

# This Week's Developments

August 1 - 7, 2021

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# UK and US blame Iran for 'targeted' drone attack on oil tanker MV Mercer Street off coast of Oman

SKY News, August 2, 2021



## EVENT

The UK and US have blamed Iran for an attack on an Israeli-linked oil tanker in which two crew members, including a British national, were killed. Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab accused Iran of carrying out a "deliberate, targeted" assault which constituted "a clear violation of international law". US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said he was considering "next steps" with the UK and other allies, with "an appropriate response... forthcoming". Meanwhile, the head of the British armed forces, General Sir Nick Carter, held discussions with his Israeli counterpart on Sunday. The government held a Cobra emergency meeting at the level of officials over the weekend in a sign of the serious focus on the tanker attack and how to respond, Sky News understands. The attack occurred last Thursday when the MV Mercer Street was off Oman's Coast in the Arabian Sea.

## COMMENT

It has been a week with lots happening and the slides are in the order in which they took place. Last week we reported in the WWW of the oil tanker that had been attacked by a drone. Israel accused Iran straight away. This week both the UK and US have also blamed Iran for the attack and have vowed to take action against Iran because the drone killed a British national. However there is some reticence on escalating the crisis with Iran as both the US and UK want to revive the nuclear deal. Experts believe that the UK might favour a more covert response such as a cyber attack against Iran's drone capabilities. The Bible says that Elam and Media (areas of modern Iran) will rise up and besiege. We are also told this burden is connected with a desert by the sea. The sea therefore is the Persian Gulf and this is where many of these attacks occur.

## BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. (Isaiah 21:1-2)

# Bennett: Iran's days of setting Middle East on fire are over

Jerusalem Post, August 3, 2021



## EVENT

Israel will no longer allow Iran to continue its aggression with impunity, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett warned on a visit to the IDF Northern Command on Tuesday. “Iran already knows the price that we exact when someone threatens our security,” he said. “The Iranians need to understand that it is impossible to sit peacefully in Tehran and from there ignite the entire Middle East. That is over.” The prime minister spoke of Israeli efforts to bring the international community to its side against Iran, including sharing the intelligence information showing Iran was the perpetrator, but said that “we also know how to act alone.” Bennett also criticized the European Union for sending Enrique Mora, the EU coordinator for the Iran nuclear talks and deputy secretary-general of the EU’s foreign ministry, to attend the inauguration this week of Iran’s incoming-President Ebrahim Raisi.

## COMMENT

Israel is extremely concerned about what Iran might do next as the new hardline president of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, takes control and is sworn in this week. “Raisi is the most extreme Iranian president of them all, and the competition is tough,” Israel’s prime minister Bennett said. “I call on the EU: One cannot talk about human rights and simultaneously honour a murderer, a hangman, who has eliminated hundreds of opponents of the regime.” The new Iranian president has been nicknamed “the Butcher of Tehran” because of the former judge’s role in the execution of thousands of Iranian dissidents. The Bible says that although Israel’s immediate enemies (backed by Iran) will be destroyed in the initial inner ring war – Iran itself survives to join with Russia in the outer ring war that invades Israel. That army is destroyed by God with hail and fire.

## BIBLE QUOTE

I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.’

(Ezekiel 38:22-23 NIV)

# Israeli aircraft strike rocket launch sites in Lebanon, military says

Reuters, August 5, 2021



## EVENT

Israeli jets struck what its military said were rocket launch sites in Lebanon early on Thursday in response to two rockets fired towards Israel from Lebanese territory, in an escalation of cross-border hostilities amid heightened friction with Iran. The rockets launched from Lebanon on Wednesday struck open areas in northern Israel, causing brush fires along the hilly frontier. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which came from an area of south Lebanon under the sway of Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas. Israel responded with several rounds of artillery fire on Wednesday before launching air strikes early on Thursday, the military said. "(Military) fighter jets struck the launch sites and infrastructure used for terror in Lebanon from which the rockets were launched," the military said in a statement, adding that it also struck an area that had seen rocket launches in the past.

## COMMENT

Lebanese President Michel Aoun said Israel's air strikes were the first targeting Lebanese villages since 2006 and showed an escalation in its "aggressive intent". Aoun also said in a tweet the strikes were a direct threat to the security and stability of southern Lebanon and violated U.N. Security Council resolutions. Lebanon is part of the initial inner ring war against Israel. We know this from a number of passages. Psalm 83 speaks of the "inhabitants of Tyre" being part of a confederacy to destroy Israel. Tyre is a major coastal city in Lebanon. We read in Zechariah 11 of fire coming on Lebanon and the cedar (symbol of Lebanon) falling. We also read in Isaiah 2 of the day of the Lord coming on all the cedars of Lebanon. There is great destruction coming on this land.

## BIBLE QUOTE

For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

(Isaiah 2:12-13)

# Israel 'Ready to Attack Iran' as Defence Minister Says

Newsweek, August 5, 2021



**EVENT** Israeli Defence Minister Benny Gantz said his country is ready to attack Iran and that there must be a global response to the threat the Islamic Republic poses. His comments come amid growing tensions following a deadly drone strike on an Israeli-operated tanker off the coast of Oman. "We are at a point where we need to take military action against Iran. The world needs to take action against Iran now," he added, in comments tweeted by Ynet journalist Somfalvi. Gantz also said that Tehran is looking to challenge Israel on a number of fronts including building up its forces in Lebanon, deploying militias in Syria and Iraq and maintaining its supporters in Yemen. "Iran is a global and regional problem and an Israeli challenge," he said. Israel is in "ongoing discussions with our U.S. allies," the defence minister added, saying there is an international reaction that includes the UN Security Council to the recent Iranian aggressions.

**COMMENT** These comments from the Israeli Defence Minister came on the day hardliner Ebrahim Raisi was sworn in as the new Iranian president, and they reiterate the Israeli position that it is ready to strike against Iran. On Wednesday, the commander-in-chief of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Hossein Salami, issued a warning "There is no act, from any enemy at any point and with any scope, that will be tolerable and won't prompt us to show a strict and decisive response," he said. It seems as though we are reaching a critical point and tension between Israel and Iran might snap at anytime. The Bible doesn't say whether Israel attacks Iran but it does say Iran is behind the enemies that are "round about" Israel – eg Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria etc. At some point Iran will activate these people against Israel and Zechariah 12 will be underway.

**BIBLE QUOTE** "On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume all the surrounding peoples right and left, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place. Notice how different this is to Zechariah 14. In that chapter Jerusalem is defeated. In chapter 12 (inner ring war) Jerusalem is secure. (Zechariah 12:6 NIV)

# Hezbollah admits missile attack on Israel

The Times, August 6, 2021



## EVENT

Hezbollah fired rockets into disputed territory controlled by Israel today as the United Nations warned of a “very dangerous situation”. The Iranian-backed Shia militia was responding to the first air attacks by Israel on southern Lebanon since 2014 on Thursday night, which were launched in retaliation for missiles fired into Israel the day before by unknown militants. It was the first time that Hezbollah had admitted to firing rockets at Israel since 2019. The militia said it had bombed “open fields in the vicinity of the occupation sites”, in response to Israeli air raids on open land in southern Lebanon. The IDF says that in the case of a full-scale war with Hezbollah it would target Lebanon as a whole, which could be devastating not only to the country but also to the reputation of the group itself, which now holds a share in the government. The Shebaa Farms area was annexed by Israel in 1981 as part of the Golan Heights, the Syrian territory that it seized in 1967. However, the area is also claimed by Lebanon.

## COMMENT

On the first full day in power of Iran’s new hardline president, Hezbollah launch rockets into Israel. There is no doubt at all that Iran would have authorised this attack. Hezbollah is controlled by Iran – Iran is its master both in terms of money and strategy. Rarely does Hezbollah acknowledge its attacks on Israel. But in yesterday’s rocket attack they said it was in reprisal for Israel’s air raids on Lebanon two days before. This statement hikes up the tension with Israel to a new level. The United Nations made a statement saying that escalating Lebanon-Israel aggressions are provoking a ‘very dangerous situation’. Israel’s prime minister was meeting on Friday with his defence officials to consider the next response. Everything is building up to the time when Israel’s immediate neighbours launch a war. But they will be defeated like Sisera!

## 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: ..... Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

(Psalm 83:4,5,9)

# British Jews suffering worst levels of hatred for decades

The Times, August 5, 2021

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## EVENT

A Jewish charity that monitors antisemitism has said it received a record number of reports of hate incidents in the first six months of this year. The Community Security Trust (CST) reported 1,308 reports of antisemitism in the UK between January and June, a 49 per cent increase on the 875 incidents during the same period last year. The number of incidents was higher than the annual totals for the previous five years. Mark Gardner, the chief executive of the CST, said British Jews had this year “suffered levels of hatred that were worse than anything seen in recent decades”. The charity attributed the rise to a “wave of anti-Jewish hate” in response to violence in Israel and Gaza. When the conflict intensified in May, a monthly record of 639 antisemitic incidents accounted for almost half of all those recorded in the first six months of this year. CST said that the influence of the conflict in the Middle East could be seen in the language used.

## COMMENT

It is hard to comprehend antisemitism. The hatred shown to Jews and Israel is getting worse around the world. The Jews are still God's people. The nation of Israel is still the centre of God's plan and purpose. It was “for the hope of Israel” that Paul was in prison in Rome. But the world does not see it this way. Most Christian's believe God has cast off the Jews. That Israel has nothing to do with his plan and purpose. I spoke at a large Pentecostal church in Birmingham some years ago about Israel. No one there had any concept of God's continued involvement with His people and His land. Israel of course was God's antidote to Babel. Babel the original kingdom of men will be replaced entirely when Israel (God's kingdom) is setup on earth. Israel of course means “God prevails”....

## BIBLE QUOTE

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, ..., unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

(Genesis 12:1-3)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2021-08-07 Israel's Iron Dome BLOCKS Hezbollah's Rocket "Response" to Israeli Airstrikes – YouTube 11:46 min

2021-08-06 Israel Ready to STRIKE Iran, Defense Minister Confirms; Raisi Takes Presidency - YouTube 12:18 min

2021-08-05 Rockets Launched at Israel as Tensions with Iran Reach Boiling Point - YouTube 13:41 min

2021-08-04 Israel WARNS Iran Over Attacks and Slams EU Appeasement - YouTube 11:15 min

2021-08-03 Israel Vows Response to Iran Drone Attack as U.S. & UK Pledge Support - YouTube 10:32 min

2021-07-31 Israeli Airstrikes in Syria Escalate Tension w- Russia; Prophetic Implications- - Watchman Newscast

2021-07-25 Iran 2.11 Water crisis spurs violence in Khuzestan, anti-govt protests rage - Oneindia News - YouTube

2021-07-25 Iran 3.24 Violence escalates in water-shortage protests in Iran's Khuzestan - Drought - YouTube

2021-07-25 Iraq 3.53 Why Iraq's great rivers are dying - Climate Change - West Asia water crisis - YouTube

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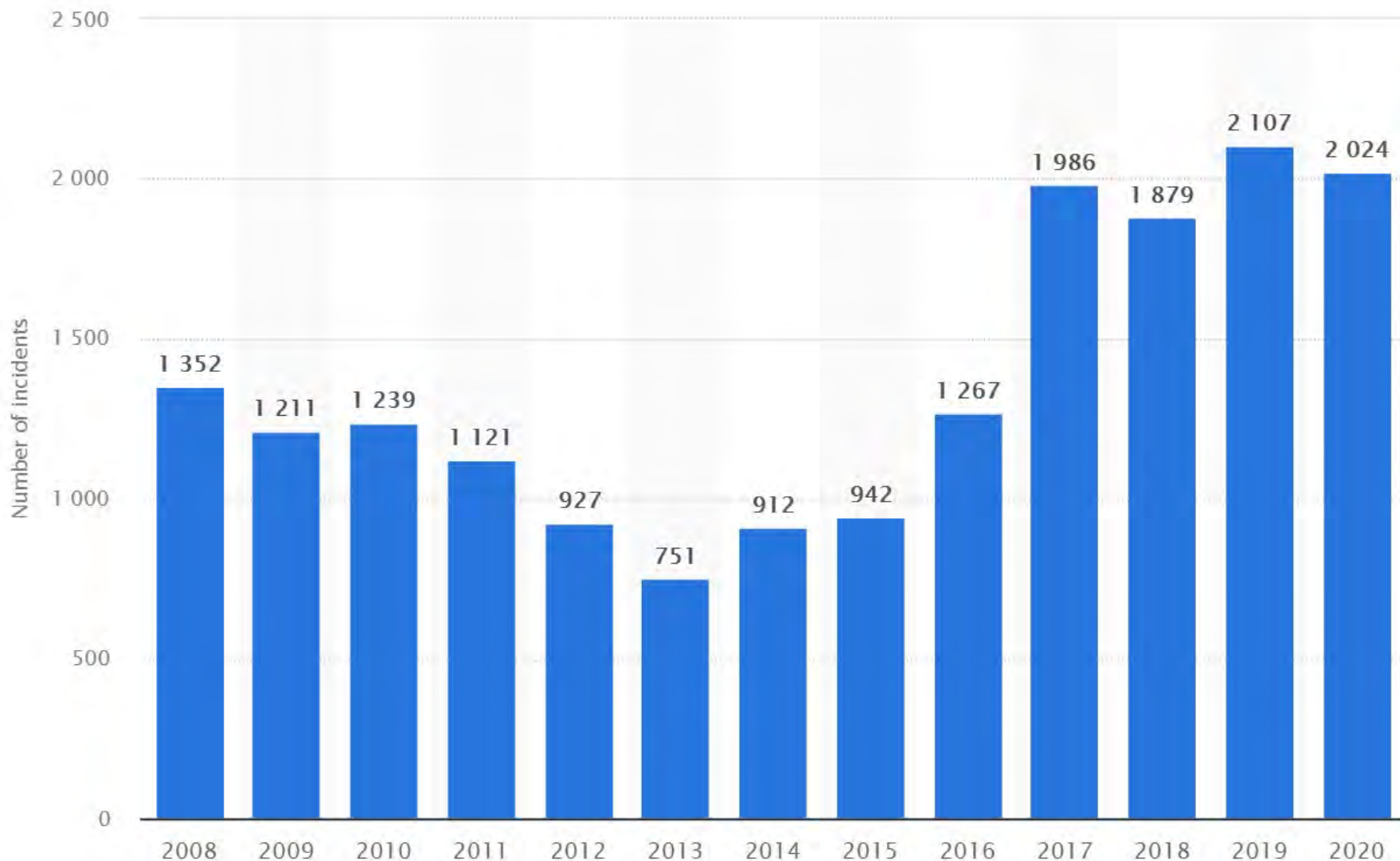
2021-07-25 Russia, exasperated, moving to curtail Israeli strikes in Syria - The Times of Israel \*Pdf version \*DebkaFile

2021-07-25 The REAL Meaning Behind Israel's Recent Archaeological Revelations - Watchman Newscast LIVE - YouTube

2021-07-25 Israel Launches Airstrike on Iranian Arsenal; Lebanon Rockets Fired at Galilee - Watchman Newscast - YouTube



# ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS IN THE USA (2008-2020)



“And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; ...And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee... 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...” - Deu 28:37,64-67

# Antisemitic Incidents, May 2020/2021 (USA)

Antisemitic incidents in the U.S. more than doubled during the May 2021 conflict between Israel and Gaza and its immediate aftermath, compared with the same time in 2020.



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