



What will China do if Hezbollah bombs Gulf port?

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On June 18, Hezbollah published a video taken by one of its drones, supposedly flying over the skies of Haifa, while filming with fantastic quality the city's traffic, as well as various sites, including some sensitive in terms of security.

The same day, Foreign Minister Israel Katz tweeted his response: "Today, Nasrallah is proud of the images of the ports of Haifa, operated by international companies from China and India, and threatens to attack them."

Katz was obviously referring to the Gulf port, managed by the Chinese company SIPG, and the (former) Haifa port, managed by the Indian-Israeli group Adni-Gadot.

Behind Minister Katz's tweet lies the assumption that a possible attack by Hezbollah on assets operated by companies in China and India will act as a boomerang and provoke a reaction from these powers against Hezbollah itself.

In reality, Katz indirectly addresses the leaders of the two Asian powers in an attempt to unite them in favor of Israel.

Maybe you're hoping for some sort of statement from these countries, but chances are you'll be disappointed, at least by China.

We should remember that since October 7, China has adopted a clearly pro-Palestinian line and has refrained from condemning Hamas and its actions.

China sees the kidnapped hostages as "detainees" in an eternal struggle, which is the "central conflict in the Middle East" and condemns Israel at every opportunity.

The record-holding event is a Chinese condemnation of Israel for its attack on the Iranian consulate in Syria, while praising Iran for its "limited" action and "good neighborliness" after it launched hundreds of missiles toward Israel.

If Minister Katz expects China to change its attitude when its direct interests are harmed, it may be worth reminding him that the damage to Chinese ships, or those carrying Chinese goods, in the Red Sea region, did not lead to a strong Chinese condemnation of the Houthis.

In conclusion, salvation for Israel will not come from China or India.

We therefore recommend that the Foreign Minister and the other members of the Jerusalem Government stop looking for imaginary saviors from outside and invest more in finding real solutions to the situation from within.

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