

Israel's options to strike Iran

Israeli retaliation for Iran's missile attack will focus on reestablishing deterrence and preventing similar attacks, but any response risks pushing the Middle East further towards all-out war



F-35 Joint Strike Fighter

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Aircraft: F-15 and F-35 fighter jets capable of reaching western Iran – distance of at least 1,500km

"Bunker buster" bombs: Could penetrate buried nuclear facilities



GBU-28 bomb



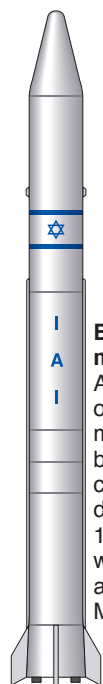
Key targets: Include Revolutionary Guards bases and nuclear facilities, such as main uranium enrichment plant at **Natanz**

Major facilities

- Nuclear site
- Reactor
- Uranium mine

Proxies: Israel could choose to strike Iran-backed armed groups, including **Hezbollah** in Lebanon, **Islamic Resistance in Iraq** and **Houthis** in Yemen

Countries with active Iran-backed militias



Ballistic missiles: Arsenal of Jericho missiles believed capable of delivering 1,000kg warhead anywhere in Middle East

Naval forces
Submarine-launched cruise missile attack from fleet of five **Dolphin** submarines

Jericho II
Range: From 1,500km

Popeye cruise missile

COVERT ATTACK

Cyber attacks against Iran's nuclear programme, or assassination of high-value target such as **Brig. Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh** (above), head of Revolutionary Guards' Aerospace Force, who commanded April 13 missile and drone attacks on Israel

