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Iran appears to have lost its head both literally and figuratively. In the literal sense, this refers to the killing of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei a few days ago. In a broader sense, recent developments suggest that the country may also be losing its strategic direction and acting without clear calculation, even targeting neighboring states.

The situation escalated on 5 March 2026, when Iran launched drone strikes toward Azerbaijan's Nakhchivan region. One drone fell near Nakhchivan Airport, while another landed close to a school. Reports indicate that several people were injured.

What makes the incident particularly striking is its timing. The attack occurred shortly after Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev visited the Iranian embassy to express condolences over the death of Iran's Supreme Leader. President Aliyev even noted that he was the only head of state who personally offered condolences for Khamenei's death. In other words, despite Azerbaijan showing no hostility toward Iran, it still became a target of an attack.

This is not the first time tensions between the two countries have surfaced. During the Second Karabakh War between Azerbaijan and Armenia, Iran also demonstrated a noticeably unfriendly and sometimes openly critical stance toward Azerbaijan.

Public reaction in Azerbaijan to the recent events has been largely unanimous. Many observers believe that Iran is currently facing a serious political and military crisis and is reacting emotionally to regional developments.

Journalist and political analyst Professor Gulu Maharramli wrote on social media that Iran's decision to strike Turkey earlier and then Nakhchivan without a clear reason shows that the country is in a deep state of crisis. According to him, years of misguided policies by the clerical regime have weakened political coordination within the country, and some military structures are now acting without proper strategic planning.

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It is worth recalling that only days earlier Iran had taken a similar step against Turkey. These developments highlight growing tensions in the region and raise concerns about what Iran might do next.

Many analysts argue that in such a volatile situation, allowing Iran to obtain nuclear weapons could pose a serious threat not only to neighboring countries but to the entire world.

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