



IDF launches 'extensive' strikes against Hezbollah in 10 areas of southern Lebanon

August 22, 2024 timesofisrael.com reported: “The IDF said Thursday that it carried out ‘extensive’ airstrikes against Hezbollah terror group sites in southern Lebanon overnight, as the spiraling violence between the two sides showed no sign of losing momentum.

Attacks carried out by fighter jets targeted weapon depots, buildings used by Hezbollah and a rocket launcher, in 10 areas of southern Lebanon, according to an update from the military.



The widespread strikes come in response to a Hezbollah barrage of 50 rockets the previous day at the northern town of Katzrin that caused significant damage and wounded an Israeli man. Meanwhile, rocket and drone alert sirens sounded in the border town of Kiryat Shmona and a number of other communities in the Galilee on Thursday morning. No injuries were reported.

The widespread IDF strikes also came a day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hinted at Israel’s offensive capabilities in the north, and National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir called for a harsh response to the Hezbollah attack on Katzrin...”

Pro-Palestinian Protesters Outside DNC Want Israel Destroyed — and Target Jews

August 21, 2024 Breitbart.com reported: “‘We don’t want no two states; give us all of ’48!’ That was one among many anti-Israel — and anti-American chants shouted by pro-Palestinian protesters Monday outside the Democratic National Convention.

President Joe Biden would later tell his party, from the stage, that the protesters ‘have a point.’ But their point was not that ‘[a] lot of innocent people are being killed on both sides,’ as Biden said. Their point was: destroy Israel.

At the front of the procession Monday from Union Park to the perimeter fence outside the United Center — which protesters soon broke through — were several extremist flags, including the flag of the Hamas terrorist organization.

Protesters chanted the familiar ‘from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,’ which refers to the destruction of Israel and its replacement by a Palestinian state (under current conditions, an Islamist one, controlled by Hamas) ...”

China says US has ‘no right to intervene’ in South China Sea disputes

August 20, 2024 spacewar.com reported: “China warned the United States on Tuesday that it has ‘no right to intervene’ in its maritime disputes with the Philippines after another clash near a disputed reef in the South China Sea.

China and the Philippines have had repeated confrontations in the waters over the past year, including around a warship, grounded in 1999 by Manila on the contested Second Thomas Shoal, which hosts a garrison.

Both countries said on Monday that their coast guard ships had collided near the disputed Sabina Shoal, located 140 kilometres (86 miles) west of the Philippine Island of Palawan and about 1,200 kilometres from Hainan Island, the closest Chinese landmass.

China claims almost the entire South China Sea despite an international tribunal ruling that its assertion has no legal basis.

The United States condemned the ‘dangerous actions’ against ‘lawful Philippine maritime operations’ on Monday after the latest clash.

‘These actions are the latest examples of (China) using dangerous and escalatory measures to enforce its expansive and unlawful South China Sea maritime claims,’ State Department spokesman Vedant Patel said.

Asked about Patel’s remarks on Tuesday, his Chinese counterpart Mao Ning defended Beijing’s ‘legal measures to safeguard its territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests’.

‘The US is not a party in the South China Sea and has no right to intervene in maritime disputes between China and the Philippines,’ Mao told a regular briefing...”

Hezbollah fires 75 rockets at Israel after IDF hits weapons depots in eastern Lebanon

August 20, 2024 timesofisrael.com reported: “Hezbollah fired some 75 rockets from Lebanon at northern Israel on Tuesday in barrages in the morning and early afternoon, according to the Israel Defense Forces, which said that some of the launches were intercepted while the rest hit open areas.

There were no injuries reported in the attacks on the Upper Galilee, Western Galilee and the Golan Heights. The IDF said some of the rocket impacts sparked fires in open areas in the Upper Galilee, and that firefighters were working to extinguish them.

The army said it struck one of the launchers shortly after the rocket fire. Sirens sounded in multiple northern border communities amid the attacks.

The Iran-backed terror group said the barrages targeted military bases in response to IDF strikes on Hezbollah arms depots deep inside Lebanon’s eastern Bekaa Valley late Monday, and the killing of a prominent operative earlier in the day...”

Impatient Ayatollah Khamenei Warns ‘Divine Wrath’ Will Strike if Iran ‘Retreats’ on Israel

August 19, 2024 Breitbart.com reported: “Iran’s ‘supreme leader’ Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned his underlings in a meeting on Wednesday that making a ‘nontactical retreat’ would meet the ‘divine wrath’ of Allah as the world awaits a highly touted attack by Tehran on neighboring Israel...”

Khamenei made his remarks on Wednesday while meeting with legislative officials for an event commemorating ‘the Martyrs of the Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad Province.’



Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

...Khamenei warned that the Quran would frown upon a ‘retreat’ against Israel. ‘As the Quran states, a non-tactical retreat in any domain—whether military, political, or economic—will incur divine wrath,’ he said.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Khamenei claimed that America and Israel were waging ‘psychological warfare’ against the Iranian people to fuel ‘feelings of weakness, isolation, and submission to the enemy’s demands.’..

Gallant to Austin: Iran is getting ready for a large-scale attack

August 12, 2024 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Defense Minister Yoav Gallant spoke on Sunday with US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and told him the Iranian military preparations suggest Iran is getting ready for a large-scale attack, a source with knowledge of the call told *Axios*.

According to the report, which cited two sources with direct knowledge of the issue, the Israeli intelligence community’s updated assessment is that Iran is poised to attack Israel directly in retaliation for the elimination of Hamas’ political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and is likely to do it within days.

The new intelligence assessment indicates an attack could come before the Gaza hostage and ceasefire deal talks planned for Thursday, potentially jeopardizing negotiations at what Israeli officials have said is a ‘now-or-never’ moment for a potential deal between Israel and Hamas...”

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