

Benjamin Netanyahu on Hezbollah's Attack on Israel: 'This Sounds Like Messianic Times'

At a Tuesday cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed the remarks of the foreign ministers of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) condemning Hezbollah's aggression.

"This sounds like the Messianic times," the prime minister said. "But it shows the fundamental change taking place in the Middle East. The Arab world also understands that the Iranian aggression endangers not only Israel, but the entire region as well. I call on additional countries to come out against the aggression of Iran and its proxies."

The foreign ministers were reacting to the Sunday attack against Israel. Hezbollah terrorists launched Kornet anti-tank missiles into Israeli territory, narrowly missing an IDF armored ambulance. Hezbollah released a video claiming it hit the vehicle.

Hezbollah said it carried out the attack in revenge for an Israeli strike against Hezbollah terrorists in Syria, who were about to launch a drone attack on Israeli territory. According to reports, Hezbollah is planning a second revenge attack for the destruction of a heavy mixer—a component critical to the manufacture of fuel for precision missiles.

Israel has recently exposed Hezbollah's plan to establish a precision missile production facility in Lebanon. Precision missiles, which can strike with an accuracy of mere meters from their intended target, would be a game changer in the region and put key Israeli infrastructure in danger.

Israel says it will not permit Hezbollah to obtain precision missile technology. Netanyahu referred to this during the cabinet meeting on Tuesday. Listing three main goals he set out for the IDF, he said the second was “to prevent Iran from supplying our enemies and its proxies, such as Hezbollah and others, with precision weapons that endanger us.”

First and third were stopping Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and preventing “Iran and its proxies from entrenching on our borders.”

“In effect, we are acting vis-à-vis all of these goals, in part openly and a considerable part covertly. We are determined to maintain the security of Israel,” the prime minister said. {eo}

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