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A ball of fire is seen during Israeli airstrikes in Gaza May 4, 2019 | Photo: Reuters

Palestinian Islamic Jihad was “about to launch rockets at Tel Aviv when the cease-fire [with Israel] stopped it from happening,” the terrorist group’s leader, Ziad Nakhala, told the Beirut-based Al Mayadeen TV station on Tuesday.

Nakhala, who was in Egypt when the latest round of violence between Israel and Gaza-based armed factions erupted last Friday, outlined in the interview how events unfolded and also issued threats against Israel.

Palestinian Islamic Jihad leader Ziad Nakhala | Photo: IDF Spokesperson's Unit
“We used sniper fire in response to [IDF] soldiers’ shooting at our innocent demonstrating civilians,” he said, adding that “we will continue until all our objectives are met. What happened in the most recent escalation was a preparation for the next major battle. From now on, the rocket fire will focus primarily on Tel Aviv and other large cities.”

Nakhala, who **currently resides in Beirut**, continued: “The test will be during the march of return demonstrations on Fridays, on Nakba Day and on the one-year anniversary of the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to holy Jerusalem. If there are casualties among our people, it is our right to respond and that’s what we will do. We will intercept the enemy’s soldiers on the border and launch long-range rockets beyond Tel Aviv. We are not afraid of the Zionist enemy. We defeated the occupation army in every round of escalation and we will do it again.”

The terrorist leader claimed that “Israel attacked civilian buildings and that forced us to respond strongly. There was no prior plan for it. We still insist that Gaza is under siege and demonstrators are coming under live fire during the march of return protests. The siege must be lifted from Gaza. We are handling it. In the meantime, Israel is making promises to Egypt and isn’t keeping them.”

Nakhala took aim at countries in the Arab world, who he accused of remaining silent in the face of U.S.-backed Israeli aggression.

He also said there were numerous signs that a war against Gaza would be launched “this summer,” and that his organization was prepared. Asked if he thinks such a war will entail demilitarizing the Gaza Strip, Nakhala said yes.

“Israel feels like a powerful country in the region. How can it be that tiny, besieged Gaza, a mere 360 kilometers (223 miles), makes its own weapons; how is it that this tiny area is rebelling against Israel, that arrogant country with the help of the United States and the entire world. It is viewed as a provocation.”

Nakhala believes that the U.S. and Egypt sought the current cease-fire between Israel and Gaza. According to the terrorist leader, Israel was facing a dilemma: the need to choose between a desire to continue fighting and to celebrate Independence Day – the “Nakba” (Palestinian catastrophe) in his words – which were set to begin Wednesday night.

Hence he expects a war to erupt over the summer. In his view, it will be a large-scale political and military war amid the backdrop of American machinations the region.

WHY ANTI-ZIONISM IS MORE LETHAL THAN ANTI-SEMITISM

Tor Marquis

Anti semitism is lethal enough as demonstrated in the holocaust. Antizionism is just the continuation of antisemitism, since once you take away the home of the jews its much easier to slaughter them en mass. Antizionism has been defined by the neoNazi moslems, who claim that Mohammed's decree that Israel belongs to the People of the Book is null and void, since the jews of today are not the Israelites of Mohammed's time. However, we have Hitler (may his name be erased) to bare witness otherwise, since he proclaimed that the jews he murders are the same jews that killed Jesus 2000 years ago.

QATAR PLEDGES \$480 MILLION IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIANS

Jeff Brightone

Undoubtedly, the Qatari ‘kind donations’ are more likely Iranian dollars of the Obama-Hillary anti-Israel nuke deal with Iran that would be used to build missiles and rockets in the West Bank and Gaza. Israel should not allow any money entering into the Jihadists’ terrorist pockets before they stop any attacks on Israelis for at least few months or years, including terrorist suicidal attacks on West bank roads, in Jerusalem, or rockets launched against Israelis from Gaza or elsewhere. In addition, the vile violent demonstrations on the Gaza border for the destruction of Israel and killing the Jews that are organized and financed by Iran on a weekly basis must stop before the Iranian sponsored terrorists get any dime. Enough is enough with ‘humanitarian’ support that is used for killing the Jews based on their Iranian sickening ideology of the 7th century of death and destruction.

US DEPLOYING CARRIER, BOMBERS TO MIDDLE EAST TO DETER IRAN

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IRAN SET TO RESTART SOME NUCLEAR ACTIVITY IN RESPONSE TO US WITHDRAWAL FROM DEAL Jeff Brightone

Undoubtedly, Israel has the hard proof of the Iranian regime of lies and deceit that shows that the Iranian evil regime never stopped its nuke making activities in nuke underground sites of Iran, far from the UN inspectors who would never visit them, proving that Iran never stopped attempting to nuke America and Israel. The Democrat-Hillary media of the NY Times would never criticize the vicious unprovoked attack on Israel civilians of Iranian made rockets and missiles paid by the fake Iranian-Obama Nuke Deal's 150 billion dollars from Gaza. Democrats are showing their ugly unconditional support of Iran with their anti-Semitic hatred to the Jewish people. PM Netanyahu and president Trump proved to be winning team against the Iranian sponsored suicide bomber terrorists and Trump's bringing Aircraft carrier to the area proves that any Iranian regime attack would be defeated. Thank the Lord for PM Netanyahu and the great IDF, especially the great Israeli air-force for their big win and destroying the Iranian regime sponsored terrorists of Hamas and Islamic Jihad of Gaza, their leadership and much of their bases and arsenal of rockets and missiles from Iran.

DEAL OF THE CENTURY: FROM THE GOLAN TO JUDEA AND SAMARIA

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In 1947 the Palestinians were offered a two state deal, they chose war instead and got their butts kicked.

THE FORGOTTEN DEATH MARCH OF CHELM

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The term Nazi Poland is incorrect and offensive. The Germans occupied Poland and were responsible for all the camps located on Polish soil. Please correct the error.

THE CLASH OF AMERICAN LIBERAL JEWRY AND ISRAELI NATIONALISM

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We've all heard about Battered Wife Syndrome where the woman blames herself for her beatings and argues that if she only behaves better her abuse will stop. Well, what we have here is Battered Jew Syndrome! The Jews think they are not liberal enough and Gentile anti-Jewish hatred can be overcome if the battered Jews are more vociferous in their hatred of Israel and Conservatism. Historically, Liberalism has not saved the Jews and for the battered Jews to think that voting for Democrats in the US and Liberals in the UK will stop the battering will only make the syndrome worse.

IN 2ND APOLOGY FOR ANTI-SEMITIC CARTOON, NEW YORK TIMES TAKES AIM AT TRUMP

BlueLeaf

It's not Trump's lack of trying to arouse Americans to what is happening, but the NYT's efforts to censor and distort what the President says and tweets. At every turn the media

downplays anything to do with Jews, unless they can take aim at Israel, and so **are complicit in the open hatred displayed**, even in America.

Independence Day 2019 – a party for more than 9 million Israelis May-8-2019

It took **71 years**, but the country that was founded with just over 800,000 people has reached a new record, and Israel's **100th birthday will be marked by more than 15 million people**; **88.9% of Israelis** say they have a happy life
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In 1948, it had a population of 806,000 people. **Seventy-one years later**, for the first time, there are **more than nine million Israelis** - 9,021,000 to be exact.

In preparation for Independence Day, the Central Bureau of Statistics published a wealth of data on Israel and its residents. As of today, there are 6,697 million Jews living in the country, 1.890 million Arabs - 20.9% of the population of Israel, and 434,000 defined as "others" - 4.8% of the country's population. The illegal immigrants and foreign workers living in Israel, an estimated 166,000 people, are not included in the data.

Israel's population has grown by 177,000 since last year's Independence Day, an increase of 2%, in line with the annual growth of recent years. **Some 188,000 babies were born in Israel over the past 12 months, 31,000 new immigrants arrived and 47,000 people passed away.**

Since the greatest of the state, Israel has absorbed 3,000,000 immigrants, 43% of whom immigrated to Israel after 1990. Of the current Jewish population, **75% are native Israelis**. The average Israeli family has 3.11 children.

On the 100th Independence Day in 2048, the CBS predicts that Israel will be home to 15.2 million people. While this is a reason to celebrate, it is also a cause for concern given how crowded the country will be – and how enormous the traffic jams.

The number of vehicles in the country stands at 3,495,412, for Israel's 4,358,402 licensed drivers.

The data also shows that Israel has a relatively high number of octogenarians, with **48,000 people aged 90 and over**. The life expectancy for men in Israel is 80.7 years, while Israeli women are expected to live longer with an average lifespan of 84.6 years.

The **average monthly income of an Israeli** household was NIS 16,518 (approx. \$4,600) per month in 2017, a real increase of 4.6% compared to the year before. The average wage per employee was NIS 10,473 (approx. \$2,900).

Over the past 12 months, Israel has welcomed 4.4 million visitors (and this is still without the upcoming Eurovision Song Contest!). Ben-Gurion International Airport also recorded 8.5 million departures abroad by Israelis.

And the happiest figure of all - 88.9% of Israelis are satisfied with life in the country.
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Islamic Jihad says war with Israel coming this summer

Leader of the terror groups says the latest cross-border flare-up, which claimed the lives of 4 Israeli civilians, is warm up ahead of a wide-scale military conflict in the Hamas-ruled enclave

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Leader of Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror group believes the recent deadly flare-up between Israel and Gaza militants was a “military exercise” ahead of a large-scale war in the coming summer, according to a report in Beirut-based pan-Arab TV channel Al-Mayadeen Tuesday.

In the latest round of cross-border fighting, which erupted over the weekend, Palestinian militants fired more than 700 rockets into Israel, killing four Israeli civilians, the first Israeli fatalities from rocket fire since the 50-day war in 2014, known in Israel as Operation Protective Edge. On Monday, an Egypt-mediated ceasefire was reached between Palestinian factions and Israeli officials.

"I anticipate a war to erupt in the summer, following Israel's attempts to disarm the Palestinian factions in Gaza," the terror group's leader Ziad al-Nakhala said in an interview to Al-Mayadeen, adding the ceasefire was reached “just hours” before the militants in the Hamas-ruled enclave planned to launch rockets at Tel Aviv.

Nakhala also said the IDF's recently adopted policy of bombing multi-storey buildings and homes of factions' leaders in the Strip, would not remain unanswered.

He claimed that Israel's promise to implement the understandings reached in an earlier ceasefire deal from March (which include lifting of the Gaza blockade) is what convinced the terror groups to hold fire.

In addition, Nakhala accused Israel of constantly trying to "drive a wedge between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority," claiming the relationship between Hamas and Fatah is stable. "The coordination between us and Fatah is at the highest level."

Nakhala thanked Hamas leader, Yahya Sinwar, for allowing the factions to “retaliate” to Israel killing two Gaza militants in an aerial attack on Friday, which came after two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a cross-border exchange of fire.

The terms of the latest deal were not immediately known, but recent ceasefires have been short-lived.