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## After Missile Attack, Israel May Be Ready to Risk All-Out War With Iran

Israel seems ready to respond in a much more forceful and public way with Iran after Tehran launched its second massive missile attack on Israel this year, analysts and officials say.

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For years, Israel and Iran avoided direct confrontation, as Israel secretly sabotaged Tehran's interests and assassinated its officials without claiming responsibility, and Iran encouraged allies to attack Israel while rarely doing so itself.

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"We are in a different story right now," said **Yoel Guzansky, a former senior security official who oversaw Iran strategy on Israel's National Security Council**. "We have a consensus in Israel — among the military, the defense experts, analysts and politicians — that Israel should respond in force to Iran's attack."

[...]

"Many in Israel see this as an opportunity to do more to inflict pain on Iran," said Mr. **Guzansky**, who is now a fellow at the **Institute for National Security Studies**, an Israeli research group. "To make it stop."...Still, Israel's response "should be seen everywhere. It should be felt by Iran. It should hurt Iran," Mr. **Guzansky** urged. "In order to do that, you cannot hit a radar station again."

[...]

Now, many have an increased tolerance for short-term danger in order to achieve long-term security, according to **Sima Shine, a former senior intelligence officer who helped guide Israel's Iran strategy**. More Israelis want the government to do "things that we didn't do in the past, because we cannot be under ongoing attacks from all sides," Ms. **Shine** said.

"This is part of the miscalculation of all our enemies around," Ms. **Shine** said. "They don't understand what Oct. 7 has done to the Israeli people, to their willingness to take much more risks."

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"Iran is much weaker than before," said Mr. **Guzansky**, the former official. "Israel is freer to do more."

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