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US-initiated 'world war' against Iran has failed and Washington has gone mad, IRGC militia commander says

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A “world war” against Tehran has been foiled, a militia belonging to Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards has announced, describing recent protests over fuel price hikes as a plot instigated by Washington and its allies.

*“A full-fledged world war against the system and the revolution was born and, fortunately, the child died at the moment of birth,”* said Brigadier General Salar Abnoosh, a deputy head of the Basij militia, one of the five forces of the Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

The commander accused a *“coalition of evil”* comprising the United States, Saudi Arabia and Israel, of being behind several days of unrest in the Islamic Republic.

The Revolutionary Guards said in a statement that protests had erupted in around 100 cities across Iran after the government raised fuel prices. As a result of the military's *“insight and timely action,”* the unrest ended *“in less than 24 hours and in some cities in 72 hours,”* the Corps claimed.

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The group's deputy commander, Brigadier General Ali Fadavi, said that Washington has *“gone mad”* over the fact that the country has returned to normalcy and that there is no more *“disorder”* in the streets.

Hours earlier, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had called on Iran's *“brave protesters”* to

share videos and photographs exposing abuses by Iranian law enforcement and military personnel. He said the material would be used to “*sanction*” Iran for human rights violations.

Tehran has scoffed at Washington’s statements of support for the protesters, noting that US sanctions have barred “*delivery of food and drugs to the elderly and patients.*”

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