

This Week's Developments

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Israeli jets destroy 60 miles of Hamas tunnels under Gaza

The Times, May 20, 2021



EVENT

Israeli generals have revealed details of a secret operation to destroy the vast network of Gaza tunnels known to Hamas as “the Metro”. For the past week Israeli jets have been firing bunker-busting missiles at the 300-mile warren of passages beneath Gaza City. Built since 2016 at an estimated cost of more than £150 million, it is used by Hamas to hide weapons as well as its senior commanders and guerrilla fighters. The tunnels, equipped with a communications network that can withstand bomb attacks, have rest areas and lavatories and are split into five linked sections, one for each of Hamas’s combat brigades. They are connected to launch pits from which rockets have been fired towards Israeli towns and cities. So far the Israeli military believes it has destroyed about 60 miles of tunnels, a fifth of the entire network.

COMMENT

There has been 11 days of conflict between Israel and the Palestinians in Gaza. At least 243 people, including more than 100 women and children, were killed in Gaza, according to its health ministry. Israel has said it killed at least 225 militants during the fighting. Hamas has not given casualty figures for fighters. In Israel 12 people, including two children, were killed, its medical service says. The article above speaks of the incredible lengths that Hamas have gone to creating hundreds of miles of tunnels under Gaza from which they launch terror attacks on Israel and hide rockets. Israel’s iron dome has massively reduced the amount of casualties they would otherwise have suffered. In Zephaniah 2 we read about God’s anger coming against Gaza. We also read in Ezekiel 28 about the pricking briars surrounding Israel being removed. Hamas is still there to fight another day – so we know more conflict is yet to come...

BIBLE QUOTE

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’S anger. For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.
(Zephaniah 2:3-4)

Israel and Hamas ready to fight on

The Times, May 22, 2021



EVENT Israel and Hamas both threatened renewed fighting over Gaza in years to come, even as they agreed to end the latest round of bloodshed with a ceasefire yesterday. Binyamin Netanyahu, **accused by right-wing parties** of having caved in to pressure and **of calling off airstrikes too early**, hailed the military operation to destroy Hamas's missiles, tunnels and leadership as a success, saying **it had set back the enemy by years**. He promised to repeat it if necessary. "The rules of the game were changed," the prime minister said at a press conference after the ceasefire early yesterday morning. "We changed the equation not only as regards the operation, but **also as regards the future**. If Hamas thinks we will tolerate a drizzle of rockets, it is mistaken. We will respond with a whole **new level of force to every instance of aggression**." He suggested that previous "containment" of Gaza had been too soft.

COMMENT Psalm 83 is still to be fulfilled. We know that ALL the surrounding peoples mentioned will rise up against Israel. Although there is a ceasefire – it is just that – a ceasefire before more conflict resumes. Ismail Haniyeh, the Hamas leader said **"What is coming after this battle is not what came before it**. You will yet see many contacts and successes. We have seen how our nation awoke to stand behind Jerusalem, Palestine and the resistance." On **Friday there was renewed violence at Temple Mount in a repeat of the confrontation that sparked this round of conflict with Hamas**. What was most alarming to Israel is how the Palestinian conflict erupted into violence on the streets in Israel itself. **There is fear of civil war as Arab and Jewish mobs fight each other**. Psalm 83 indicates there will be internal conflict as it mentions the Amalekites who once **lived in the land**.

BIBLE QUOTE For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, ..Gebal, and Ammon, **and Amalek**; **The Amalekites lived in southern Canaan and were in fact one of the tribes Israel had to destroy when they entered the land. But note this – they were IN the land.** (Psalm 83:5-7)

Ayatollah issues terrifying call to arms as Iran vows to land 'deadly blows' on Israel

The Express, May 22, 2021



EVENT

IRAN's Supreme Leader has stoked tensions in the Middle East by urging Muslims to unite against Israel by supporting Palestinian insurgents militarily and financially. Meanwhile a statement issued by Iran's Revolutionary Guard claimed "deadly blows" will soon rain down on Israel from Palestine - with the strong implication that Hamas and other insurgents have been armed by Tehran. Speaking just hours after the confirmation of a ceasefire brokered by Egypt brought an end to 11 days of violence, Ayatollah Sayyid Ruhollah Musavi Khamenei issued his call to arms in a statement carried by multiple Iranian media outlets. Iran, which does not recognise Israel, supports and is widely understood to have armed the Islamist militants of Hamas, who rule the Gaza Strip.

COMMENT

Iran is the power behind all the terror groups that surround Israel. It actively arms and supports, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah and even Syria itself who is a sworn enemy of Israel. All these are terror groups or in the case of Syria a nation that uses terror to suppress its people. Psalm 83 mentions a nation that is joined to many tribes listed who surround Israel and want to destroy Israel. That nation is Assur or Assyria. In ancient times Assur covered the land of Syria, Iraq AND Iran. Therefore we expect Iran to be the major support of the terror groups around God's land. We might ask why Iran hasn't activated Hezbollah in Lebanon to attack Israel while Hamas was? The answer is probably due to the fact that Iran is in end talks in Vienna over its nuclear program. Iran activated Hamas as a warning of what it will do if it doesn't get its way in these talks...

BIBLE QUOTE

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. (Psalm 83:4-8)

Turkey's anti-Israel obsession reaches new heights

Jerusalem Post, May 21, 2021



EVENT Turkey's anti-Israel rhetoric has rapidly increased during the past eight days of fighting. The rhetoric targeting Israel and Jews has reached such heights that the US has condemned Turkey's president for antisemitic comments. While the US works to bring an end to the Hamas war against Israel, Turkey is fanning the flames. **Among its recent statements is a demand by Turkey to separate Jerusalem from Israel.** The latest comments by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan were to demand a "separate arrangement" for Jerusalem. Since 2020, when Turkey turned Hagia Sophia into a mosque, the Turkish religious and political leadership of the AKP Party, which supports Hamas, has sought to "liberate" al-Aqsa Mosque and claims it will take over Jerusalem. Another of Erdogan's comments was to call on the world to stop the "aggression on al-Quds," a reference to Jerusalem. If the world did not stop Israel, then this "brutal mentality" would harm others tomorrow, he said.

COMMENT Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan sympathises and maintains close contacts with the radical Islamic terrorist organization Hamas. He has called Israel a "terrorist state" and "immoral." On Tuesday, Erdogan lashed out at Austria for hoisting Israeli flags on government buildings in Vienna. "I curse the Austrian state," the Turkish president said. Another of Erdogan's comments was to call on the world to stop the "aggression on al-Quds," a reference to Jerusalem. **And so we see Turkey taking a role that the Bible said it would.** In Ezekiel 38 we read that Turkey (Togarmah) will join forces with Russia and Iran (and other north African countries) and invade Israel. **His call to separate Jerusalem from Israel is leading to Zechariah 12:2-3 coming to pass.**

BIBLE QUOTE Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. *(Zechariah 12:2-3)*

Putin to would-be aggressors: 'Will knock their teeth out'

Associated Press, May 20, 2021

The lion's teeth are in the jar!



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin alleged Thursday that some of the country's foreign foes dream about biting off pieces of the country's vast territory, warning that Moscow would "knock their teeth out" if they ever try. In strong remarks during talks with officials, the Russian president noted that foreign efforts to contain Russia date from centuries ago. "In all times, the same thing happened: once Russia grew stronger, they found pretexts to hamper its development," Putin said, alleging that some critics of Russia who he didn't name have argued that it's unfair for it to keep its vast natural riches all to itself. "Everyone wants to bite us or bite something off us, but those who would like to do so should know that **we would knock their teeth out.**"

COMMENT

While the world has been looking at Israel, Putin has been making some **alarming statements about Russia and the West**. Under Putin the modernisation of the country's armed forces has been a top priority. During his speech he claimed that Russia now has the most modern strategic nuclear forces compared to other nuclear powers. He also touted other prospective weapons, including the Poseidon atomic-powered underwater drone armed with a **nuclear weapon that is capable of generating devastating tsunami waves near an enemy coast**. Then Putin spoke about knocking their teeth out – he was referring to any enemy that tried to bite them. Putin sees eastern European countries like Ukraine as Russia's buffer nations. Interestingly the **Bible says that the young lions** (UK/UK – Russia's greatest foes) **WILL have their teeth broken out!** They will NOT be able to withstand Gog when he descends into Israel...

BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: **break out the great teeth of the young lions**, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

(Psalm 58:6-7)

'The worst it has been in 30 years': London Jews suffer horrific rise in anti-Semitic attacks

Evening Standard, May 20, 2021



EVENT

Anti-Semitic attacks have **increased by 500 per cent in two weeks** as a London Rabbi said offenders were threatening to “kill Jews” and rape their daughters. The horrific abuse has come following an escalation of violence in Israel and Gaza. A ceasefire which began on Thursday night was holding into Friday. “For the first time, I told my children not to go out with their skullcaps on. **I never thought I would tell my children to hide their Jewish identity,**” the Rabbi, who wished to remain anonymous, said. “We have not had cars driving through Jewish neighbourhoods shouting ‘**kill the Jews**’ before. They threatened to rape our daughters. “We think they came down the M1 and deliberately drove through Jewish neighbourhoods in Golders Green, Finchley and St John’s Wood. “The number of antisemitic incidents reported to CST has risen by 500 per cent in the past two weeks which is consistent with previous conflict situations,” chief director Mark Gardner said in a letter to the community

COMMENT

The conflict with Hamas and Israel has caused a **huge spike in anti Semitic incidents** not only in Britain but **around the world**. Thousands of people have taken to the streets in support of the Palestinians. In Britain there were 116 incidents from May 8 to 18 and almost all of them were linked to the conflict in Israel and Gaza. Some attacks were verbal, with abuse shouted at Jewish people, and others took place online. Countries across Europe are also grappling with a **surge in protests, boycotts and hatred toward Jews**. But what will it be like when the inner ring war really starts? At that time **all nations will turn against Israel**. The words of Deuteronomy 28 are a reality in the world now.

BIBLE QUOTE

And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:
(Deuteronomy 28:65-66)



ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)

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