

# These Are the Top Iranian Generals and Scientists Killed by Israel

Maj. Gen. Mohammad Bagheri, the chief of staff of Iran's armed forces, was among the dead, according to Iranian state media. Officials said a top nuclear negotiator was also killed.

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**Ali Khamenei**  
Supreme leader

At the top of the chain of command

## MILITARY GENERALS

### **Mohammad Bagheri**

The commander in chief of Iran's military. Second highest commander after Supreme Leader

**KILLED**



**Replaced by**  
**Abdolrahim Mousavi**



### **Hossein Salami**

Commander in chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, Iran's primary military force

**KILLED**



**Replaced by**  
**Mohammad Pakpour**



### **Gholamali Rashid**

Deputy commander in chief of the armed forces

**KILLED**



### **Amir Ali Hajizadeh**

Leader of the airspace unit of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps

**KILLED**



## OTHER OFFICIALS



### Ali Shamkhani

Senior former navy commander, was overseeing the nuclear talks with the United States

**KILLED**

## NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS



### Fereydoun Abbasi

Former head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran

**KILLED**



### Mohammad Mehdi Tehranji

Physicist and president of the Islamic Azad University in Tehran

**KILLED**

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Israeli strikes on Friday morning dealt a major blow to Iran's military chain of command by killing at least three of its top generals, along with a senior politician and at least two nuclear scientists, according to Iranian state media and officials.

The Israeli military confirmed the deaths of the three Iranian commanders. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, moved swiftly to replace the military leaders in an apparent bid to project stability and prevent a power vacuum. At least one other top general was killed, according to the Israeli military, a claim that Iran did not immediately comment on.

Here is what we know about those killed:

## Military Generals

- **Maj. Gen. Mohammad Bagheri**, chief of staff of the armed forces and the second-highest commander after Ayatollah Khamenei. He was replaced by Maj. Gen. Abdolrahim Mousavi, according to Iranian state news agency IRNA.

- **Gen. Hossein Salami**, commander in chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, Iran's primary military force. He was replaced by Gen. Mohammad Pakpour, IRNA reported.
- **Gen. Gholamali Rashid**, deputy commander in chief of the armed forces.
- **Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh**, the head of the airspace unit of the Revolutionary Guards.

## Politicians

- **Ali Shamkhani**, one of Iran's most influential politicians and a close confidant of Ayatollah Khamenei, was killed, according to three senior officials and Iranian media reports. He had been overseeing nuclear talks with the United States as part of a committee named by the supreme leader to direct the negotiations.

## Nuclear Scientists

- **Fereydoun Abbasi**, the former head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.
- **Mohammad Mehdi Tehrani**, a theoretical physicist and president of the Islamic Azad University in Tehran.

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