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AMASSING GROUND TROOPS



The Israeli military is massing ground forces on the border with the Gaza Strip in an effort to thwart possible terrorist infiltration attempt from the Hamas-ruled coastal enclave. The IDF is moving armored forces and infantry units to the border area. The major concern, is that terrorist groups will attempt to breach the border and attack nearby communities.

THE BIG QUESTION



Senior Hamas officials in Gaza have been lambasting Sinwar and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh over their reluctance to back Islamic Jihad's assault on Israel, saying that the pressure may get to Sinwar.

As head of Izzadin al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas military wing, he has the power to decide whether Hamas will harness its considerable arsenal to serve local rival Islamic Jihad's campaign against Israel.

According to various reports in Arab and Palestinian media, Egyptian officials, who have been trying to mediate a ceasefire, are "the only ones keeping Hamas at bay."



ABU AL-ATTA



In a statement, the Israeli military said Netanyahu had authorized the operation against Al-Atta, blaming him for recent rocket, drone and sniper attacks against Israel, and attempted infiltrations into the country. "Abu Al-Atta was responsible for most of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad's activity in the Gaza Strip and was a ticking bomb," the statement said, accusing Al-Atta of planning "imminent terror attacks through various means."

MORE ASSASSINATIONS



After a barrage of rockets hit Israel on Tuesday following the IDF's assassination of Islamic Jihad terrorist Gaza: IDF Continues Assassinations, 3 Top Terrorists Killed. Palestinian Islamic Jihad has also confirmed the death of a central brigade commander Khaled Farraj by an Israeli airstrike in the central Gaza Strip on Wednesday morning. Meanwhile, the Nidal al-Amoudy division of al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades released a statement confirming the death of three of their terrorists who belong to a rocket unit. They were killed by an IDF airstrike in the northern Gaza Strip earlier Tuesday evening while they were on motorcycles planning to launch rockets into Israel.



PEOPLE DEMAND VICTORY



In response to the recent escalation in southern Israel, the pro-Israel organization Im Tirtzu has launched a new campaign calling for victory over Hamas. The campaign, titled "The People Demand Victory," is calling to restore quiet to the south by greenlighting IDF operations that would lead to the complete defeat of Hamas and all other terror organizations in Gaza.



This morning (Tuesday), Im Tirtzu began uploading dozens of videos and photos to its over quarter-million followers on social media calling for victory.

The group's activists were seen hanging signs throughout the country titled, "Bibi - Give Us The Order!" "The time has come for Israel to achieve victory over Hamas and all the terror organizations in Gaza," said Im Tirtzu CEO Matan Peleg.



NEWS BITES

- * By its own admittance, the Gazan terrorist group that has fired over 200 rockets at Israel since early Tuesday morning is not calling the shots in the escalation of its fight with the Jewish state – Iran is. “Only Tehran will decide if this round continues or stops,” a senior Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) leader told *Israel Hayom* on Wednesday.
- * Iranian missiles can strike any part of Israel, Chief of Staff to Supreme Iranian Leader Ali Khamenei, Mohammad Mohammadi Golpayegani, said Thursday. Golpayegani said, “There is no place in Israel our missiles cannot reach. As Supreme Leader Khamenei has said in the past, the Zionist entity will not last longer than five years.”
- * Iran’s Foreign Ministry on Sunday rejected as a “trap” reports that the International Atomic Energy Agency, the UN’s nuclear watchdog, found traces of uranium at an Iranian site that Israel called a “secret atomic warehouse.”
- * Jordan’s former foreign minister said last week that without a two-state solution Jordan’s national security is at risk, requiring a reexamination of its 1994 peace treaty with Israel.



DID GANTZ BLINK



Blue and White party leader Benny Gantz on Monday said his party would be willing to consider compromising on some of its positions in the interest of forming a broad unity government alongside Likud and Yisrael Beytenu.

On Saturday, Yisrael Beytenu Avigdor Liberman presented a challenge to both Netanyahu and Gantz, saying that if either of them failed to back a unity government according to a proposal set out by President Reuven Rivlin and accept tough compromises in order to form a coalition together, he would walk back his commitment to a national unity government and support a minority government led by the candidate willing to compromise.

THE KINGMAKER



Avigdor Liberman, chairman of the Israel Beiteinu party, issued a threat on Saturday evening on Israel's Channel 12, warning both the Likud and Blue and White parties that if they don't form a unity government, he'll punish whichever side he feels responsible by joining with the other.



Liberman said he planned to reach out to both Blue and White leader Benny Gantz and Likud chairman and current Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and to hold a meeting between the three of them.

"Whoever won't compromise, who won't make the right decision - we will support the other side," Liberman said.



STUDENTS 4 THE MOUNT



At the same time, the movement called on Netanyahu to remove the Jordanian foothold from the Temple Mount saying: "While the Kingdom of Jordan unilaterally annexes the Naharayim enclaves, it's time to make it clear to the Jordanians that their place is not in the Temple Mount. The Jordanian presence manages the Temple Mount through the Waqf, without any agreement or commitment by the State of Israel to do so."



The movement added: "Just as the Kingdom of Jordan unilaterally annexes the enclaves and streams to it, it's time to make it clear to Jordanians understand that their place is not in the Temple Mount, and they do not control it. It is time to take out the Jordanian presence that manages matters Temple Mount through the Waqf without any agreement or commitment by the State of Israel to do so. If they can, so can we. "

"WHEN" NOT "IF"



If Iran does indeed attack, there will have to be a massive retaliation against Iranian interests. Europe should not be expected to join in the fight against Iran's hegemonic ambitions and support of global terrorism. They are "stupid and deaf," he charged, and only trying to appease Iran.

Iran is certainly bent on Israel in its crosshairs.

"Confrontation between Iran and Israel is unavoidable," said Gilboa. "There is great probability for some Iranian military action; this is something Israel is preparing for." "Our assumption," said Amidror, "is not a question of if, but when."

He further said that Iran is sparing no effort to improve the precision-missile capabilities of its regional proxies - Lebanon-based Hezbollah and Gaza Strip-based Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip - so as to use them against Israel.



VP – NIKKI HALEY



Steve Schmidt, John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign manager, during Tuesday's "Morning Joe" on MSNBC predicted former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley could be on President Donald Trump's ticket for reelection in 2020.

"[H]e has an enormous problem with women – suburban women in particular. He's entirely transactional – loyalty is a one-way street. And so, she's clearly angling for the job. And when you look at the politics of it, she would serve his immediate political interests in a way that Pence can't. So, I would suggest that he's going to be gone and she'll be in. And I think this book's about that," he explained.



TRUMP HEIGHTS

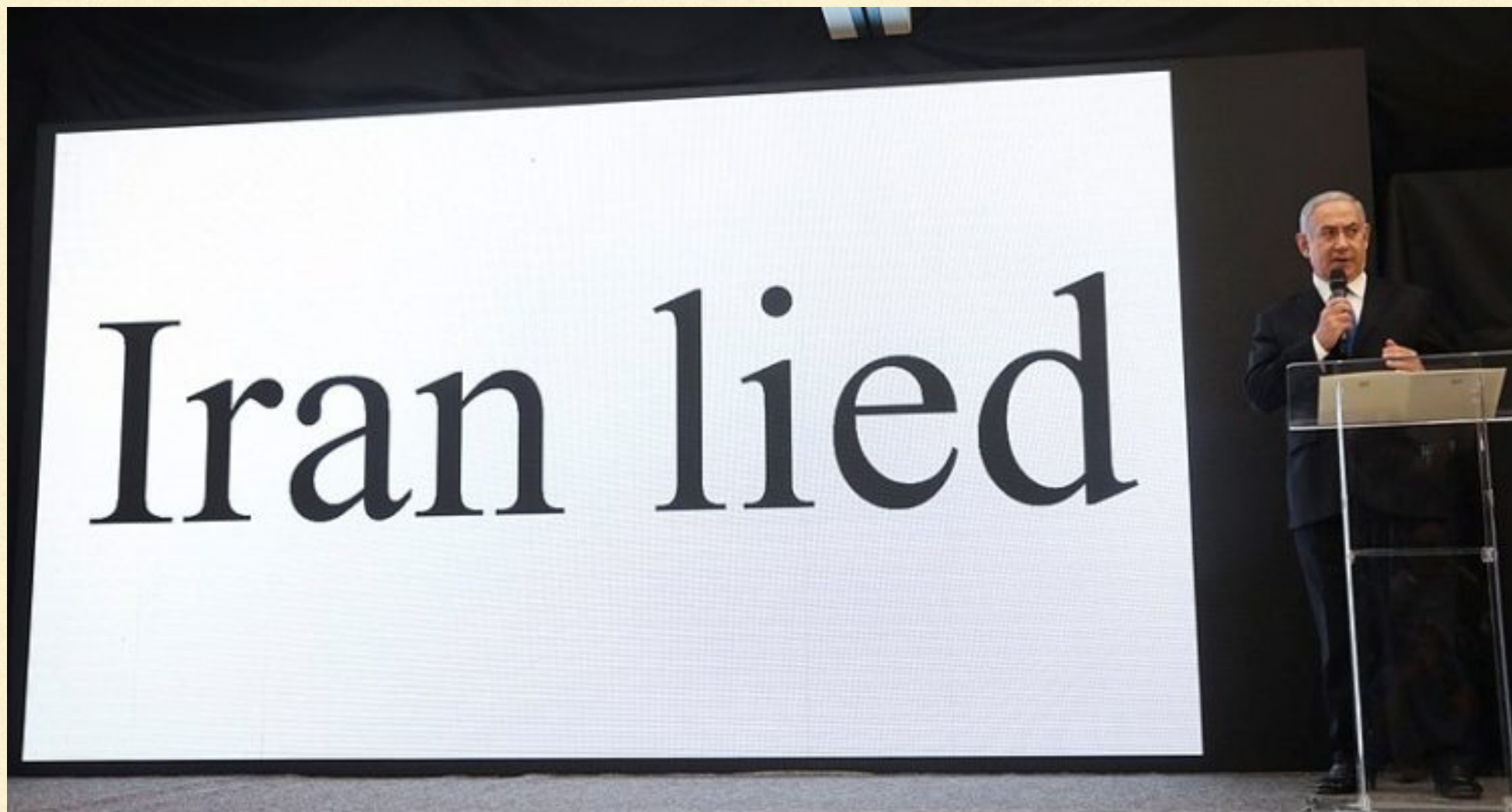


An Israeli pre-military academy is under construction in the area where Israeli's newest settlement in the Golan, known as 'Trump Heights,' will be established, reports *Israel National News*.

Currently, 25 students are at the academy and many more are expected to follow after construction is completed.

I see the members of the academy as pioneers of the settlement and believe that the young atmosphere and volunteer spirit of the core of families coming here in the summer will help establish the Golan Heights," said Uri Ariel, the minister in charge of the Settlement Division.

BIG SURPRISE



JUST IN ... QUIET SKIES



Israel said Thursday that it “achieved its objectives” in the operation, while PIJ said it succeeded in getting Israel to agree to halt targeted killings of its operatives. While several rockets were fired after the ceasefire went into effect Thursday morning, the skies were quiet as the day continued – though schools remained closed in many communities near Gaza. More than 400 rockets were fired at Israel from Gaza during the escalation, and 34 Palestinians were killed in Israeli airstrikes – at least 25 of whom were active terrorist operatives.



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