

# HAARETZ

## What Is Really Going on in Iran While Israel Braces for Retaliation?

Aug 5, 2024 10:16 pm IDT

Over the course of two days last week, two major assassinations shook the Middle East. The first was of senior Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr, for which the Israeli military took credit, in Beirut. The second was a much more daring operation – the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, right under the nose of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps.

Iran and other sources have blamed Israel for the strike, and are vowing retaliation – and Israel is gearing up for an attack. For the Haaretz Podcast, correspondent Linda Dayan spoke to **Dr. Raz Zimmt, a senior researcher and expert on Iran from the Institute of National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University** about this threat.

He said that Iranian parliament held a special closed-door session on Sunday attended by officials from the intelligence ministry, as well as Quds Force and Revolutionary Guards officers. "This, in my view, represents the level of surprise and humiliation caused to Iran by this assassination in Tehran, in a compound which was probably observed," and for which the Revolutionary Guards were responsible."

...

*For full article:*

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/podcasts/2024-08-05/ty-article-podcast/what-is-really-going-on-in-iran-while-israel-braces-for-retaliation/00000191-2363-d522-a9df-7f6be5e00000>