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Israel signs deal to acquire 25 F-15 fighter jets from Boeing

November 7, 2024 jpost.com reported: “The Israel Defense Ministry (IMOD) signed on Wednesday a landmark transaction to acquire the next generation of F-15 fighter jets, purchasing 25 advanced aircraft from Boeing.

The \$5.2 billion agreement, part of a broader package of US aid approved by the US Administration and Congress earlier this year, includes an option for 25 additional aircraft. The deal was finalized yesterday following negotiations between the IMOD’s Mission to the US and Boeing in collaboration with the Israel Air Force. Director General of the IMOD, Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eyal Zamir signed the procurement authorization during his visit to the United States last month.

The new F-15IA aircraft will be equipped with cutting-edge weapon systems, including the integration of state-of-the-art Israeli technologies. The upgraded aircraft will feature enhanced range capabilities, increased payload capacity, and improved performance across various operational scenarios. These advantages will enable the Israel Air Force to maintain its strategic superiority in addressing current and future challenges in the Middle East...”

Iraq says will not allow its territory to be used in Mideast conflicts

November 7, 2024 barrons.com reported: “Iraq said Wednesday it would not allow its territory to be used for attacks related to conflict in the Middle East, with Iran threatening retaliation for an Israeli missile attack.

After a National Security Council meeting, a statement called reports suggesting Iraqi territory might be used as a launch point "pretexts aiming to excuse aggression against Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity".

The statement came after US news site Axios recently cited an Israeli intelligence source as saying an Iranian response could come from territory inside Iraq.

The site on Tuesday doubled down on its claims, citing two US officials, who said the United States had warned Iraq it risked "an Israeli attack on its territory" if it did not prevent Iranian retaliation from within its borders.

The Iraqi government, dominated by pro-Iran groups, has been pursuing a delicate balancing act in an attempt to distance the country from regional tensions sparked by Israel's wars in Gaza and now Lebanon...”

Iran repeats threats of attack on Israel after Trump win

November 6, 2024 ynetnews.com reported: “Iran on Wednesday repeated its threat to launch a substantial attack on Israel in retaliation for the Israeli strike on Iran last month.

‘The Zionists do not have the power to confront us and they must wait for our response... our depots have enough weapons for that,’ deputy chief of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Ali Fadavi adding Tehran does not rule out a potential U.S.-Israel pre-emptive strike to prevent it from retaliating against Israel.



Ali Fadavi
Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps

Israel is facing the threat of an Iranian attack while its defense minister has been fired and a new and inexperienced politician with no military or security background is supposed to take his place...”

Donald Trump Wins the Presidency; Greatest Comeback in American History

November 6, 2024 Breitbart.com reported: “Former President Donald John Trump is the winner of the 2024 presidential election, and will become the first person to win back the Oval Office after losing a reelection bid since Democrat Grover Cleveland in 1884 and 1892.

Trump — the 45th and soon-to-be 47th president — secured a path to a 270-vote threshold in the Electoral College with a victory in Pennsylvania, one of the ‘blue wall’ states he won in 2016, and where he campaigned vigorously throughout the campaign.

Vice President Kamala Harris turned in a strong showing among female voters. But she underperformed among urban voters and young voters that she needed to turn out to hold off the red tide outside the big blue cities...”

Trump loses ground with LGBTQ voters

November 6, 2024 thehill.com reported: “LGBTQ voters shifted away from former President Trump at the polls Tuesday, casting their ballots overwhelmingly for Vice President Harris and in higher numbers than for President Biden in 2020, according to exit polls.

Eighty-six percent of voters self-identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender voted for Harris in the presidential election, according to an NBC News exit poll, a 22-point increase over 2020, when Biden won 64 percent of the LGBTQ vote against Trump.

Twelve percent of LGBTQ voters in the NBC News exit poll said they voted for Trump, a 15-point decline from 2020.

Trump, who staged an improbable comeback by defeating Harris and retaking the White House early Wednesday, made anti-transgender messaging a central part of his campaign’s closing argument, spending tens of millions of dollars on advertising that went after transgender athletes and gender-affirming health care. At rallies, Trump railed against what he called “transgender insanity” and said Harris’s past support for trans-inclusive policies made her extreme and a danger to the country...”

Iran religious group recognizes Israel, causing outrage

November 5, 2024 ynetnews.com reported: “A Muslim religious institution caused outrage in Iran after it called for a 2-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, thereby recognizing the Jewish state’s right to exist.

The Assembly of Lecturers and Scholars in Qom, a reformist group of religious clerics, issued a statement calling for ‘the Zionist regime,’ to return to ‘the legal borders before the aggressions of 1967, and for the establishment of an independent Palestinian State.’

Iran has never supported a 2-state solution opting to aspire to the annihilation of Israel. Tehran did not take part in a summit conference in Riyadh on a 2-state solution, with the participation of most countries in the region...”

Iran’s Ayatollah Ali Khamenei Warns Israel, U.S. of ‘Teeth-Breaking’ Attack

November 4, 2024 Breitbart.com reported: “Israel and the U.S. will endure ‘teeth-breaking’ retaliation after Israeli forces struck Iran military sites in late October, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Saturday.

‘The enemies, both the U.S. and the Zionist regime, should know that they will definitely receive a teeth-breaking response for what they are doing against Iran and the resistance front,’ Khamenei said while addressing a student group, *UPI* reports.

‘We are certainly doing everything necessary to prepare the Iranian nation to stand against arrogance, whether in terms of military readiness, armaments or political actions.’

The commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) terrorist organization, Major General Hossein Salami, similarly proclaimed Iran’s response to the attack ‘will surpass all expectations,’ continuing a long line of threats against the Jewish state...”

Taiwan detects 37 Chinese aircraft near island

November 4, 2024 Barrons.com reported: “Taiwan said it detected 37 Chinese fighter jets, drones and other aircraft near the self-ruled island on Sunday as Beijing carried out ‘long-distance’ training flights.

China has ramped up military activity around Taiwan in recent years as Beijing pressures Taipei to accept its claims of sovereignty over the island.

The Chinese aircraft were spotted from 9:00 am (0100 GMT) and 35 of them crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait, which separates mainland China and Taiwan, and entered Taiwanese airspace on their way to the Western Pacific Ocean, the defence ministry said.

Taiwan’s military responded by deploying aircraft, naval vessels and shore-based missile systems, the ministry said...”



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