

# Israel's War on Palestine. Escalation in the Middle East. Towards a World War III Scenario? The Future of Humanity

By Rick Thomas

Global Research, February 23, 2024

Theme: Law and Justice

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the Translate Website button below the author's name (only available in desktop version).

To receive Global Research's Daily Newsletter (selected articles), click here.

Click the share button above to email/forward this article to your friends and colleagues. Follow us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> and subscribe to our <u>Telegram Channel</u>. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

Big Tech's Effort to Silence Truth-tellers: Global Research Online Referral Campaign

\*\*\*

In my previous <u>article</u>, concerning the Israel-Palestine conflict in Gaza, I discussed the trajectory of the First Stage of WW3, based on the reactions, rhetoric and sabre-rattling of Israel, USA, Hezbollah, Iran, Yemen and Hamas.

Israel is not bluffing:

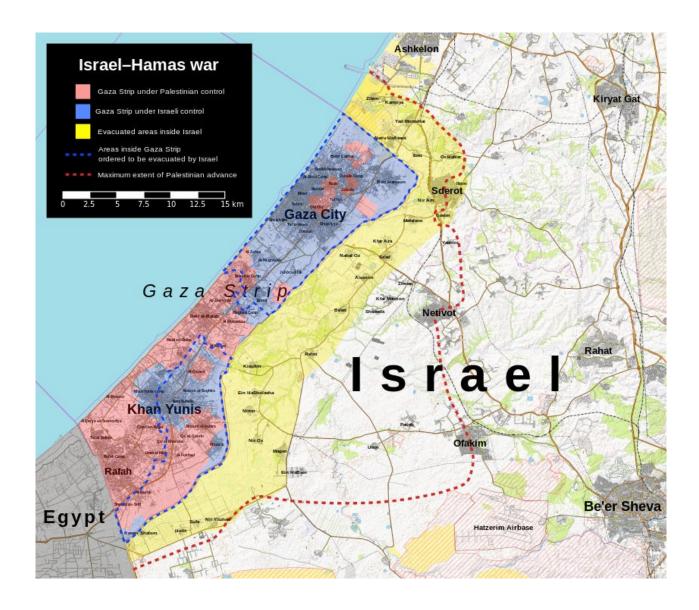
"The world must know and Hamas leaders must know: If by Ramadan [March 10] the hostages are not home, the fighting will continue everywhere to include the Rafah area."

Benny Gantz, a retired Israel Defence Forces (IDF) chief of staff, told a conference of American Jewish leaders in Jerusalem on Sunday, February 18,

"We will do so in a coordinated manner, facilitating the evacuation of civilians in dialogue with American and Egyptian partners and to minimize the civilian casualties as much as possible."

There is nowhere for the 1.5 million displaced Palestinians in Rafah to go, except to flee into the deserts of Egypt—a death sentence.

The other options that Israel may be considering is allowing aid vessels into the Gaza port to remove the Palestinians, though it is unclear which countries would take them. Or even more sinister, considering Israel has not announced its future plans, the only other option is for the IDF to continue bombing them to ashes.



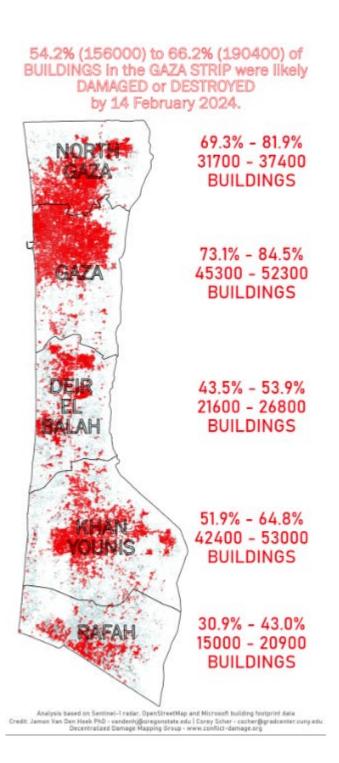
The casualty count, according to Palestinian sources, is over 29,000 dead and 7800 missing, with a further 69,000 wounded. Repeated attempts to reach the Palestine Ministry of Health website failed—their Twitter account has also disappeared:



Try searching for another.

Israel has dropped 29,000 shells and bombs on Gaza since October 7, 2023. This greatly exceeds the 3,678 bombs dropped by the United States between 2004 and 2010 during its Invasion of Iraq.

More than half of all buildings in Gaza have been damaged or destroyed as of February 14, according to <u>analysis of satellite imagery</u> by a team of researchers at Oregon State University and the City University of New York. Somewhere between 156,000 and 190,000 buildings were destroyed.



Israel has broadened its theatre of operations and is conducting extensive airstrikes in Lebanon, targeting Hezbollah ammunition dumps, according to a recent report in Israel Radar:

"The IDF is amassing troops in the northern sector, while authorities are preparing for severe war scenarios behind closed doors. Intelligence expert Danny Citrinowicz warns that the risk of military escalation is extremely high. The former high-ranking IDF officer wrote that Hezbollah attacks on Israel will persist while the Gaza war continues, and that prospects for a diplomatic resolution are dim. A broader conflict appears almost inevitable as both sides escalate their strikes, he <u>said</u>."

The IDF are amassing troops along the northern border due to a February 13 <u>speech</u> by Hezbollah leader, Nasrallah, where he defiantly stated that Hezbollah would only stop its exchanges of fire if a full ceasefire was reached for Gaza.

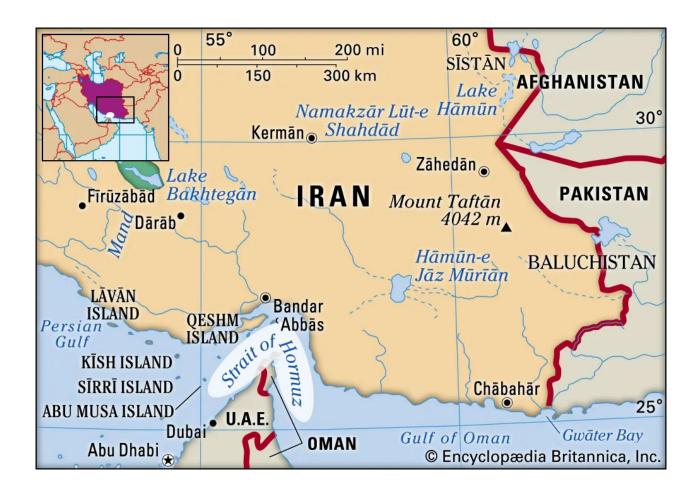
"On that day, when the shooting stops in Gaza, we will stop the shooting in the south," he said in a televised address.

Hezbollah has vowed it will retaliate in its own time, and in this conflict, timing is everything. If Hezbollah were to launch a full-scale invasion of Israel, with an adjacent full-scale missile launch, it would trigger an immediate response from Israel's parter-in-crime, the United States.

It cannot be over stressed the extreme danger of this situation. If the USA responds to Hezbollah's assault, Iran could be dragged into the conflict which would, in turn, trigger possible nuclear weapons strikes by the USA. China gets 90% of its oil from Iran and any interruption of delivery would shut down the Chinese economy virtually overnight.

Russia has a defence agreement with Iran, signed in 2019, with cooperative military exercises between the two countries and China. In 2016, Russia completed delivery of the S-300 air defence missile system to Iran, concluding an \$800 million deal signed between the two states in 2007, state-run Russian press agency RIA Novosti reported. The S-300 mobile surface-to-air missile system can counter multiple aircraft at a range of 195 kilometers and ballistic missiles at a range of up to 50 kilometers.

These weapons are no doubt specifically reserved for defence against US aircraft. The ace in the hole that Iran holds is the potential to shut down the Strait of Hormuz which handles a third of the world's liquefied natural gas and almost 25% of total global oil consumption passes through the strait, making it essential for global trade. The devastation to the global economy would be unparalleled and increase tensions between East-West relations enormously.



The US military has <u>reported</u> that it is aware that Iran could produce a crude nuclear bomb within 12 days if needed. From a CNN article from February of last year:

"Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Colin Kahl offered one of the most striking US government assessments to date of Iran's "breakout time" as efforts to try to restore the <u>Iran nuclear agreement</u> remain halted and Tehran continues to breach the restrictions set out by the deal."

### Family Feud

After sorting through the lengthy list of models of how the world system operates, the most basic and plausible one is also the most accurate. In this hyper-complicated world, the simplest explanation to account for the facts is indeed correct. The generally accepted models are interesting, but fail to fully explain what we are experiencing at this moment in history.

However, whether you are religious or not, the world is a global family. Even a scientific atheist will concede that human beings evolved from the same primordial ooze in shallow inland seas. We have the same common biological ancestors in the primate family. Atheists agree we are brothers and sisters, but reject the notion we have a spiritual parent.

The spiritual explanation is that we share the same Creator, mother-father and we are all brothers and sisters. This is the reality of mortal life in a universe of space and time.

Some of the brothers and sisters have been very bad boys and girls.

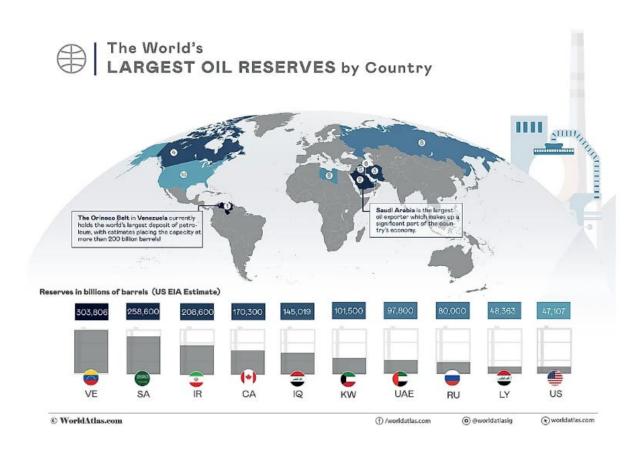
The heads of the global family preside over 194 sub-families, comprised of nation-states. They are all agreed on a variety of mostly nefarious self-serving goals:

- UN Sustainable Goals
- Climate Change Agenda
- Mass Vaccination Campaign
- Digital Currencies
- Mass Surveillance
- Financial management goals
- International taxation
- Over control of WHO, IMF, World Bank, UN and the WEF

At the last G20 summit, in Delhi, India, <u>The New Delhi Declaration</u> was <u>adopted</u>, according to India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant, with "100% consensus on all developmental and geopolitical issues." I don't know which is worse, when the global leaders are all fighting with each other, or when they are all agreeing.

The only real bone of contention among the G20 leaders was <u>disagreement</u> over Russian's invasion of Ukraine, which "most leaders" condemned.

The truth is the larger more powerful nations like USA, Israel, Russia, China, Iran are fighting over resources and control of territory. The number one most sought-after and fought-over commodity is oil.



All the nations of the world are very aware that the current major restructuring of the global economic, political and social infrastructure is going to have winners and losers. They all want to guarantee their slice of the New World Order pie.

The Ukraine War and the Gaza War are just two fronts of the same long term project of the Western elites to rule the world, no matter what the consequences. On February 11th, it was announced that Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania will construct an "extensive network of fortifications" along the borders with Russia to deter Putin invading their countries. The total cost of the project is estimated at €60million (\$65 million USD). This is a long term project, comparable to Nazi Germany building fortifications in Northern France.

## **BUNKER DOWN**

Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia defence officials announce plans to build '600 bunkers' along Russian borders



The defence ministers of the three countries also <u>signed</u> a Letter of Intent for HIMARS multiple rocket launchers, aiming to create a framework for the joint use of the weapon

system in both peace and wartime. Estonia and Latvia also signed a cooperation agreement to conduct NATO Air Policing from Latvia's Lielvarde air base. "Air Policing" is a euphemism for invading Russia's airspace with American F-35 jets.

\*

Note to readers: Please click the share button above. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

Rick Thomas is a musician, activist and the author of <u>How to Defeat the New World Order</u>. For social activism: <u>VictoryCanada.today</u> and for all articles: <u>Substack</u>. He is a regular contributor to Global Research.

Featured image source; all images in this article are from the author

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © Rick Thomas, Global Research, 2024

### **Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page**

#### **Become a Member of Global Research**

Articles by: Rick Thomas

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>