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implement that horrific goal.

This is not the first time Israel has needed to confront such plans. Two key events are illuminating.

In May, 1967, Egypt's Nasser and his allies in Jordan and Syria declared their intent to launch a genocidal war against Israel. With Arab armies and mobile artillery massing at Israel's borders, Israel's leaders made the bold decision to strike first. Their pre-emptive destruction of Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian air power enabled an astonishing Six-Day War victory in June.

Then, in October, 1973, Egypt's Anwar Sadat conspired with Syria to have another try at destroying Israel. Sadat proclaimed that Egypt was prepared to "sacrifice a million Egyptian soldiers" to avenge its 1967 humiliating defeat.

America's Secretary of State Henry Kissinger demanded that Israel hold back. Golda Meir proclaimed to her Cabinet that Israel must not be blamed for starting the war. "If we strike first, we won't get help from anybody," she explained.

Meir's Cabinet debated and dithered as Yom Kippur approached. Eventually, they agreed that there would be no Israeli preemptive strike.

Once attacked, Israel almost paid with its life for that blunder, suffering over 10,000 casualties in three weeks of war—comparable to America accepting over one million casualties.

Without the Israel Defense Force's brilliant and desperate counter-offensives, Israel might have been overrun.

Israel, of course, isn't the first and wouldn't be the last country needing to decide how to confront real dangers to its existence. In the 1930's, Europe's appeasement and America's isolationism allowed madmen in Berlin and Tokyo to nearly conquer the world in the 1940s.

And this year, American and European inaction in the face of Vladimir Putin's massive military deployments against Ukraine were an invitation to the tragedy unfolding in Europe today.

If history teaches anything, it is that when dictators announce evil intent, we should believe them.

Iran is a *special* case because its terrorist regime is coupled to a religiously fanatical Shi'ite cult with apocalyptic messianic zeal. For Iran, destroying Israel is a blessed, urgent action needed to welcome Islam's messianic age.

Israel today must choose whether the decision of June, 1967, or the decision of October, 1973 is the prudent path to take on behalf of its people.

Israel has the most powerful air force and munitions in the Middle East. It also has, by far, the most sophisticated technology, and boasts the most potent intelligence service. Israel has maps of Iran's nuclear facilities, and probably knows far more about them than it has even hinted at.

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Israel is also no stranger to preventing nuclear proliferation in its neighborhood.

Saddam Hussein stated in 1978, “We need a nuclear bomb to get rid of Israel.”

In 1981, the Israel Air Force’s F-16s destroyed Iraq’s Osirak nuclear site—and was roundly condemned by the world.

Ten years later, Iraq’s Scud missile attacks on Israel during the first Gulf war might have had far more lethal results if Iraq had continued its nuclear program at Osirak.

Similarly, Israel demolished the Syrian nuclear weapons site in 2007—with much diplomatic hand-wringing worldwide.

If the Jewish state destroys Iran’s nuclear program, it must expect—as always—harsh, widespread condemnations.

America will no doubt be very upset that Israel didn’t wait and see how events might unfold, as the Biden administration did in Afghanistan and Ukraine—and as Kissinger demanded of Israel in 1973.

Israel must politely pocket the critiques, and hope for a more steadfast ally after the next American elections. But the price of waiting will be far greater than *anything* Golda Meir unwisely risked years ago, on that fateful Yom Kippur.

Furthermore, this time, Arab leaders—some of them behind closed doors—would be applauding Israel’s lifting of the Iranian curse from them as well: Nuclear Iran’s international trouble-making would be disrupted, and nuclear fallout doesn’t respect international borders.

Israel must decide if it wants to be fondly remembered as the first nation since Japan to submit to a nuclear attack—or if it prefers to survive—and continue to thrive.

Please point out to friends, family, colleagues, and your elected representatives that Israel must act decisively—soon and with determination—to assure its survival in the face of a real and explicit existential threat.

Emphasize that Israel’s moral duty to its Jewish and Arab citizens is to make certain that the madmen of Teheran do not perpetrate a genocide to rival that of the Third Reich—another group of fanatics that the world watched timidly until it was almost too late to save itself.

I hope you’ll also take a minute, while you have this material front and center, to forward this message to friends, visit FLAME’s lively [Facebook page](#) and review the P.S. immediately below. It describes FLAME’s new *hasbarah* campaign—which further exposes “[The Israel Genocide Slander](#)” and the anti-Semites who make this false accusation.

Best regards,

Ken Cohen, Editor

Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)

P.S. Whoopi Goldberg's comments recently about the Holocaust underscored perhaps the greatest "public relations" problem Israel faces: Lies, slander and misinformation. One of the greatest of these falsehoods is the accusation of genocide against the Jewish state. Last May, actor Mark Ruffalo tweeted that Israel commits genocide. A college student in a public forum told Vice President Harris that Israel commits "ethnic genocide." I think you'll agree that the only antidote to these lies is the truth. To clarify the outrageous accusation of genocide by Israel, FLAME has created a new *hasbarah* message called "[The Israel Genocide Slander](#)." I hope you'll review this convincing, fact-based paid editorial, which ran in the *Washington Post*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Orlando Sentinel* and other media nationwide. It spells out why the State of Israel does not and has never committed genocide—and why accusers should be branded anti-Semites. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. 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 Biden stay committed to fighting anti-Semitic actions by individuals, politicians and commercial companies.

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