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## IRAN RACES TO GO NUCLEAR — IS NOW THE TIME TO ACT?

You and I have a rare opportunity. One you almost certainly won't see again in your lifetime. And that is why I am writing to you with a special request now.

With so much on the line for Israel and America ...

- With Trump returning as president ...
- With the Middle East dramatically reshaped in ways unimaginable 15 months ago ...
- With so many harboring huge hopes for sweeping positive change in our nation and the Middle East ...
- And with a severely weakened Iran racing to go nuclear — to see its maniacal dream of a mushroom cloud above Tel Aviv become a reality.

With all of these things on the line, Israel and the U.S. face a history-altering choice: Whether to act now to ELIMINATE Iran's rapidly developing nuclear program and the existential threat it poses to Israel and the West, or not.

**I want to know what you think** — and to share your views with President Trump, Congress, and the media. Your opinion matters!

**That is why I am asking you to immediately complete the 2025 U.S.-Israel Relations Survey by following the link in the QR code in this newsletter, followed by sending your most generous gift to help CIDI bless and defend Israel.**

With tectonic shifts taking place across the Middle East, many once-impossible

prospects await ... and you and I must weigh in. Just consider where things stand as Trump takes office.

1. **Hamas is shattered.** The ruthless Muslim terror army is a spent force, reduced to acting not as a military, but as roving, ragtag bands of terrorists.
2. **Hezbollah is decapitated** and largely degraded. A wholly owned subsidiary of Iran, Hezbollah's once-vaunted arsenal of more than 150,000 missiles is now severely depleted.
3. **The fall of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad is a devastating defeat for Iran.** With Assad gone, Tehran has lost a key node in its "ring of fire" surrounding Israel — as well as its weapons pipeline to Hezbollah in Lebanon. A former al-Qaida operative now rules Syria and professes — at least for now — no interest in attacking Israel.
4. **Iran's air defenses are almost destroyed.** Thanks to a precisely targeted Israeli air raid in late October, the radical Islamic state is exposed and vulnerable to a future Israeli Air Force attack.

Five years ago, an Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard commander proudly boasted: "Iran has encircled Israel from all four sides. Nothing will be left of Israel."

**Instead, God has turned the tables on Israel's enemies.** The Holy One of Israel gave this promise to His people: "I will contend with those who contend with you, and I will save your children" (Isaiah 49:25b). And He has!

Israel is "transforming the face of



## IRAN RACES TO THE BOMB ... TIME TO STRIKE?

*A severely weakened Iran is racing to go nuclear ... posing an existential threat to Israel. Should Trump aid an Israeli preemptive strike to eliminate the threat — and remake the Middle East?*

*We're also giving you the opportunity to tell Trump and Congress your views on the U.S.-Israel alliance! Scan the QR code below to access the 2025 U.S.-Israel Relations Survey today! — Mat Staver*



the Middle East," Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared last month after the Syrian despot Assad — a butcher who murdered 500,000 Syrians — turned tail and fled to Russia.

Netanyahu said the sudden collapse of Assad's regime — a "central element of Iran's axis of evil" — came as a "direct result of the heavy blows we landed on Hamas, on Hezbollah, and on Iran."

Israel is conquering its foes, he added, "step by step" in a "war of existence that was imposed upon us."

Yet, despite severe setbacks, Iran is defiant. It still declares “death to Israel” and tyrant Ayatollah Ali Khamenei still wants to wipe Israel off the map.

And the mullahs still harbor nuclear ambitions. Iran is “increasing dramatically” its stockpile of enriched uranium, the International Atomic Energy Agency reports.

But a window has opened to take out Iran’s mounting nuclear threat. Not only is Iran naked to attack, but its “axis of evil” — Hamas, Hezbollah, and Syria — is weakened or entirely gone. And Joe Biden is shuffling off the stage of history.

Biden put a leash on Israel, pressuring the Jewish state not to “escalate” against its malevolent enemy, Iran.

After Iran fired more than 300 drones and missiles at Israel last spring — nearly all of which Israel, aided by allies, swatted



out of the sky — Biden told Netanyahu not to fire back. “You got a win. Take the win,” he famously told Israel’s prime minister.

But Trump arrived in the Oval Office on Jan. 20, and he is reportedly already

considering military action against a weakened but still dangerous Iran.

“Anything could happen,” Trump told TIME magazine about Iran. “It’s a very explosive situation.”

The U.S. director of national intelligence reports that “Iran now has enough fissile material to make more than a dozen nuclear weapons.”

Israel WILL NOT let that happen — and it is getting ready to act. The window is open. Iran is “more exposed than ever to strikes on its nuclear facilities,” states Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz. And he adds:

***We have the opportunity to achieve our most important goal — to thwart and eliminate the existential threat to the State of Israel.***

But Israel needs deep penetrating bunker-busting bombs to reach Iran’s underground nuclear facilities — bombs only available from the U.S.

The decision to sell these 15-ton bombs to Israel rests with the incoming U.S. president, Donald Trump. It’s a choice reportedly under consideration at Mar-a-Lago — and soon the White House.

One senior Trump adviser put the decision calculus this way: “What’s the worst that could happen? What can Iran do? Nothing.”

Iran’s one apparent option is to fire more ballistic missiles, but the radical Islamic regime has tried that twice — and both attacks were utter failures.

**What do YOU think? Should the U.S. help Israel attack Iran? Let me know by completing your 2025 U.S.-Israel Relations Survey.**

Return the survey right away, and we will tabulate the results, sending them to the president, Congress, and the media. As you do, **I ask you to please also send your most generous gift to help Christians in Defense of Israel stand for the Jewish state.**

Iran’s malicious nuclear ambition is not the only pressing Middle East concern President Trump must confront as he enters the White House. Another is Israeli sovereignty over its God-given territory.

Arab Palestinians insist that Judea

and Samaria — what they call the “West Bank” — is their own. But this is land God promised to Abraham and his descendants. It is Israel’s biblical heartland and belongs to the Jewish state as a matter of international law.

After the savagery of Oct. 7, 2023, the vast majority of Israeli Jews reject the so-called “two-state solution.” They recognize that a Palestinian terror state next door to Israel is a recipe for Oct.7 all over again — only much worse. Instead, a movement is growing in Israel to assert its rightful sovereignty over all of Judea and Samaria.

**What do you think?** Should Israel claim sovereign control over all of its 3,000-year-old homeland — including Judea and Samaria?

Let me know your views on this and other matters as you return the enclosed U.S.-Israel Relations Survey. When you do, I’ll forward the tabulated results to President Trump, Congress, and the media — and send a STRONG pro-Israel message!

**Please be as generous as possible as you respond.** Your generosity matters. Your kind gift of any amount drives CIDI forward and is crucial to ensuring our voice is heard across America and on Capitol Hill!

Finally, pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for President Trump as he returns to the White House and leads America, again.

You are a friend and partner — thank you for all you do to bless and defend Israel.

Together for Israel,

Mat Staver

Chairman and President

P.S. Please answer the 2025 U.S.-Israel Relations Survey using the survey QR code above and **send your much-needed gift to bless and defend the Jewish state.** Thank you!