

# Israel News Desk

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Following this summers Gaza conflict Israel is now bracing itself for a much more dangerous confrontation with Hezbollah on its northern border. A war with Lebanon would be much more serious than the recent conflict with Hamas. The fighting in Syria has not diminished the numbers of rockets arrayed against Israel. Hezbollah has 100 000 rockets including Syrian built M600 missiles with a range of 200 kilometres! Israel's "Iron Dome" missile is not designed for these rockets & its new "David's Sling" system is currently only in the stage of development.

Colonel Dan Goldfus who commands a brigade on the Lebanese border stated "Hezbollah is an Iranian vanguard with Iranian arms & trained by them." He went on "in a war with Hezbollah we would have to evacuate the kibbutzim on the border."

Yossi Langotsky, an IDF colonel said that Hezbollah were watching closely & had learnt from the Gaza conflict.

It is also reported that there are signs that Hezbollah are tunnelling under the northern border. Hezbollah have links with North Korea & it is known that North dug attack tunnels to South Korea & may well be involved on Israel's borders!

The cost of defence is now so great for Israel that some fear it could cause economic meltdown.

It is also now known that the day after the Gaza war ended Hamas were rebuilding tunnels! Islamic Jihad took an Al Jazeera reporter on an inspection tour & Jerusalem admitted Hamas were preparing already for the next round of fighting.

Hezbollah have also no doubt that most of the Israeli casualties were the result of mortar fire, most rockets were taken out by "Iron Dome" & the next salvos from Hezbollah might well be mortar fire. Certainly in a war with them they will have observed the results of mortar fire & act accordingly to cause mayhem close to the northern border in Israel.

Those who came on my last trip to Israel will recall standing with a young Israeli soldier, a girl in her 20's, looking out over the Syrian border. These young soldiers are on the front line, please pray for them. All the soldiers on the Syrian & Lebanese borders are in real danger.

There is a serious split in Israel now, not least in the cabinet, between those who think Israel should have finished the job in Gaza & reoccupied it & those who look for peace (with people dedicated to their destruction).

If you study carefully Psalm 83 you will note that Lebanon is one of the nations who will join a coalition with the Palestinians, & others, against Israel, but the inhabitants of Tyre are mentioned separately? Tyre is the headquarters of Hezbollah! God revealed the future in detail to the prophets!

There is one snag to suggesting current events may be heading to a fulfilment of this prophecy. Egypt is included and is currently in support of Israel because of their fear of Hamas. However things are changing daily in the Middle East & who knows what a day may bring. I personally believe the Ezekiel 38/39 war may prove to be very near. Either way the Lord must surely be coming for His church soon. Maranatha! Perhaps today!

**Mahmoud Abbass** threatened yesterday to dissolve his alliance with Hamas if they do not give up power in Gaza. Mr Abbass is looking to regain a foothold in Gaza & be able to play a part in its reconstruction. Even after a devastating war against Israel which caused billions of dollars of damage it has not yielded power.

Mr Abbass said "if Hamas does not want one authority, one weapon, one law, we will not accept a partnership with it."

Donors are wary of rebuilding Gaza unless there is a guaranteed peace & it will not be destroyed again.

**Sinai** Egyptian & Palestinian officials denied reports that Egypt offered to the Palestinians part of the Sinai to form a Palestinian state. It was claimed that Egypt's President Abdul al-Sisi had offered them 620 square miles.

**Shimon Peres** has said he wants to leave a legacy – world peace. He says Pope Francis, who he calls “*Holy Father*” is the one to make it happen!

Israel’s 91 year old recently retired President had a 45 minute meeting with the Pope & stated that the Pope was more powerful than the UN. Mr Peres says the UN has had its day; we need an organisation at the United Nations of Religions. He said he could see the Pope as its head! If Peres’ proposal gains traction it will create a global religious union of 3 monotheistic religions, one third each Judaism, Christianity & Islam, apparently led from the 7 hills of Rome. Shades of Revelation 17! Taken along with the plan to build a ‘Temple for All Faiths on the Temple Mount’ next to the mosque (courtesy of Tony Blair & Prince Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan) it seems a one world religion may be nearer than we think.

**Scottish Independence** Alex Salmond has consistently presented an anti Israel agenda to the people of Scotland. In 2002 he objected to the supply of parts for fighter planes “*to attack Palestinians in the illegally held territories.*” During the recent Gaza conflict his de-facto Scottish Foreign Minister Humza Yousaf was unequivocal in his criticism of “*a heavily disproportionate response*” to Hamas rocket bombardment.

Scotland, like Southern Ireland, is historically left wing & never likely & never likely to favour Israel. In Ireland the Foreign Minister is routinely asked to expel Israel’s Ambassador. Boycotts are spreading in both Scotland & Ireland & the president of Ireland Michael Higgins is considered one of the most anti Semitic heads of state in Europe.

Scotland would almost certainly become more anti Semitic than it currently is if it became independent, & it is bad enough now.

The Scottish parliament has been obsessively anti Israel (anti Semitic) & recently the Palestinian flag was flying over Glasgow’s City Chambers.

Under independence Scotland would rival Ireland in its anti-Semitic stance.

**France** The largest source of newcomers to Israel is from France. Between January the 1<sup>st</sup> & September the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4,566 French immigrants arrived in Israel, almost twice as many from either Russia or Ukraine.

Anti-Semitism is very high in France & many Jews see no future there.

It is not long since the late Ariel Sharon suggested all Jews should make aliyah to Israel to the rage of the French government. It is much worse now!

**Michael Gove** Tory chief Michael Gove has compared the campaign to boycott Israel’s goods with the first stages of the Nazi moves against Jews in the 1930s. He went on “*We know that Jihadi terrorists are targeting not just Jews and Israel but all of us in the West, they hate Israel and wish to wipe out the Jewish peoples home not because of what Israel does but because of what it is – free, democratic, liberal and western.*” Personally I think rather it is blatant satanically inspired anti-Semitism. The devil’s attempt to destroy the Jewish people.

**Colonel Richard Kemp** The former commander of all British forces in Afghanistan said this week, “*No army in the world has ever done more than Israel to save lives of civilians in a combat zone.*” He went on, “*When world leaders ask Israel to do more, perhaps Israel should ask ‘What more could I do?’*”

**Guatemala** The Mayor of a small town required the small Jewish population to register as Jews. People then uploaded photos of Hitler to a web site & others threatened to put the Jewish population in cremation ovens. Jewish people in the village have had to leave.

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

Bible Prophecy Foundation annual rally on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Revidge Fold Reform Church, Shear Brow, Blackburn, 3pm. Bring food, tea & coffee provided.

Speakers: Professor Graham Ashworth, Steve Lloyd, Brian Gemmell, Chair: Roy Cook & David Hoyle.