

Iran confident of war with Israel

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One of Iran's top military leaders on Saturday said he is confident war with Israel is coming, and that the conflict will end with the obliteration of the Jewish state.

"War will happen but it is not clear where and when," Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari told reporters.

Jafari insisted that Israel sees no way besides war to confront what it claims is Iran's quest to attain nuclear weapons.

The "stigma and cancerous tumor" that is Israel seeks to wage a war, but should be restrained by the West lest it face destruction, stated Jafari.

While Iranian officials like Jafari maintain that the Islamic Republic's nuclear program is peaceful in nature, the general hinted that it does in fact have a nuclear arms program.

"The Islamic Revolution is moving hastily towards achieving its objectives," Iranian media quoted the general as saying. There is

also no way Iran could physically obliterate Israel besides using nuclear weapons, considering the distance between the two nations.

Meanwhile, the US Senate on Saturday passed a resolution reaffirming America's commitment to preventing Iran from attaining nuclear weapons, and insisting that a policy of containing a nuclear-capable Iran is not acceptable.

Passed by a vote of 90-1, the resolution also stressed that it was not an approval for military action against Iran, something many Israeli leaders say is the only viable option remaining.

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