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Iran Revolutionary Guard Threatens Retaliation if US Launches Assassinations

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Iran's Revolutionary Guard General Amir Ali Hajizadeh [today warned the US](#) against attempts to assassinate any members of the Quds Force, saying that "[if they kill one of us we will kill dozens of them.](#)"

The comments were immediately spun into a "[threat](#)" against the US, but were actually in response to testimony by retired US General Jack Keane, [who told Congress that the US needed to start assassinating Quds Force members](#) as part of a policy of large-scale escalation.

Keane was backed by former CIA agent Reuel Marc Gerecht, who also told Congress that the only way to get Iran's attention was to "shoot somebody." The comments come in the context of weeks of new threats by the US and Israel to attack Iran.

Assassination has been a hot subject recently, with US officials accusing the Quds Force of a bizarrely convoluted plot against a Saudi Ambassador, and the [Iranian government complaining to the UN about US assassination of scientists.](#)