

# WW3 WARNING: 'Israel and Iran ON BRINK of war in Syria' claims expert after deadly strikes

SYRIA and Israel are heading for a war which no outside force will be able to prevent following retaliatory strikes by the Israeli Defence Force (IDF) last week, a Middle East expert has warned.

The IDF's retaliation comes after surface-to-surface missiles were fired from inside Syria towards the Golan Heights. In return, Israel launched an attack on a military site near Damascus International Airport, munition storage sites, an Iranian intelligence site and an Iranian military training camp. In a change of tactic in recent years, Israel took full responsibility for the attack after years of failing to claim responsibility for missile strikes launched against Iranian and Hezbollah positions.

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Writing in his column for Arab News, Middle East commentator Osama Al-Sharif argued Israel admitting such a heavy attack would lead the two nations back into conflict.

He said: "The brinkmanship by both sides has raised the chances of potential confrontation to their highest level since 2006, when Israel and Hezbollah fought a bloody war that tested both.

"The geopolitical conditions have changed drastically, with claims that Hezbollah's missile arsenal could now pose a genuine threat to the heart of Israel.

"What is happening in Syria is a high-stakes face-off that could easily develop into a major conflagration.

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“The reality is that no outside power has the ability to defuse a febrile situation and prevent a looming war.”

Following the Israeli attack, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presented not just a more open and blatant stance to their aggression but also a more threatening one too.

He said: “Whoever tries to hurt us, we will hurt them.

“Whoever threatens to destroy us will bear the full responsibility.”

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As Mr Al-Sharif concludes, this was not just a warning the Iranian and Syrian regime's but also to their powerful supporter, Russia.

While Russia, like the US would like to avoid another conflict in the Middle East if possible, both may not be able to control their reactionary allies.

Mr Al-Sharif added Russia's ability to prevent hostilities Israel and Syria is in doubt while it has no chance of curtailing Iran's attacks.

The Iranian presence combined with danger of Hezbollah is a danger to Israel and as the Hezbollah leader, Hassan Nasrallah warned Israel that any other attack could lead to a future regional war.

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