

In Gaza to the south, Hamas is a major beneficiary of Soleimani's funding and his provisioning of smuggled armaments, including the ubiquitous rockets that have tortured southern Israel for over a decade. But—as if to illustrate Soleimani's bloodthirsty intentions—his first love in Gaza was the even-more radical terror group Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Islamic Jihad, the number two military force in Gaza, is even more committed to reckless terror than Hamas.

Soleimani's exploits in Iraq and Syria are well-covered in our media. Essentially, Syrian President Bashar Assad continues to rule only because of Soleimani's efforts on his behalf. The Iranian general has brought in terror proxies from Lebanon and other areas to do Assad's dirty work in putting down the civil war in Syria, and in crushing the equally loathsome ISIS insurgency. In fact, Soleimani's fingerprints are all over every human-rights abomination in Syria, including his genocidal action against the rebel-held city of Aleppo.

Soleimani's control of the Assad regime in Syria is matched by his similar successes in Iraq. Iraq, like Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, is now effectively an Iranian puppet-state thanks to Soleimani's bloody efforts.

Finding anyone to replace him in sheer savagery and competence could be an impossible job for Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini. Other senior key Iranian proxy leaders were also wiped out in the American drone attack. At a minimum, the planning, coordination and execution of Iran's nefarious plans have been disrupted in a major way. This can only be a positive development in the Middle East.

If Lebanon's Hizbullah is stymied in building factories to upgrade its rockets with precision guidance systems, Israel will be the major beneficiary. If expeditionary Iran-proxy Hizbullah militias are disrupted in encroaching on—and threatening—Israel's Golan Heights from Syria, the threat level to Israel will be mitigated.

And if Hamas and Islamic Jihad have a money crisis and a shortage of terror rockets to lob at Israel's south, it will be a very welcome development.

Lacking Soleimani's potent tentacles, Iraq and other countries may have the opportunity to climb out from Iran's oppressive and murderous machinations.

In other words, Soleimani's removal opens up many possibilities for good things to follow, particularly for Israel.

As for the dire downside predicted worldwide upon Soleimani's elimination, the Iranians have so far disappointed. There was no massive explosion of anti-American—or anti-Israel—violence and military conflict. This should give the world some measure of just how invincible Iran is when confronted with superior intelligence and firepower. Knowing that massive American—or Israeli—counterattacks would be forthcoming, Iran decided to back off and just lob some missiles at a couple of Iraqi bases with American soldiers . . . none of whom was harmed.

After years of letting Iran's Quds Force have a relatively free hand in exporting chaos around the world, perhaps the United States and others will conclude that a passive approach to Iran's infamies has only invited more infamies. Perhaps America's bold move in eliminating Soleimani has exposed Iran's vulnerability

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to forceful, dramatic action by its targeted enemies, including America and Israel.

Israel, and her supporters, should express their optimism in discussions with friends, family and colleagues in the wake of this action by America against Iran. Explain that U.S. interests, as well as Israel's precarious situation, almost surely will be improved now that the main architect of Middle East terror and aggression has been removed from the battlefield. Explain also that any disruptive action to the supply chain, finances and strategic management of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hizbullah is likely to yield good results for Israel's security—and for peace in the region.

In addition, I hope you'll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to visit FLAME's lively [new Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME's new *hasbarah* campaign—outspokenly questioning the validity and wisdom of the so-called two-state solution.

Best regards,

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P.S. Many politicians in the U.S., as well as in Western Europe, hold steadfastly to the notion of a two-state solution for resolving the Palestinians' conflict with Israel. However, it's become clear as stability in the Middle East deteriorates, power balances shift and the Palestinians themselves continue to reject peace initiatives, that a two-state solution may be no solution at all. That's why FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called "[Is a Two-State Solution Still Possible?](#)" I hope you'll review this hard-hitting paid editorial, which will run in coming months in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. It lays out seven tough questions that must be answered before two states can seriously be considered. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Pence and President Trump. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us. Remember: FLAME's powerful ability to influence public opinion—and U.S. support of Israel—comes from individuals like you, one by one. I hope you'll consider giving a donation now, as you're able—with \$500, \$250, \$100, or even \$18. (Remember, your donation to FLAME is tax deductible.) To donate online, just go to [donate](#) now. Now, more than ever, we need your support to ensure that the American people, the U.S. Congress and President Trump stay focused on realistic policies in relation to Israel, the Palestinians and the entire Middle East.

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