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Israeli Attack on Iran Would Include Targeting Civilian Infrastructure

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Any preemptive Israeli attack on Iran for its alleged nuclear weapons program [would target civilian infrastructure as well as its nuclear facilities](#), according to a report in *The Daily Beast*.

Anonymous U.S. intelligence officials [told The Daily Beast that an Israeli attack](#) “would go far beyond airstrikes from F-15 and F-16 fighter planes and likely include electronic warfare against Iran’s electric grid, Internet, cellphone network, and emergency frequencies for firemen and police officers.”

Such an attack could cause serious human suffering and might constitute a deliberate violation of international law, which prohibits targeting civilian infrastructure for attack.

Meanwhile, the saber-rattling over the report from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which renewed concerns that Iran’s nuclear program has a military dimension despite concluding there has been no diversion of fissile material necessary for a weapon, has continued.

World powers have [drafted a United Nations resolution](#), expected to win formal approval, condemning Iran for its nuclear activities while stopping short of setting deadlines or recommending new sanctions. The omission of deadlines and punitive measures was a concession to Russia and China, who have opposed such aggressive postures towards Iran.