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"Hitler was logical to expel the
Jews from Germany. He was



wiser and braver than European leaders today. After he went, European countries had to support the Holocaust myth to justify their cowardice." (April 28th in Iranian Kayhan newspaper).

I am often asked why Israel is so bothered by Iran? Are the threats we hear from the ayatollahs and the commanders of the Revolutionary Guards nothing but idle threats, and in fact, Iran has no intention of destroying Israel? After all, an attempt to destroy Israel is not a rational act. This is a dangerous move that will harm the well being of the Iranian people and will put Iran in big trouble. But the Ukrainian-Russian case has taught us to be modest when we try to analyze the rationale of people who think differently from

US.

Others add another question and say - don't you think that the Iranians are now more engaged in the war against the Sunnis? After all, the Sunni Shiite struggle is the most central in the Middle East. We see the Iranian attacks against the oil facilities in Saudi Arabia and other targets in the Arab Gulf.

This week there was Iranian Jerusalem Day. As every year, the Iranians published various propaganda materials for this occasion with threats against Israel. [A video released by the Shiite militia to Nujba](#) in Iraq powerfully illustrates the connection between intentions and capabilities in Iran. This is a propaganda video whose purpose is to frighten Israel. It was published in Hebrew

and shows the proxy militia map of Iran in the Middle East: Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon, what we call the Shiite-Iranian axis. The video also shows the artillery arsenal of Iran itself and its proxies which include; missiles with very heavy warheads - of half-ton, precision missiles, drones, and long-range missiles.

Although it is propaganda, the video is based on a clear reality. Iran has proxy militias in these countries led by Hezbollah, the most professional and well equipped on the border between Israel and Lebanon. These proxies have an artillery arsenal that threatens Israel and the IDF fights against the expansion of this arsenal daily through attacks against warehouses or arms shipments (The CBW: Campaign Between Wars).

The Sunni Shiite conflict is cruel, bloody, violent, and takes millions of lives and property in the Middle East. However, alongside this clash, there is also cooperation between Shiites and Sunnis regarding the conflict with Israel. Thus, Iran is assisting Hamas in Gaza and probably also in Lebanon in armament efforts. And Palestinian elements (Sunnis and Christians) in East Jerusalem are in contact with the Iranians, at least according to the Iranians themselves.

In the Middle East, ideology is important, but interest is more important. And some ideologies are more important than others. Hence the question arises, what is the point of the Iranians against Israel? Why do they hate us so much? Is all this for the liberation of Palestine? Of course not. Iran sees Israel as the little devil (while the United States is the

big devil). Israel is an ally and proxy of Iran's great enemy in terms of Iran. Moreover, from an Islamic religious point of view, a site sacred to Muslims like Al-Aqsa can't be ruled by Jews. Over the years, this has been perceived as a Sunni belief. However, the ayatollahs market the phrase "Al-Quds Kadimon - Jerusalem We Are Coming" in various ways, directly and indirectly through their proxy. Iranian posters and publications surrounding Iranian Jerusalem Day show Shiite and Sunni Muslim leaders and sometimes even local and foreign Christian leaders - who are members of the Shiite axis - praying in Jerusalem or coordinating positions on it. Jerusalem is becoming an issue of a Muslim religious struggle against Jews - regardless of Shiites or Sunnis. And Iran, of course, is volunteering to lead such a campaign.



And yet, Israel knows that the Iranians understand that they are not capable of destroying Israel tomorrow morning and that any such attempt will come at a heavy price. As long as this understanding is maintained, the chances that Iran will indeed try to destroy Israel are very low.

Therefore, in the space between the intentions and the capabilities, Israel and its allies also have a responsibility to maintain high capabilities that will deter Iran from

making a move that will endanger the State of Israel.

Today, on Yom HaShoah, we remember the 6 million Jews

and millions of others brutally murdered during the

Holocaust and honor the survivors. The State of Israel is

responsible for the Jewish people, who still face

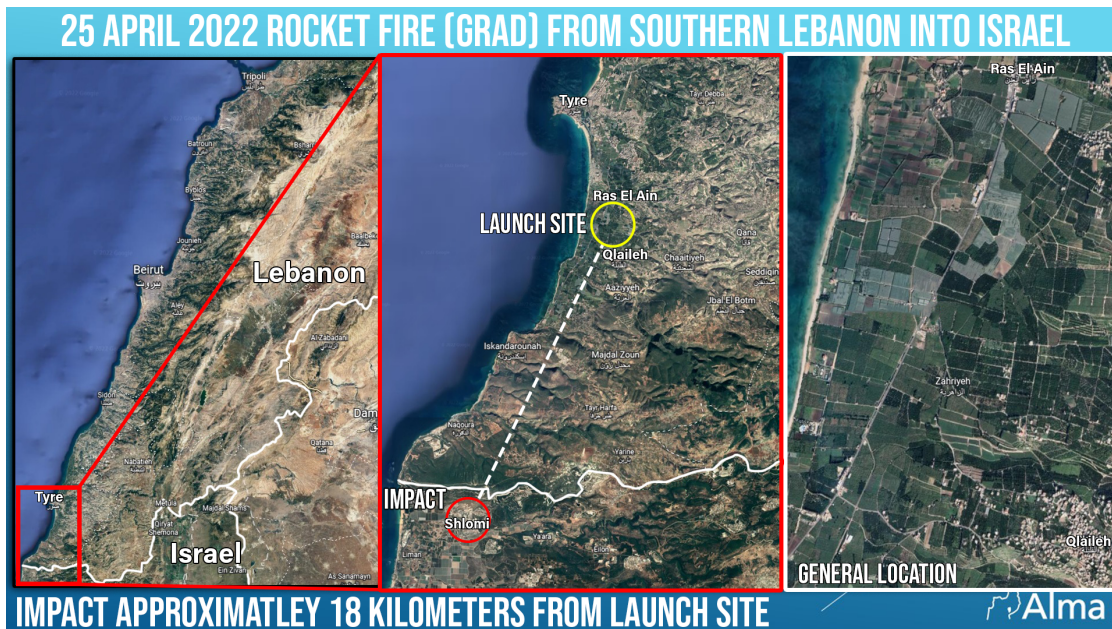
persecution to this day, and we, therefore, must ensure this

will never happen again. [#NeverAgain](#)

Sending love from western Galilee

Sarit Zehavi

Rocket fired from Lebanon into Israel



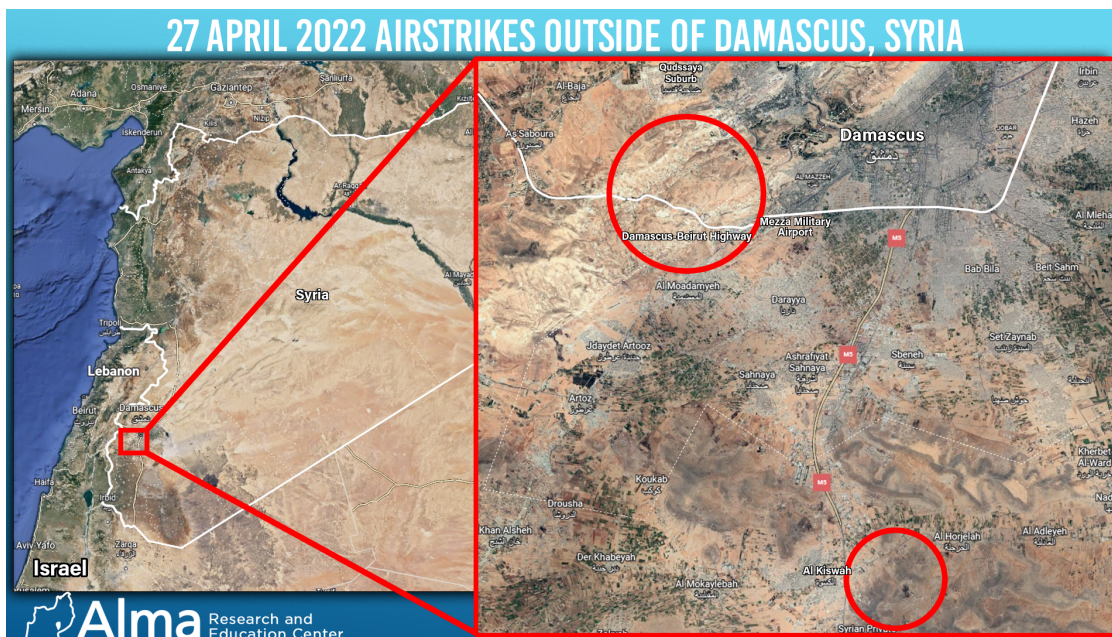
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Video: IDF attacks Lebanon after rocket fired into Israel



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Photo of the week: Remembrance at Yad Vashem



Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) commemorates the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust

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