

Iran Conducts War Drills In Preparation for a Strike On Israel

In a provocative move, Iran conducted war drills, test firing advanced ballistic missiles Feb. 13, as part of its preparations for a potential strike on Israeli military sites housing American-made F-35 fighter jets.

The state-controlled media in the Islamic Republic reported that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps led the drills, simulating the destruction of hangars containing Israeli F-35 warplanes using ballistic missiles. The mock scenario involved the Palmachim Airbase near Tel Aviv.

The IRGC claimed to have used enhanced versions of its Emad and Qadr ballistic missiles, asserting their capability to reach deep into Israel, covering distances exceeding 1,000 miles. The timing of these drills is significant, coinciding with escalating actions by Iran's proxies in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon, including recent attacks on U.S. and Israeli positions.

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An attack on Israel's F-35 arsenal would pose a severe threat, particularly amidst the ongoing conflict with Hamas in the south and an escalating threat from Hezbollah in the north.

The geopolitical landscape is further complicated by a massive explosion at an Iranian gas line on Tuesday, with the regime attributing the incident to a "terrorist act of sabotage." This event heightens the potential for a confrontation between Israel and Iran.

Iran's foreign minister added to the tensions by meeting with senior leaders of the Hamas terror group during a visit to Qatar. The meeting signals Iran's continued support for Hamas, especially in the aftermath of the Oct. 7 massacre that claimed the lives of more than 1,200 Israelis.

The situation remains fluid as international observers closely monitor the developments and the implications of Iran's aggressive military posturing.

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In Ezekiel 38, Persia is mentioned as one of the nations forming a coalition that will align against Israel in the end times. Verse 5 specifically notes, "Persia, Cush and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet." While interpretations of biblical prophecies vary, some scholars and readers associate this mention of Persia with the modern-day nation of Iran. Many observers, both within religious circles and geopolitical analyses, draw from these parallels between the biblical prophecy and the tensions in the Middle East, potential contingency sequences considering Iran's geopolitical role and its confrontations with Israel.{eoa}

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