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Struggle, Strategies, and Aggression: Iran & Israel in the Middle East Conflict

Israel & Iran in focus

The recent period has been characterized by anger, conflict, and ongoing turmoil in the Middle East region. Israel launching airstrikes against what some claim was the Iranian “Consulate” in Damascus, or what others believe was an Iranian military facility, has shaken the region anew. Iran did choose to respond with about 300 drones and missiles against Israel, which they claim was a reasonable counter-reaction after Israel's deadly attack on the Consulate. A large part of the world's leaders have strongly condemned the Iranian attack on Israel, with the justification that Iran is escalating the already strained situation in the area, while Iran itself believes locally and has also declared in the UN Security Council that it was a reasonable counter attack and only a response, a backlash to which they are entitled under international law.

Iran has now transferred the responsibility to Israel, they declared that Iran's retaliatory strike has concluded, and it is now Israel who decides whether this situation will escalate or de-escalate. Israel's War Cabinet is expected to announce shortly whether or not an assault on Iran will occur. It is my view that after Israel's attack on the Consulate, Iran has responded in a proportionate way. Several of the world's leaders were then quick to condemn Iran's counterattack, but not Israel's air attack on the Consulate. The British Foreign Minister, David Cameron, was asked in an interview, where he was asked how Great Britain would have acted if a country had carried out an attack on their Consulate, when he directly replied that they had acted very strongly, the interviewer said "But it is exactly what Iran claims they have done, responded to the attack”, and you can see how Mr. Cameron struggles with his words, indicating that he himself realizes he misspoke.

Part of Israel's plan?

It seems to me that Israel, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, planned the attack on the Consulate, to get a response from Iran to take the spotlight off themselves. For several months, Israel has

been in turmoil over the situation where approximately 33,000 civilians have died according to the Health ministry in Gaza. This may have been a way of trying to make Iran become the new villain in the context, so that the global media will change focus and instead bring forward how Iran is escalating the situation, and so far they have succeeded in that manner.

Iran's mistake?

On the theory that this was Israel's plan, I do believe Iran harmed themselves when they counterattacked with their drones and missiles against Israel. Lately, the primary focus has been on the allegations that Israel may have committed genocide, murdered over 33,000 civilians, and violated international law, among other concerns. Instead, there has been discussion in the UN Security Council about possible sanctions against Iran, and that Iran bears responsibility for a possible escalation in the region.

Conclusive analysis

Whether Israel will respond to the attack remains to be seen, Netanyahu has previously shown that he is stubborn on Israel's behalf and a counter-attack will *probably* become a reality. After the October 7th attack, Netanyahu, possibly feels a great responsibility that the Hamas terror attack occurred. He feels an added sense of guilt and I believe he must demonstrate to his people that Israel stands firm for its nation and opposes those who have been taken hostage. It was a mistake on Iran's part, to respond to Israel's attack on the Consulate, they did not emerge victorious in either the short or long term struggle. A wise move at this point for Israel would be to step back and simply disregard Iran's existence, leaving them be otherwise the risk will be that they get the spotlight again, as the villain in the region, which from my perspective will be the reality.