

## Iran: Terrorist attack in *Kerman*

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January 4, 2024: **Kerman**, Iran: Two suicide bombers sent by **ISIS/ISKP** attacked when a large crowd had assembled to mark the fourth anniversary of **General Qassem Soleimani's** assassination. Nearly one hundred persons were killed and more than 200 others wounded in explosions near the tomb of former **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) General Qassem Soleimani**.

The militias, nurtured by Qassem Soleimani had been attacking US and allied forces in the region for years. In 2020 a US drone killed Qassem Soleimani in Iraq. Therefore, the leaders of the militias as well as Iran initially blamed USA for the explosions in Kerman. However, a spokesman of USA stated that such an attack on a civilian gathering was not the policy of USA and it would not ever mount such an operation. Very soon on Instagram, ISIS claimed that the attack was done by their volunteers. **IS of Khorasan Province (ISKP)** has a strong presence in the border areas of Pakistan with Afghanistan. It is said to have about 3000 trained fighters and it is operating a number of websites to recruit more persons to its ideological groups. **Sumit Peer** of Pguru youtuber claims that this attack was the handy work of ISKP.

IRGC's leader and Iran's First Vice President **Mohammad Mokhber** vowed revenge on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for explosions that killed a large number of innocent people.



*Islamic Republic of Iran: Population: 87.92 Mn, GDP: \$359.7 Bn*

*Capital: Tehran, Population: 9.4 Mn*

## BACKGROUNDER on QASEM SOLEIMANI

Qasem Soleimani, an Iranian military officer who served in the **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** was the commander (1998-2020) of the **Quds Force**, an IRGC division primarily responsible for extraterritorial and clandestine military operations.

Responsible for extraterritorial operations, the Quds Force supports non-state actors in many countries, including **Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Yemeni Houthis, and Shia militias in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan**. Qasem Soleimani was able to organize large highly motivated militias even of Sunni volunteers in Gaza showed his extra-ordinary skills as a leader of the terrorist groups.

The Quds Force reports directly to the **Supreme Leader of Iran, Ayatollah Khamenei** was considered by some analysts to be the right-hand man of the Supreme Leader of Iran.



*Qasem Soleimani ( b.11 March 1957 – d.3 January 2020)*

*EDITORIAL COMMENTS: [www.diginews360.com](http://www.diginews360.com) calls upon Iran and all the other responsible countries in the region to disband the militias, setup by General Qasem Soleimani. Iran may feel temporary a false feeling of importance since the militias give it the means to interfere in the entire region, without being directly held responsible for the mayhem by the militias. The militias are only causing instability, leading to governments which are not able to take up the task of poverty alleviation and of providing education and other necessary infrastructure for a modern society. If the oil wealth of the countries of the region and the innovative genius, proved by the universities in Israel could join together in an environment of peace, free of mutual age-old hatreds, the region could become a prosperous place where people would like to live. [www.diginews360.com](http://www.diginews360.com) hopes that the leaders will give up their self-destructive policies and move towards a path of peace, cooperation and love.*

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