

CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL

Iran should tread with caution



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November 2020: Eminent Iranian scientist Mohsen Fakhrazadeh is killed outside Tehran in a sophisticated attack, in which remotely controlled weapons were used to spray his car with bullets, widely believed to have been carried out by Israel.

April 2021: A power outage resulting from a planned explosion hits Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment site, causing damage to its electrical distribution grid. Israel is suspected to be behind it.

July 2022: Iran arrests a sabotage team of Kurdish fighters working for Israel, who had planned to blow up a key defence centre in Isfahan.

January 2023: Iran thwarts drone attacks on strategic military locations in Isfahan, believed to be orchestrated by Israel, especially based on narratives on Telegram channels, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps affiliate Sepah Cyberi.

This recent surge in covert attacks by Israel at key strategic military locations inside Iranian territory has raised concerns among Middle East experts about fully fledged escalation of tensions between the two countries, propelling further regional volatility, especially in the context of the hawkish rhetoric from Israeli politicians and defence officials and their ally – the US – over the last few years.

Israel has not kept it a well-guarded secret that during the regime of former right-wing Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, it adopted an approach called “Octopus Doctrine” to attack defence sites inside Iran and weaken its capabilities from the inside. It could very well be the case that Benjamin Netanyahu is continuing the legacy of his predecessor. At least the style of



A military defence site in Isfahan, Iran.

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near Tabriz, which is also close to the East Azerbaijan Province. Although investigations are underway to identify the cause, this being part of a possible well-orchestrated Israeli attack cannot be ruled out. Moreover, the recent shooting inside the Azerbaijan embassy in Tehran that claimed the life of the embassy's security chief should also be reviewed

kept high military pressure on Iran, so that finding peaceful solutions to its nuclear programme and integration with the international community remain out of limits for the country. Iran returning to the international fold and reinstating the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) would take away from Israel the bogeyman it has been leveraging

Minister Yariv Levin unveiled his plans to introduce sweeping reforms in the judiciary, significantly curtailing its powers. This involves legislators passing laws that have been struck down by the courts, overriding Supreme Court decisions with a simple 61-vote majority in the Knesset, and ministers appointing their own legal advisers. The Israeli

been a tried and tested suppression tool implemented to precision by various governments, to strike fear in the hearts of the people to “discipline” them. Israel has constantly used both Iran and Palestine to do so in the past, and continues the practice even today.

Iran must not play into Israel's hands. For the last few years, Israel has been very bold in goading Iran into action through hyperbolic rhetoric on wiping out Iran's existence, and carrying out provocative attacks inside the country and at key strategic sites in the region that are valuable to Iran. And Iran has shown maximum restraint, even when Israel sympathiser and former US President Donald Trump unilaterally pulled out of the JCPOA in 2018, and imposed the harshest sanctions on Iran. And despite the multiple provocations from Israel and its ally, Iran's response has been mostly cautious and restrained.

Israel recently conducted a joint military drill with the US – Juniper Oak 2023 – involving more than 400 US troops, 1,500-plus Israeli troops, more than 140 aircrafts, 12 naval vessels, and artillery systems as a show of force against Iran. And these recent attacks inside Iran could very well be a well-contemplated action by Israel to provoke a response, to set the context to launch an all-out military escalation against the country, post its strengthened military capability.

While Israel is being reckless, Iran should play safe, and as always any response from Iran to this provocation should be non-violent, restrained and highly measured, although this is easier said than done, as Israel has closed all doors for direct diplomatic outreach. In short, Iran should play the upper hand.

Perhaps the other regional players could open up some back channels to make both the countries, especially Israel, appreciate the value of regional peace and stability. A fully fledged war between Israel and Iran is something neither country, nor the region as a whole, or even the world community, can afford right now, no matter who the striker is.

Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH					
1	Ministry/Division		Ministry of Health and Family Planning		
2	Agency		Directorate General of Health Services		
3	Procuring Entity Name		Director (MIS) & Line Director (HIS & e-Health)		
4	Procuring Entity Code		5-2711-5009		
5	Procuring Entity District		Dhaka		
6	Invitation for		Procurement of Firm for Supply of Consultants and Support Staffs		
7	Invitation Ref No		MIS/22-23/OP-SP4/03/1995		
8	Date		26 January, 2023		
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method		Open Tendering Method (OTM) : National Competitive Tender (NCT)		
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds		Development Budget, Government of Bangladesh		
11	Development Partners		Not Applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Programme Name		Health Information System (HIS) & e-Health		
13	Tender Package No.		MIS/22-23/OP-SP4/03		
14	Tender Package Name		Procurement of Firm for Supply of Consultants and Support Staffs		
15	Tender Publication Date		26/01/2023		
16	Tender Last Selling Date		12/02/2023 Up to 12.00 PM		
			Date	Time	
17	Tender Submission Date and Time		12/02/2023	02.00 PM	
18	Tender Opening Date and Time		12/02/2023	02.30 PM	
19	Name & Address of the office		Address:		
	- Selling Tender Document		Office of the Director (MIS) & Lind Director (HIS & e-Health)		
	- Receiving Tender Document		Shaheed Dr. Milon Bhaban, DGHS (Old Building), Mohakhali, Dhaka		
	- Opening Tender Document				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
20	Eligibility of Tenderer		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh.Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.Details are mentioned in Tender Document.		
21	Brief Description of Services		Supply of manpower for the position of Junior IT Consultant, Data Assistant, Driver (Light), Office Assistant, Cleaner		
22	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)		Tk. 4000 (Four Thousand) only (Non-Refundable)		
	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time in Months
24	1	Procurement of Firm for Supply of Consultants and Support Staffs	Dhaka	Tk. 3,00,000/- (Three Lac) only	February, 2024
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender		Prof. Dr. Md. Shahadat Hossain		
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Director (MIS) & Line Director (HIS & e-Health)		
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender		Office of the Director (MIS) & Lind Director (HIS & e-Health) Shaheed Dr. Milon Bhaban, DGHS (Old Building), Mohakhali, Dhaka		
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Phone: 02-58816412 Email: mis@ld.dghs.gov.bd		
30	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or any of the Tender.				

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5	Procuring Entity District		Dhaka		
6	Invitation for		Supply of Manpower for Gather Data from Different Hospitals		
7	Invitation Ref No		MIS/22-23/OP-SP2/01/1994		
8	Date		26 January, 2022		
KEY INFORMATION					
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	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time in Months
24	1	Supply of manpower for gather data from different hospitals	Dhaka	Tk. 2,50,000/- (Two Lac Fifty Thousand) only	February, 2024
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