

## Extending Gaza war to Engulf the entire Region: WW II?

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT:** [www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) hopes that the world will not move down the slippery path of expanding the Israel-Hamas war to a direct war between Iran and the west. President **Joe Biden** and its allies have tried to calm tensions in the Middle East for weeks and prevent any wider conflict, the strikes in the Red Sea threaten to ignite one.

[www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) calls on Houthis and Iran, the 'real leader' of the militia not to sleep-walk the world into a bigger war.

February 2, 2024: From an interview with **David Cameron**, the British Foreign Secretary, telecast by the **Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation International (LBCI)** on Friday: "Britain would look to recognise a Palestinian state, including at the United Nations," said Cameron. He added that Netanyahu had "not ruled out comprehensively a two-state solution".

**Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu**, the **Prime Minister of Israel** is known to be for a **full Israeli security control west of Jordan**. [www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) does not think that **Netanyahu** would have changed his stand. LBCI did not question **Cameron** about the earlier stand of **Netanyahu**.

**BACKGROUND:** The Gaza war started with an attack by about a thousand, well-trained Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2024, killing 1,200 people (including 45 children in a Kinder Garten School) and capturing 253 hostages, according to Israeli tallies.

The **Hamas Missile Launchers**, their factories and their well-appointed offices are **located in tunnels, below Schools. Hospitals and mosques**. The missiles are targeted at Israel from densely populated civilian areas, so that when Israel mounts bombing attacks, in return, on the missile-launching site, it always leads to collateral damage of civilians in Gaza.

**A PROPOSAL for CEASEFIRE:** The Hamas health authorities in Gaza say that more than 27,000 Palestinians have been killed during Israeli attacks. Both the US and UK administrations of **Joe Biden** and **Rishi Sunak** have asked Israel to ensure safety of civilians during the war in Gaza. USA, along with Egypt and Qatar, is working on a proposal for ceasefire in the Gaza war.

EXTENDING the WAR to the LEBANON-ISRAEL Border: Hezbollah has been continuously attacking Israel's civilian settlements, located in the border areas of Israel for the last few weeks. About 88,000 Israelis have moved to safer areas.

Lebanon government is in a financially difficult situation and does not want a war with Israel.

Hezbollah is a well-armed militia, probably larger and stronger than the Lebanese Army. In its war with Israel in 2006, both sides had suffered badly. Both had accepted a UN-sponsored ceasefire. After the ceasefire was implemented, Hezbollah did not honor the condition of withdrawing **behind the Litany river**, even though Hezbollah had wanted and accepted the ceasefire. Political observers say that, in reality, neither Hezbollah nor Israel want to get into a war.

But, leaders of Hezbollah have spent a life-time in bringing Muslims into the militia through **instilling "racial hatred of jews"**. Due to the deep-seated hatred in the hearts of the leaders, they cannot avoid showing 'bravado' by attacking civilian hamlets in Israel. Hezbollah's Secretary-General **Hassan Nasrallah** is a **Shia cleric**. Even though he is a '**religious scholar**', he does not seem to have any qualms in killing innocent human-beings, if they are jews, as is the case.



[www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) hopes Hezbollah and Israel will not stumble into a full-scale war, since it would lead to impoverishing Lebanon and the whole of the region, even further.

AVOIDING a WAR between USA and the Iran-backed IRAQI MILITIA: A drone strike on a US Army Camp in Jordan **killed three US soldiers**. These were the first US casualties in the region since October 7, 2024. Before USA could mount an attack in response, **Kataib Hezbollah** (part of the **group of militias**, set up and **sustained by Iran** in **Yemen, Lebanon, Gaza, Syria** and **Iraq**) announced **suspension** of operations against US forces.

**EDITORIAL COMMENTS:** [www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) notes the efforts by **Kataib Hezbollah** to avoid the US attack, in response, on its base in Iraq.

[www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) calls on **Iran to prevail upon Houthis to stop attacking commercial shipping** in the area around Red Sea. This is going to hit the poor of the world with even more inflation. (Yemen is one of the poorest countries of the world. So, there should not have been a need for [www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) to plead on behalf of the poor. But, the Houthis are led by persons, who are unfit to be called a 'leader'.)

[www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) interprets this act by **Kataib Hezbollah** as a signal that **Iran does not want a war with USA** and that the statements by both the President of Iran and by the Supreme Leader of Iran be understood as '**bravado**' for Iran's people.

The UKRAINE WAR: During the week, the Defence ministers of UK, Sweden and Norway have voiced their anxiety about the possibility of a war with Russia, due to their support of Ukraine in the war, with arms. [www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) calls on the leaders

**Note:** Please read "Houthis attack Commercial Shipping in Red Sea" dated January 15, 2024 at <https://diginews360.com/iran-war-with-the-west-triggered-by-houthis/>. [www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) gives a BACKGROUNDER on the small, but oil/gas rich, countries of Qatar and Bahrain.

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