



ISRAELI FIGHTER JETS REPORTED FLYING OVER BEIRUT

November 21, 2013 timesofisrael.com reported: "Israeli fighter jets were seen flying Thursday over Lebanese territory, including above the nation's capital Beirut, a Lebanese news agency reported. According to the Nashera news agency, extensive Israeli Air Force activity has taken place over the country's coastal regions, Israel Radio reported. The reports were not immediately verified by any additional sources.

Last month, Lebanon's state-run media reported that Israeli fighter planes and unmanned drones flew over two villages in the country's south. The Lebanese National News Agency reported that fighter jets buzzed the villages of Arkoub and Hasbaya, in southeast Lebanon. In August, the IAF struck targets south of Beirut in retaliation for rockets fired on Israel by terrorists in Southern Lebanon.

Sources in the United Nations asserted that Israel has more than doubled its overflights of Lebanese airspace compared to the previous year, suggesting preparations for possible action against Syria or Hezbollah.

NETANYAHU PLEDGES: IRAN WILL NOT HAVE NUKES

November 21, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran must not obtain nuclear weapons – and Israel will not allow it to do so, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu declared Thursday, speaking to Russian Jewish community leaders in Moscow.

'They must not have nuclear weapons. And I promise you that they will not have nuclear weapons,' Netanyahu declared.

'The Iranians deny our past and repeat their commitment to wipe the State of Israel off the map. This reminds us of the dark regimes of the past that plotted against us first and then against all of humanity,' he said. Netanyahu said that Iran is trying to change its image, and warned the world not to be fooled.

'They are also using propaganda: They are now creating a propaganda film in which hears a piano being played, and sees the Foreign Minister going through a building, talking about the need for peace in the future. This is not the real Iran,' he said.

'The real Iran is what the leader of Iran, Khomeini, said yesterday,' Netanyahu continued, 'He called Jews 'rabid dogs' and said that they were not human. The public responded to him with calls of 'Death to America! Death to Israel!'...This is the real Iran!'...'

SUPREME LEADER: IRAN TO GIVE CRUSHING, UNFORGETTABLE RESPONSE TO AGGRESSORS

November 20, 2013 farsnews.com reported: "Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei warned Iran's enemies to avoid even thinking of any aggressive move against the country, stressing that the Iranian Armed Forces are ready to give such a crushing response to any threat that aggressors will never forget.



Addressing 50,000 Basij (volunteer force) commanders in Tehran on Wednesday, Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to the preparedness of Iran's military forces, and said, "The response of the Iranian nation to any foreign aggression will be regrettable for the enemy."

The Supreme Leader underlined that the increasing threats by the enemy show that the US-led western sanctions have not been effective and they have understood it themselves. Addressing the arrogant powers, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "Instead of threatening other countries, go and deal with your wretched economic conditions and think of your debts."

Ayatollah Khamenei pointed to the recent behavior of French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius in support of Israel in the last round of talks between Iran and the major world powers, and said, "Supporting the miserable Zionist regime ... will be a source of defamation for the Europeans and of course the French nation should find a remedy for it."

KHAMENEI: IRAN WILL NOT STEP BACK ONE IOTA, SAYS ZIONISTS ARE LIKE ANIMALS

November 20, 2013 Debkafile.com reported: "Calling Israel "the roguish, filthy, rabid dog of the region," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the (Israeli) Zionist regime is a regime whose pillars are extremely shaky and is doomed to collapse. Zionist officials cannot be called humans, they are like animals, some of them," said the ayatollah to commanders of the hard-line Basij militia force in Tehran in remarks broadcast live Wednesday on state TV.

Referring to the nuclear talks in Geneva between Iran and the Six Powers, Khamenei said Iran will not step back "one iota" from its "nuclear rights." Pressure from economic sanctions will never force the country into unwelcome concessions.

Khamenei also blasted U.S. government policies, including threats of military action, but said Iran has "no animosity" toward the American people and seeks "friendly" relations.

French President Francois Hollande slammed Khamenei's remarks on Israel."..."

VENEZUELA SEIZES MORE STORES AHEAD OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

November 20, 2013 USA Today reported: "Forcing stores to sell their merchandise for a price that the owners say will put them out of

business may sound like a bad idea, but President Nicola Maduro is not angling to improve the economy, Venezuelans say.

"This is going to help him and his party in the short term," says Alfredo Ramos, a political science professor at the University of the Andes in Merida. "His actions are motivating his backers to go out and vote, and disheartening his opponents. However, his actions could very well hurt him in the medium term."

Thousands of people have lined up in front of electronics stores and hardware stores that have been ordered by Maduro to empty their inventories at cut-rate prices.

Maria Davila felt like a winner after emerging from the Traki department store with clothes for herself and her husband, as well as toys for their four children. Davila spent 14 hours in line to make her purchases after the store reduced prices by up to 70% on merchandise to comply with Maduro's crusade against the country's "parasitical bourgeoisie."

"It was well worth the wait," Davila, 42, says of her ordeal. "I saved so much money. I feel like I won the lottery."

Taking a page out of the late Hugo Chavez's populist playbook, Maduro is attacking the country's producers and businesses to boost his United Socialist Party of Venezuela for local elections Dec. 8.

His orders may be followed by more. On Tuesday night, Venezuelan lawmakers gave Maduro the power to enact law without legislative approval. Maduro said he will use the authority to create a new state body to oversee Venezuela's currency controls that have led to widespread inflation and shortage of basic goods. He also said he will order that corporations slash their profit margins by up to 30%."..."

SYRIAN MILITANTS THREATEN TO TAKE WAR TO US, UK

November 14, 2013 The Fars News Agency reported: "Militants fighting the Syrian government threatened to wage war against the United States and the United Kingdom. In a video posted on the Internet, the foreign militants said the US and the UK would be the next targets of their militancy."

Earlier on Wednesday, US channel, Fox news, reported that extremists who are pouring into Syria could threaten US in future. It quoted a key US lawmaker who receives regular briefings on the issue, as saying that most of the more than 1,000 extremists who have poured into Syria to fight alongside Al-Qaeda carry passports from North America and Europe, raising the possibility that they could easily bring terror back to the West.

The prospect is especially chilling given that Al-Qaeda-linked fighters in Syria seem determined to use the embattled nation as a haven from which to launch future attacks beyond the region, according to Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., who chairs the House Intelligence Committee,' Fox news reported.

'The number now exceeds 1,000 western jihadists who have shown up, so they'll have passports, good passports, which allows them to travel around Europe, maybe get to the United States,' Rogers told Fox News. "That's concerning.'..."

HOLLANDE: IRAN MUST GIVE UP NUKES 'FOREVER'

November 17, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "French President Francois Hollande restated his absolute opposition to Iranian nuclear weapons Sunday evening, after meeting his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres in Jerusalem."

'We will never accept Iran's possessing nuclear weapons,' said Hollande. 'This is a threat to the security of Israel and a threat to the entire world. We want and seek an agreement with the Iranian leadership, because we believe that diplomacy is the preferable route. But a true agreement will be possible only if Iran gives up on nuclear weapons forever.'



This was probably the most forceful statement on the subject Hollande has made until now..."

CHRISTIANS FACING EXTINCTION AT HANDS OF MILITANTS, MINISTER WARNS

November 17, 2013 Christian Today reported: "Violent attacks by militants are driving Christians from their historic homelands, Baroness Warsi has warned. The minister for faith was to warn at a speech at Georgetown University, Washington, today that Christians and other religious minorities are experiencing a 'global crisis' amid a rise in attacks against them."

'A mass exodus is taking place, on a Biblical scale,' she was to say. 'In some places, there is a real danger that Christianity will become extinct.'

Georgetown is home to some of the world's leading academics on freedom of religion or belief and the speech will follow an event on religious freedom hosted at the Council on Foreign Relations.

Ahead of the speech, MS Warsi wrote in The Telegraph: 'There are parts of the world today where to be a Christian is to put your life in danger. 'From continent to continent, Christians are facing discrimination, ostracism, torture, even murder, simply for the faith they follow. Perpetrators range from states to terrorists to people's neighbour.'

She continued: 'Collective punishment is becoming more common, with people being attacked for the alleged crimes, connections or connotations of their coreligionists, often in response to events taking place thousands of miles away.'..."

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