected



479

Missile barrages to Israel alone

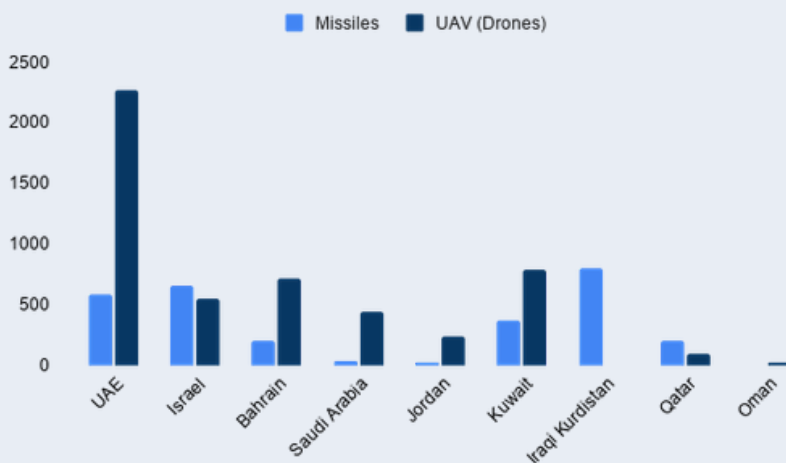


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Days of Campaign



TOTAL MUNITIONS LAUNCHED BY IRGC



5,350 UAVs and 2,300 ballistic missiles launched regionally in just 6 weeks

65%

Of ballistic missile launches by late March, reportedly carried cluster warheads.

The use of cluster munitions in urban areas constitutes an indiscriminate attack in violation of Customary International Humanitarian Law Rules 11 and 12.

Proprietary OSINT database, cross-referenced with public and official records



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DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PROPORTIONALITY

Iran's offensive integrated civilian harm into its core operational logic, deploying high-volume barrages explicitly calculated to ensure 15–20% of munitions evaded interception and struck populated areas

THE SYSTEMATIC CIVILIAN IMPACT ON ISRAEL

FISCAL COST TO ISRAEL, ALONE, AMOUNTED TO **35 BILLION SHEKELS** WITH OVER **28,000** PROPERTY DAMAGE COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Reuters; Jerusalem Post



Jack GUEZ / AFP



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Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

Strikes on the Haifa Refinery and a UAE desalination plant expose a **deliberate campaign against objects indispensable to civilian survival**. The deprivation of essential fuel and water was structurally embedded into the offensive's design.

Reuters

The Toll of Unpredictable Threats:

Daily survival has been weaponized, leaving 80–90% of families in affected areas facing severe anxiety.

Times of Israel

MASSIVE SECONDARY HEALTH CRISIS

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES NOT JUST BY DIRECT BLASTS, BUT BY WIDESPREAD INTERCEPTION DEBRIS AND FRANTIC CIVILIAN MOBILIZATION UNDER TIME-CONSTRAINED 'RED ALERTS'.

Wall Street Journal; Reuters

SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL TOLL

The offensive subjected youth to continuous **trauma conditions**. Clinical baselines indicate roughly **40%** will suffer **severe anxiety and impaired functioning**.

eClinicalMedicine; Times of Israel



Iran's offensive **paralyzed Israel's education sector**, collapsing the boundary between learning and survival, leaving hundreds of thousands of students **vulnerable to continuous 'Red Alert' threat conditions**.