

## US to Attack Iran Or Israel Goes Nuclear? Israel Knows Only Genocide and Escalation

By Karsten Riise

Global Research, April 16, 2024

Region: Middle East & North Africa, USA

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.

Global Research Referral Drive: Our Readers Are Our Lifeline

\*\*\*

Good night to the Middle East.

After Iran's retaliation against Israel with 330 drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles, there were no fatal casualties or civilian damage in Israel. Iran demonstrated its capabilities, put up deterrence, and offered to "call it a day". US President Biden and other Israeli allies quickly urged Israel to accept the Iranian offer and not start a new much bigger round of escalation.

Israel, however, knows only genocide and escalation. Netanyahu's government has this evening Monday 15 April 2025 promised to hit "hard" back at Iran.

In an unsourced report, Channel 12 claims the war cabinet has made the decision to hit back "clearly and forcefully" against Iran for its missile and drone attack on Saturday night.

The response will be designed to send the message that Israel "will not allow an attack of that magnitude against it to pass without a reaction," the report says. The response will also be designed to make plain that Israel will not allow the Iranians to "establish the equation" they have sought to assert in recent days. This appears to be a reference to Iran's warning that future Israeli strikes on Iranian territory, including its international diplomatic premises, will henceforth again be met by Iranian retaliatory strikes on Israel. (The Times of Israel, April 15, 2024)

Netanyahu of course knows, that next time, Iran will respond with not "just" 330 drones or missiles, but up to 10 times more, or 3,000 – 3,500 missiles. Israel's claim that they shot down "more than 99% of the Iranian missiles" is a blatant lie. The big majority of Iran's drones and cruise missiles were meant to deplete Israeli air defense magazines, make Israel

reveal its air defense structure – and make way for Iranian ballistic missiles with up to 1,500 kg. warheads. Iran succeeded eminently. Out of the 330 missiles, shooting down "more than 99%" would mean that only three Iranian missiles got through.

Western media have confirmed, that at least nine Iranian ballistic missiles came through and hit 3-4 of Israel's most guarded military sites, including two airbases and a security center.

The number of nine Iranian ballistic missiles getting through is to be seen relative to the fact, that only 110 missiles were ballistic out of the total 330 drones and missiles which Iran sent. There is no chance that Israel can intercept the next wave of perhaps 3,500 Iranian missiles, or that Iran next time will be polite enough to warn Israel and the US 72 hours in advance.

But Netanyahu calculates that with the next round of escalation with Iran, Israel will either drag the US into a war with Iran – or Israel will go nuclear.

And Israel's president Isaac Herzog already yesterday said in an interview with Sky News that Israel would have to make it "clear" to the Iranian régime, that this cannot pass by. Herzog and Netanyahu are on the same page.

Israel will push the US to attack Iran - or Israel will go up to the nuclear level.

Those are the alternatives put up by Netanyahu for US president Biden to contemplate.

\*

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.

Karsten Riise is a Master of Science (Econ) from Copenhagen Business School and has a university degree in Spanish Culture and Languages from Copenhagen University. He is the former Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Mercedes-Benz in Denmark and Sweden.

He is a regular contributor to Global Research.

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © <u>Karsten Riise</u>, Global Research, 2024

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

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

Articles by: Karsten Riise

**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>