

Palestinians Incite Violence Against Israel; Could Be Prelude to War

Israel hit Hamas targets inside the Gaza Strip overnight after terrorists fired a rocket into Israel for the first time in months. The attack represents the latest incident in a wave of terror attacks that could put Israel on the brink of another war.

After the rocket attack, Israel announced it had struck a Hamas weapons manufacturing site, saying the Iron Dome system knocked down the incoming missile. The confrontation follows weeks of Ramadan-inspired terror attacks inside Israel that left 14 dead, dozens more wounded and led to days of rioting on the Temple Mount.

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett accused Hamas of inciting the violence.

"I view with utmost severity the remarks accusing Israel of the violence directed against us, and there are those who are encouraging rock-throwing and the use of violence against the citizens of the state of Israel. This is unacceptable to us. This is a reward for the inciters, especially Hamas, which are trying to ignite violence in Jerusalem," Bennett says.

Itamar Marcus of the Israel-based NGO Palestinian Media Watch told *CBN News* back in February that Palestinian Authority (PA) leaders called for popular resistance.

"We already warned about this in February ... that the Palestinian Authority (was) looking toward this period and literally calling for violence," Marcus says.

He continues, "Now what does that mean? Now that means all the

PL0 leadership, all the PA leadership are calling for violence of individuals with knives, with guns and especially focused on the Al Aksa Mosque. So, this is coming from the top.”

Marcus says Palestinian Authority leaders like the PA President Mahmoud Abbas’ top Islamic advisor have called for religious violence during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

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