

Israel vs Iran. If Israel Wins the Staring Match, The Earth May Lose!

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"It's about time that the world faces this Empire of Evil in Tehran and makes it clear to the Iranian regime that this cannot pass by! That this is unacceptable! This attack is just another example of how they operate for years and years spreading half of terror instability all over the world and especially in our region!" – Israel President Isaac Herzog [1]

" "Operation True Promise," as Iran named its retaliatory attack on Israel, will go down in history as one of the most important military victories in the history of modern Iran, keeping in mind that war is but an extension of politics by other means." – Scott Ritter [2]

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The first direct attack ever by Iran on the State of Israel was launched on the evening of the 13th of April. [3]

Hundreds of projectiles, including missiles and drones were launched that evening. Fortunately, Israel's anti-missile defence technology together with help from U.S., French. UK and Jordanian aircraft helped destroy the vast majority of these objects, so no one was killed, though one girl was allegedly injured by a piece of the destroyed shrapnel. [4][5]

However, the assault was followed by a warning:

"In case the Israeli regime embarks on adventurism again and takes action

against the interests of Iran, the next response from us will be immediate and at a maximum level.” – Iran Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, during an interview with CNN. [6]

In the wee hours of last night, Israel did apparently launch the retaliatory strike they threatened days in advance. However, the strike by three drones over the city of Isfahan were successfully shot down by Iranian air defence systems, so no retaliatory strike – no escalation in Iran-Israel hostility – is contemplated by Tehran...this time. [7]

So, it appears that matters are at a calm. Though things could eventually be restarted as the new campaign for “conquering terrorism against Israel” (actually, the [bid to expand the boundaries of U.S. – Israel regional power](#)) is still proceeding. And the genocidal campaign against the people of Palestine continues through its twenty-eighth week. [8][9]

At this particular, unprecedented juncture where the Israel-Gaza war ups an octane level, a pressing question needs to be asked – what happens next?

How can Israel continue in peace while the Palestinian population continues to be slaughtered by the Israeli population?

How much longer can the U.S. continue to silently support Israeli efforts in the area before taking matters into its own hands and launching their own long standing campaign against Iran as part of its hegemonic manoeuvres to dominate the Middle East and ultimately the globe?

These cliffhanging questions will be addressed in this pivotal episode of the Global Research News Hour!

In the first half hour, we converse once again with journalist, lawyer and peace activist Dimitri Lascaris who talks about the legal issues surrounding the latest Iranian response to Israel’s actions against them in early April.

In our second half hour, veteran CIA analyst Larry C. Johnson offers a perspective of Iran’s supposedly “unsuccessful” (according to Israeli government and Western media interpretation) attack on Israel, and the consequences of U.S. direct action alongside Israel to counter any (perceived) attacks against their “ironclad” partner in Israel. And finally, voices across Canada register their own efforts to hold Israel responsible and accountable for their own behaviour against the people of Palestine through actions they are undertaking at home.

Dimitri Lascaris is a lawyer, a journalist and an activist. From 2004 to 2016 he was a member of Canada’s leading class action law firm Siskinds LLP. He now works pro-bono legal cases. In 2020, he ran for the leadership of the Green Party of Canada and placed second with 45.5% of the membership.

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Substack <https://larryjohnson.substack.com>)

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Partial list of events across Canada demanding a permanent ceasefire, a complete arms embargo, and an end to Israel's genocide against Palestinians in Gaza.

- Abbotsford, BC, "[Genocide is Ecocide](#)"
- Belleville, ON, "[Stand for Palestine](#)"
- Calgary, AB, "[Rally for Palestine](#)"
- Corner Brook, NL, "[Rally for Palestine](#)"
- Edmonton, AB, "[March for Gaza](#)"
- Guelph, ON, "[Film screening – Foragers](#)"
- Halifax, NS, "[March for Palestine](#)"
- Kitchener, ON, "[Walk with Grief: Silent vigil for Gaza](#)" (recurring)
- Montreal, QC, "[Resistance is justified when people are occupied](#)"
- Niagara, ON, "[No environmental justice on stolen land](#)"
- Okanagan, BC, "[Film screening – The Law and the Prophets](#)"
- Ottawa, ON, "[Globalize the Intifada](#)"
- Saint John, NB, "[Stand against Genocide](#)"
- Saskatoon, SK, "[Day of Palestinian Culture](#)"
- Saskatoon, SK, "[Killing children is not human](#)"
- St. Johns, NL, "[March for Palestine](#)"
- Sudbury, ON, "[Film screening – Israelism](#)"
- Toronto, ON, "[Free Them All: Rally for Palestinian Prisoners](#)"
- Vancouver, BC, "[March for Palestine](#)"
- Victoria, BC, "[Peaceful Protest Against Genocide in Palestine](#)"
- Windsor, ON, "[Gaza to West Bank, Israel kills at point blank](#)"
- Winnipeg, MB, "[All out for Palestine](#)"

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