

A selection of quotes from the leader and others involved in this warfare.

(Deut. 7:6-9) Israel, you are the chosen people of the Lord your God. There are many nations on this earth, but he chose only Israel to be his very own.

You were the weakest of all nations, but the Lord chose you because he loves you and because he had made a promise to your ancestors. Then with his mighty arm, he rescued you from the king of Egypt, who had made you his slaves. You know that the Lord your God is the only true God. So love him and obey his commands, and he will faithfully keep his agreement with you and your descendants for a thousand generations.

Responding to the extensive coverage of recent IDF casualties in both the print and televised media, IDF Commander of the North Maj.-Gen. Udi Adam urged Israelis to refrain from shedding tears for the fallen until the war is won.

"We have to change our way of thinking," he said. "Human life is important but we are at war and it costs human lives. We won't count the dead at present, only at the end. We'll cry for the dead and will encourage their brothers in arms.

Israeli Prime Minister Olmert: "There are moments in the life of a nation, when it is compelled to look directly into the face of reality and say: no more!" Olmert said in a speech to the Knesset [Parliament]. "And I say to everyone: no more! Israel will not be held hostage-not by terror gangs or by a terrorist authority or by any sovereign state."

Olmert, in a speech full of emotional flourishes, said Israel was fighting for nothing less than "everything that everyone in the enlightened world takes for granted and never imagined that they would have to fight for-the right to a normal life."

"It is a difficult battle," Olmert said. "It may become even more difficult. It is a painful test, and we may have to bear more suffering. Such a battle is never easy. It is strewn with pain and suffering, sacrifice, and casualties. But, we have no intention of giving up our desire to live a normal life. We will not apologize for this desire, and we do not need anyone's approval to defend ourselves."

Using rhetoric worthy of Kennedy or Churchill, Olmert declared: "We will search every compound, target every terrorist who assists in attacking the citizens of Israel, and destroy every terrorist infrastructure, everywhere."

The Pope angered the Jewish people by calling for an immediate cease-fire. They say it would be absurd to end this campaign and leave Hizbullah aiming 13,000 missiles, each addressed to a location in Israel.

"We have 2,000 volunteers who have registered since last year," said Iranian Hizbullah's spokesman Mojtaba Bigdeli, speaking by telephone from the central seminary city of Qom.

"They have been trained and they can become fully armed. We are ready to dispatch them to every corner of the world to jeopardize Israel and America's interests. We are only waiting for the Supreme Leader's green light to take action. If America wants to ignite World War III, we welcome it," he said.

"Your hand will find out all your enemies; Your right hand will find out those who hate you. You will make them as a fiery oven in the time of your anger; the Lord will swallow them up in His wrath, and fire will devour them. Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your power" (Psalm 21:8-9).

Quote from Brigitte Gabriel.

'President Ahmadinejad has refused so far to respond to proposals from the U.S., EU, Russia and China on the UN Security Council to cease Iran's relentless quest for nuclear enrichment and weapons development program until August 22nd. Why August 22nd? Because August 22nd, coincides with the Islamic date of Rajab 28, the day the great Salah El-Din conquered Jerusalem. Ahmadinejad's extremists ideology in triggering Armageddon gives great concerns to the intelligence community.'

"Nasrallah [the leader of Hezbollah] was talking in the name of the Syrian regime. He thinks he's a demigod. Like [Iran's President Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad he's waiting for the 12th Imam, the Mehdi. This aspect of Shiite religious mobilization can be frightening." (Walid Jumblatt, leader of Lebanon's Druze party) Quoted in the *Wall Street Journal*, (29/7/06) <http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110008721>

Prime Minister Tony Blair warned Syria and Iran on Tuesday that they risked a confrontation if they continued to support terrorism and export instability to Iraq and elsewhere. In a speech urging a rethink of the West's strategy to defeat extremism in the Middle East, Blair accused Iran and Syria of helping extreme factions in Iraq and backing militant groups in Lebanon and Palestine.

Blair said the international community should tell Syria and Iran that they should either play by the same rules as the rest of the world "or be

confronted."

"Their support of terrorism, their deliberate export of instability, their desire to see wrecked the democratic prospect in Iraq, is utterly unjustifiable, dangerous and wrong.

"If they keep raising the stakes, they will find they have miscalculated," Blair said in a speech to the World Affairs Council,

MERELY A QUESTION OF WHEN.

David Dolan. (Journalist and media commentator based in Jerusalem).

Israeli leaders could not forever allow a burgeoning, jihad-crazed militia to openly operate right along their northern border was a given, especially since the rogue force is largely controlled by a radical Shiite regime in Tehran vowing to completely wipe Israel off of the regional map. The only question was when the government would act.

. . . The IDF was ready with a major "clean-out plan" when the next inevitable unprovoked Hezbollah attack took place.

The prospects that Syria and or/Iran might become directly involved in the raging Israel-Hezbollah conflict seemed to grow as the fighting continued into a third week. This was especially the case after Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Seniora called for regional Muslim powers to "stand united with Lebanon in the face of the Israeli war criminals." His virtual war cry came in the wake of the July 30th civilian deaths in Qana, which sparked rage throughout Lebanon and the entire Muslim world. The fuming Lebanese Sunni Muslim leader charged that Israel had "deliberately massacred our innocent martyrs" before hailing Sheik Nasrallah as a great Lebanese patriot.

...Israeli analysts had been warning well before the civilian slayings in Qana that Hassan Nasrallah was attempting to draw Syria directly into the conflict. With many leaders around the world criticizing him for launching his unprovoked cross border raid more than six years after IDF forces left south Lebanon, the Shiite Sheik was said to be hoping that his Syrian Alawite patrons would open up a second war front on the Golan Heights, which the world unanimously considers occupied Syrian territory.

Street pressure on regional Muslim leaders to "do something" to thwart the Israeli campaign in Lebanon seemed to grow precipitously both inside Syria and around the Middle East in the wake of the Qana tragedy. Possibly indicating that he is considering direct intervention, Syrian dictator Bashar Assad strongly condemned the Israeli action as

“state terrorism.” Israeli security analysts said that the mullahs who run Iran have been putting pressure on their Syrian ally to jump into the fray.

With . . . most Lebanese leaders now at least publicly backing the radical Shiite cleric who has kidnapped their country, it does appear that an even more intense Mideast war may be on the horizon. It is good to recall the many promises of ultimate victory over evil that the God of Israel long ago issued to His Chosen People, which caused King David to proclaim his full confidence in His powerful heavenly Father: *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against, me, my heart will not fear. Though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.”* (Psalm 27, 1-3).