

Israel's War on Two Fronts

Israel shot down a Syrian MiG today.

Israeli Patriots downed a Syrian Sukhoi fighter 2 km inside Israel on Tuesday. DEBKAfile: The intrusion stemmed from Syria's insistence on its freedom to fly over the buffer zone (as defined in the 1974 disengagement accord) and Israel's abstention from raising a challenge to this claim. The incident also accentuated the Israeli-Russian dispute over interpretation of this accord. (<https://www.debka.com/mivzak/syrian-air-force-violation-of-golan-buffer-zone-led-to-israeli-downing-its-sukhoi/>)

While at nearly the same time

*All factions in the Occupied territory of the Gaza Strip are saying the Cease-Fire with Israel is over. Palestinian Islamic Jihad is publicly calling for: "**an escalation in molotov balloon attacks and enhanced riots at the border.**"*

(<http://haltturnerradioshow.com/index.php/news/world-news/2896-cease-fire-collapses-in-israel-gazans-being-urged-to-attack>)

And while this is going on.

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Chief of Staff Gen. Valery Gerasimov were turned away from Jerusalem empty-handed on July 23 by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman and IDF chief of staff Lt. Gen. Gady Eisenkot. They had come with an offer to distance Iran and its allied forces in Syria to a point 100km from the Israeli border, according to leaks from Moscow to the Western media. A high-placed Israeli source said Israel's answer was: No dice! Every last Iranian and their militia pawns, including Hizballah, must be removed from every inch of Syria and they must take their precision ballistic missiles with them.

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DEBKAfile has obtained a detailed list of these hostile forces:

- International Brigade 313 - a mix of Shiite militias under IRGC officers, that was transferred to Quneitra last week after fighting for Bashar Assad in Daraa.
- The "Quneitra Hawks", made up of several hundred Hizballah commandos, which is attached to the Syrian Army's 7th
- Three foreign Shiite militias fighting under IRGC officers, which are deployed in southern Syrian areas close to the Israeli border.
- Several hundred Hizballah fighters, who are posted at Khan Arnebeh near Quneitra as an operational reserve and are attached to the Syrian army's 5th

- The “Al Ghith Force,” an armored unit of the Syrian Army’s 4th Division, has taken up position inside the buffer zone (demilitarized under the 1974 accord) opposite the northern Golan town of Majdal Shams. (<https://www.debka.com/israel-spurns-russias-100km-offer-after-8-pro-iranian-militias-reach-its-doorstep/>)

While this is part of the on going Iranian mission to destroy Israel, there are also other activities in play.

1.2. Which sanctions will be re-imposed after the 90-day wind-down period ending on August 6, 2018?

After the 90-day wind down period ends on August 6, 2018, the U.S. government will re-impose the following sanctions that were lifted pursuant to the JCPOA, including sanctions on associated services related to the activities below:

- i. Sanctions on the purchase or acquisition of U.S. dollar banknotes by the Government of Iran;
- ii. Sanctions on Iran’s trade in gold or precious metals;
- iii. Sanctions on the direct or indirect sale, supply, or transfer to or from Iran of graphite, raw, or semi-finished metals such as aluminum and steel, coal, and software for integrating industrial processes;
- iv. Sanctions on significant transactions related to the purchase or sale of Iranian rials, or the maintenance of significant funds or accounts outside the territory of Iran denominated in the Iranian rial;
- v. Sanctions on the purchase, subscription to, or facilitation of the issuance of Iranian sovereign debt; and
- vi. Sanctions on Iran’s automotive sector

In addition, following the 90-day wind-down period that ends on August 6, 2018, the U.S. government will revoke the following JCPOA-related authorizations under U.S. primary sanctions regarding Iran:

i. The importation into the United States of Iranian-origin carpets and foodstuffs and certain related financial transactions pursuant to general licenses under the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 560 (ITSR);

ii. Activities undertaken pursuant to specific licenses issued in connection with the Statement of Licensing Policy for Activities Related to the Export or Re-export to Iran of Commercial Passenger Aircraft and Related Parts and Services (JCPOA SLP); and

iii. Activities undertaken pursuant to General License I relating to contingent contracts for activities eligible for authorization under the JCPOA SLP

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Persons engaging in the activities listed above undertaken pursuant to the U.S. sanctions relief provided for in the JCPOA should take the steps necessary to wind down those activities by August 6, 2018, to avoid exposure to sanctions or an enforcement action under U.S. law. (See FAQ 2.1. below for a description of activities that would not be prohibited or sanctionable during the wind-down period). [05-08-2018]

(https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/jcpoa_winddown_faqs.pdf)

1.3. Which sanctions will be re-imposed after the 180-day wind-down period ending on November 4, 2018?

Following the 180-day wind-down period ending on November 4, 2018, the U.S. government will re-impose the following sanctions that were lifted pursuant to the JCPOA, including sanctions on associated services related to the activities below:

i. Sanctions on Iran's port operators, and shipping and shipbuilding sectors, including on the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL), South Shipping Line Iran, or their affiliates;

ii. Sanctions on petroleum-related transactions with, among others, the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), Naftiran Intertrade Company (NICO), and National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC), including the purchase of petroleum, petroleum products, or petrochemical products from Iran; Issued on May 8, 2018 Updated on June 27, 2018

iii. Sanctions on transactions by foreign financial institutions with the Central Bank of Iran and designated Iranian financial institutions under Section 1245 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (NDAA);

iv. Sanctions on the provision of specialized financial messaging services to the Central Bank of Iran and Iranian financial institutions described in Section 104(c)(2)(E)(ii) of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions and Divestment Act of 2010 (CISADA);

v. Sanctions on the provision of underwriting services, insurance, or reinsurance; and

vi. Sanctions on Iran's energy sector.

(Same source as above.)

Additional sanctions and procedures are available in the source document on the U. S. Treasury web site.

For background into the Shiite religious justification for all this mayhem by Iran and its associates, please watch the film found here <https://kitmantv.blogspot.com/2011/03/12th-imam-coming-is-upon-us-iranian.html>) as well as the interview with Reza Kahlili.

July 25, 2018.

The conflict has restarted.

Today, the escalation began in earnest; fighting is widespread as of 1:45 PM eastern US time and things are escalating very badly **RIGHT NOW**.

Dozens of Molotov balloons and flaming kites are being launched into Israel, setting fire to whatever they land on. Palestinian SNIPERS have hit and wounded Israeli soldiers. When Israeli troops return fire, they quickly find themselves being engaged in heavy gun battles.

RAW UPDATES BELOW:

ALL GAZA FACTIONS NOW SAYING CEASEFIRE HAS ENDED

PALESTINIANS ENGAGING IDF TROOPS WITH HEAVY FIRE IN NUMEROUS GAZA STRIP BORDER ZONES

Incoming rocket siren activated in Golan Heights

10 burning kite fires since the morning

Now 13 burning kite fires reported. *(Live updates continued below Ad)*

Initial reports IDF hit Hamas site east of Al-Bureij with two missiles

Palestinian media claims that IDF tank fired towards a Hamas border outpost on the border

<http://haltunnerradioshow.com/index.php/news/world-news/2902-breaking-news-attacks-in-progress-palestinians-open-fire-on-israeli-troops-ongoing-battles>)

Additional events in the area point to the central role of Iran in this incident.

The government of Saudi Arabia is halting all oil shipments which would customarily originate on its west coast for travel via the Red Sea. IRAN is implicated in this action and Covert Intelligence Sources say it is directly related to the pending cut-off of Iranian Oil Shipments when Economic Sanctions resume in November. Details from my former colleagues in the Intelligence Community appear below.

<http://haltunnerradioshow.com/index.php>)

United Nations Envoy Mladenov has issued the following statement:

"My effort to forge a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has failed. It should be noted that this was widely understood as the final attempt before an extensive IDF operation."

<http://haltunnerradioshow.com/index.php/news/world-news/2907-invasion-of-gaza-imminent-hamas-officially-refuses-cease-fire>)

As the White House convenes a [policy meeting](#) on Iran Thursday involving senior Pentagon officials and cabinet advisers under national security adviser John Bolton, and after a week of intense saber-rattling by President Donald Trump and his Iranian counterpart Hassan Rouhani, **a new bombshell report by [Australia's ABC](#) says the White House is drawing up plans to strike Iran's alleged nuclear facilities as early as next month.** (<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2018-07-26/australian-defense-officials-say-trump-prepared-bomb-iran>)

Analysis: The situation in the Middle East is deteriorating at an alarming rate. While some of this deterioration is pretty much normal for the area, much is not. Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) is pretty much a wholly owned subsidiary of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) Qods Force. The other “rejectionist” groups in Gaza are also heavily subsidized by the IRGC.

Iran has two imperatives at work here. First, the strong desire to see that American sanctions are not reimposed or that the other signatories to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) ignore the reimposition of sanctions. Iran is attempting to do this by restricting the flow of oil from other Middle East producers, especially Saudi Arabia. That is the reason for the Houthi attacks on Saudi tankers in the Bab El Mandeb.

Iran also apparently intends to put Israel at risk on the Southern front from Gaza and on the Eastern Front from the Golan Heights. While Iran has Shiite religious imperatives to destroy Israel, the addition of the sanctions starting on August 6, puts more pressure on Iran to threaten Israel in hope of causing the United States to back off the sanctions. This will not happen.

While *The Coming Is Upon Us* is dated as far as the personalities involved, the theology remains valid. The Ayatollahs leading Iran are actually looking for massive destruction in the World to bring forth the Mahdi (Hidden Imam). This is what makes Iran so dangerous. The leadership of Iran does not care how many people they must slaughter if it brings forth the Mahdi. At the end of the Iran-Iraq War in the late 1980s, the mullahs were sending 13 year old boys out to clear Iraqi minefields with their bodies. They are prepared to do that again.

The soldiers of the Iranian military are of the mindset like that of the Imperial Japanese Army. The highest duty of the Japanese soldier was to die for the Emperor. The highest duty of an Iranian soldier is to die for Allah. The solution is the same. Kill them all at least twice.

I would expect that as August 6 approaches, the countries on the western shore of the Persian Gulf may experience “civil disturbances”. Bahrain would be the likely first target due to its high percentage of Shiites in the population, the active presence of the IRGC Qods Force among the population and the fact that it is home to major US headquarters. Kuwait will also be high on the list. Kuwait is a major logistics base for US forces. Kuwait also has a large Shiite minority population.

Whether or not Iran has the capability to block the Straits of Hormuz is the subject of much conjecture. They will try. November 4 is the date that sanctions are placed directly on Iran’s oil sector. I would expect that sometime near that date Iran will attempt to close the Straits of Hormuz as they have effectively closed the Bab El Mandeb to tanker traffic. We may see as in the “tanker war” in 1987 that all tankers are reflagged as American merchant ships and are escorted by the US Navy.

Iran has also threatened to bring guerrilla (terrorist) war to the United States. Iran is very capable of doing this. Hezbollah has been in Southern California since 1987 that I know of. You can be sure that Hamas and other “rejectionist” groups also have operatives in the United States. They are supplied by the drug cartels. Currently, the various drug cartels control Mexico along our southern border and also parts of the southern United States. Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) is a major threat throughout the United States. They will be well paid by the Iranians to commit terrorist acts against Americans.

While a lot of the reports in the news may be considered bluff and bluster, they should be taken with some respect. Neither side will find it easy to back down from their established positions.

4:02 PM PDT. Hal Turner is reporting that the Israeli Defense Forces have canceled all leaves.

When you add this to the “mobilization exercise” that the IDF held last weekend, the IDF is anticipating major action probably within 24 hours. So far no reports of this in regular Israeli media probably due to censorship.

Gaza may be the flash point but the Golan will be the decisive area of conflict.

Comment: I have written other articles on this subject but have not posted them as they were “overcome by events”. There is enough of a break here that I will post this one even though the situation in the Middle East is fluid at best.