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Netanyahu warns of preemptive attack as Tehran speaks of Israel's annihilation

August 8, 2024 *jpost.com* reported: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Iran and Hezbollah of preemptive attacks, while Tehran spoke of the Jewish state's annihilation and the region braced for the possibility of a second direct confrontation between the two arch-foes.

'We are prepared both defensively and offensively,' Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated during a visit Wednesday to the IDF induction base at Tel Hashomer.

'I know that the citizens of Israel are concerned, and I ask one thing of you: Be patient and level-headed,' he said.' We are striking our enemies and are determined to defend ourselves.'

The prime minister spoke with inductees at the base amid a tense week as Israel braced for potential reprisal attacks by Iran and its proxy groups, including Hezbollah, which has already been battling the IDF along the country's northern border with Lebanon for close to 11 months..."

Kamala Harris Open to Discussing Israel Arms Embargo

August 8, 2024 *newsweek.com* reported: "Kamala Harris has said she is prepared to meet with activists to discuss an arms embargo on Israel, according to reports.

The Uncommitted National Movement – a pro-Palestinian, anti-war organization – said its founders spoke with the vice president and Governor Tim Walz at their campaign rally in Detroit on Wednesday, sharing their concerns about the U.S. "supplying weapons for Israel's war and occupation against Palestine."

They also requested a meeting with Harris to discuss their demands for an arms embargo on Israel and a permanent ceasefire, according to the organization. Fighting continues in the Gaza Strip after Israel responded to the October 7 Hamas attacks last year with air strikes and a ground invasion.

"The Vice President shared her sympathies and expressed an openness to a meeting with the Uncommitted leaders to discuss an arms embargo," the organization said in a statement..."

US sends more missile defense warships to Middle East amid Iran tensions

August 7, 2024 *jpost.com* reported: "The United States sent additional warships to the Middle East that are capable of defending against missiles amid an increase in tensions between Iran and Israel.

'We've adjusted our military posture to strengthen our force protection,' US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said at a press conference in Maryland. This will 'reinforce our ironclad commitment to the offense of Israel' and allow the US to 'remain prepared to respond to any contingency.'



Lloyd Austin
U.S. Secretary of Defense

'To maintain our carrier strike group presence in the Middle East, I've ordered the USS Abraham Lincoln to replace the USS Theodore Roosevelt later this month,' he said.

'I've also ordered more cruisers and destroyers capable of ballistic missile defense to the region,' Austin stressed..."

Report: Russia delivering advanced air defenses to Iran at its request

August 6, 2024 *israelnationalnews.com* reported: "Iranian officials quoted by *The New York Times* on Monday, including a member of the Revolutionary Guards Corps, confirmed that Russia has begun delivering advanced air defense and radar equipment to Iran, after officials in Tehran asked the Kremlin for the arms.

The comments followed a report in Iranian media that Iran has requested advanced air-defense systems from Russia as it prepares for a possible war with Israel.

The New York Times report came after top Russian security official Sergei Shoigu arrived in Tehran on Monday to meet with senior officials. According to Iranian media, Shoigu, who in the past served as Russia's Defense Minister, met with Iran's new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, and with the commander of the Iranian armed forces, Brig. Gen. Mohammad Bagheri. He also reportedly met with the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council. The report underscores the deepening of defense cooperation between Iran and Russia, which has mainly been seen during the war in Ukraine..."

Pakistan announces intention to supply arms to Iran at OIC meeting

August 6, 2024 jpost.com reported: "Several Arab sources reported Tuesday that if the conflict between Iran and Israel escalates, Pakistan plans to supply Iran with Shaheen-III medium-range ballistic missiles.

An emergency meeting of the foreign ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), requested by Iran and Pakistan, took place yesterday in Saudi Arabia, with Iran examining its response to the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. The meeting in the coastal city of Jeddah included discussions on 'the crimes of the Israeli occupation' and 'the assassination of Haniyeh,' said the Saudi OIC representative..."

US military enhancing Middle East naval presence ahead of possible retaliation

August 5, 2024 spacewar.com reported: "The United States is sending additional naval resources to the Middle East as it braces for the likelihood of a retaliatory attack by Iran after the killing of a Hamas leader in Tehran.

'Secretary [of Defense Lloyd] Austin has ordered additional ballistic missile defense-capable cruisers and destroyers to the U.S. European Command and U.S. Central Command regions,' Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh said in a statement issued by the Pentagon. 'The Department is also taking steps to increase our readiness to deploy additional land-based ballistic missile defense.'



USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier

The Navy's USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group will replace the USS Theodore Roosevelt to 'maintain a carrier strike group presence in the Middle East.'

The USS Abraham Lincoln and its accompanied ships were sailing off the coast of Hawaii on Saturday. Austin has also ordered an additional fighter squadron deployed to the Middle East..."

Egypt: We won't help defend against Iranian attack

August 5, 2024 israelnationalnews.com reported: "Egypt has announced that it will not take part in a defensive coalition in the event of an Iranian attack, *Israel Hayom* reported, quoting *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed*.

Speaking to the Israeli delegation which recently visited Cairo, Egyptian officials stressed that their country 'will not be part of a military axis' acting against a potential attack.

The report also said that Egypt sent a message that it will continue its efforts to reduce tensions in the area, and told Tehran that it must close its airspace against any military action which could threaten the area. Cairo has stressed that it does not intend to act with hostility towards Iran, but rather to protect its own interests..."

Israelis brace for a thousand-rocket, multi-proxy attack

August 2, 2024 jpost.com reported: "For years, Israel and Iran have been preparing for the moment when the two adversaries will enter a direct conflict. Sworn enemies, the armies of both countries have trained for such a scenario. The twin assassinations of two prominent anti-Israeli terrorist leaders just hours apart earlier this week have brought this scenario the closest it has ever been before.

Both leaders, Fuad Shukur of the Lebanese-based Hezbollah and Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh, were killed less than 12 hours apart. Israel took responsibility for Shukur's death in Beirut and has not done so for Haniyeh but is likely believed to be behind the killing which took place on Iranian soil. Iran's leadership immediately vowed to take revenge..."