

IndependentWomen® Operation Epic Fury: Why the U.S. Acted, and What it Means



What's Happening

The United States and Israel launched [Operation Epic Fury](#), a large-scale military campaign targeting Iran's missile forces, military infrastructure, and remaining nuclear capabilities. The strikes began February 28 with coordinated attacks on hundreds of military targets across Iran, including missile production sites, air defenses, command nodes, and senior regime leadership.

The [campaign aims to dismantle the capabilities](#) Iran uses to threaten the United States, its allies, and global commerce. Key targets include ballistic missile facilities, naval assets in the Persian Gulf, and command structures that coordinate regional proxy forces.

[Iran has retaliated with missile and drone attacks](#) against U.S. bases and partners across the region, killing several American service members and wounding more.

This is a direct military confrontation with a regime that has spent decades targeting Americans and destabilizing the Middle East.

What's At Stake

Iran is not simply another regional actor. It is the [world's leading state sponsor of terrorism](#), responsible for arming and directing proxy militias across the Middle East.

If left unchecked, Iran's trajectory includes:

- Expanded ballistic missile capabilities, [supported by China](#), capable of striking Europe and eventually the United States
- Continued funding and direction of proxy forces attacking Americans and allies
- [Nuclear weapons](#) held by a regime that chants "Death to America"
- Greater partnership and material support for America's greatest adversaries—[Russia](#) and [China](#)

Operation Epic Fury seeks to remove these threats before they become irreversible.

A weakened Iran would mean:

- Fewer missiles threatening American troops and partners
- Less capacity to arm terrorist proxies across the region
- Reduced risk of nuclear proliferation
- Greater security for global energy routes and international commerce

This is about preventing a hostile regime from acquiring the tools to wage far greater war.

Addressing Misperceptions

MISPERCEPTIONS	FACTS
This is a “forever war.”	<p>Thus far, Operation Epic Fury is a highly successful, targeted military campaign focused on degrading specific capabilities. The objectives are limited to destroying Iran’s missile forces, military infrastructure, and nuclear pathways that threaten American security.</p> <p>This is not an occupation or nation-building project. It is a strategic strike campaign designed to eliminate threats that have been building for decades.</p>
The objectives are unclear or constantly changing.	<p>The objectives have been consistent since the operation began:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Destroy Iran’s ballistic missile infrastructure■ Prevent the regime from acquiring nuclear weapons■ Degrade the military and naval capabilities used to threaten Americans and allies <p>Pentagon officials have described these goals as “laser-focused.”</p>
There was no reason to go after Iran.	<p>Iran has spent decades killing Americans through direct attacks and proxy warfare.</p> <p>From the Beirut barracks bombing to weapons supplied to militias that killed and maimed U.S. troops in Iraq, Iran’s regime has repeatedly targeted Americans and U.S. interests.</p> <p>The same regime continues to fund terror networks, attack shipping lanes, and pursue missile and nuclear capabilities designed to deter retaliation.</p> <p>Ignoring those threats does not prevent war. Instead, it delays it until the risks are far greater.</p>

Bottom Line

Operation Epic Fury is not about endless conflict. It is about confronting a regime that has spent forty years attacking Americans and destabilizing the world.

The objective is simple: remove the capabilities that make those threats possible.

While the United States is not acting with the goal of liberating the Iranian people from a brutal, misogynistic theocratic dictator, it’s certainly a welcome ancillary benefit from this action, and one that shows that Americans are on the side of freedom and human rights.