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Operation True Promise-4: Iran's Response to US–Israel Strikes

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What is Operation True Promise-4?

Operation True Promise-4 is the name used by Iran for its military retaliation against United States and Israel.

It came after the joint U.S.–Israel strikes on Iranian targets in 2026.

The operation is part of a series of Iranian responses called “True Promise.”

Why Did Iran Launch the Operation?

Iran launched the operation mainly for retaliation and deterrence.

Key reasons:

To respond to U.S.–Israel attacks on Iranian military and political targets.

To show that Iran can strike back against powerful adversaries.

To restore deterrence and warn against future attacks.

Targets of the Operation

Iran's retaliation targeted several areas:

Israeli territory through missile attacks.

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U.S. military bases in the Middle East.

Strategic sites in Gulf countries hosting American forces.

Missiles and drones were reported near bases in Qatar, Kuwait, UAE, and Bahrain where U.S. forces are present.

Weapons Used in the Operation

Iran used multiple types of weapons:

Ballistic missiles

Cruise missiles

Shahed drones

These weapons were launched simultaneously to overwhelm air defence systems.

Regional Impact

The operation caused widespread tension across the Middle East.

Effects included:

Air defence systems activated in several Gulf countries.

Airspace restrictions and emergency alerts in parts of the region.

Concerns about a wider regional war.

Meaning Behind the Name “True Promise”

The name “True Promise” carries symbolic meaning in Iran’s military messaging.

It represents:

A promise to retaliate against attacks on Iran.

A strategy of deterrence through direct strikes rather than only proxy groups.

A signal that Iran will respond immediately and forcefully to future threats.

Background: Earlier “True Promise” Operations

Iran has used the same naming pattern before:

Operation True Promise (2024) – missile and drone strikes on Israel.

Operation True Promise II (2024) – another large missile attack on Israeli targets.

Operation True Promise III (2025) – continued retaliation during the conflict.

Operation True Promise IV (2026) – response to U.S.–Israel strikes.

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