

# Can Israel destroy Iran's nuclear sites?

Israeli airstrikes may have caused some damage to Iran's nuclear programme but experts say much more powerful "bunker buster" bombs are needed to destroy fortified underground sites

■ **Isfahan:** Damage to four key buildings, including uranium conversion facility and fuel plate fabrication plant

■ **Natanz:** Destruction of surface structures and electrical system – loss of power may have damaged centrifuges. No detected breaches to underground uranium enrichment plant

■ **Fordow:** Minor damage to enrichment complex, buried 500m inside mountain

## BUNKER BUSTER BOMBS COMPARED

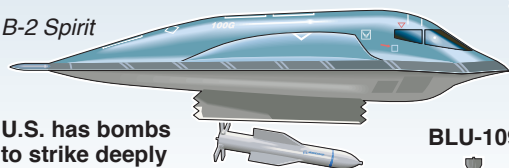
*B-2 Spirit*

U.S. has bombs to strike deeply buried bunkers. Israel's options are more limited – if operating by itself

■ **BLU-109:** 900kg bomb carried by Israeli F-35 jets. Used in 2024 to kill Hezbollah leader **Hassan Nasrallah** in underground shelter in Beirut, but assassination reportedly required multiple passes

■ **GBU-28:** Israel has undisclosed number of 2,250kg bunker busters – carried by F-15 aircraft – but likely not enough to do the job

■ **GBU-57:** 13,600kg bomb only made by U.S. and carried by U.S. B-2 Spirit stealth bomber

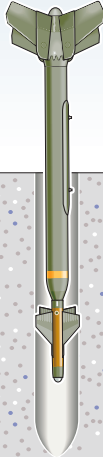


BLU-109



1.8-2.4m

GBU-28



5-6m

GBU-57  
Massive  
Ordnance  
Penetrator



60m