



## **Iran starts large-scale military exercise in northern Indian Ocean: 'We're not in a ceasefire now'**

*August 21, 2025 ynetnews.com* reported: "Iran launched a major military exercise named 'Eqtedar 1404' on Thursday morning, in the northern Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Oman. Military spokesperson Abbas Hassani said the two-day drill involves naval and submarine units, air forces, coastal and sea-based missile launch platforms and electronic warfare teams. The exercise will feature missile launches, electronic warfare maneuvers and drone operations, drawing on operational experience from recent years.

Hassani highlighted the use of a wide range of precision cruise missiles—short, medium and long-range—aimed at 'striking maritime targets,' with the primary goals of boosting combat readiness, enhancing planning and command capabilities, creating deterrence and instilling 'a sense of security and hope among the Iranian public,' all reliant on domestic expertise.

The exercise coincides with ongoing threats from Iranian regime leaders against Israel and the United States, timed ahead of 'National Defense Industry Day' on Friday. 'The strategic and decisive impact of some Iranian defense industry achievements has been evident in countering Israel and the U.S. These successes have built effective deterrence,' Iranian Chief of Staff Abdolrahim Mousavi declared..."

## **Netanyahu: Israel will conquer Gaza regardless of whether Hamas accepts hostage deal**

*August 21, 2025 timesofisrael.com* reported: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pressed on with his attacks on Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in an interview broadcast Thursday, denouncing Canberra's 'appeasement' of terror groups and their supporters in the West, and vowing to go through with plans to take over all of Gaza militarily even if Hamas agrees to a ceasefire and hostage release deal.

'I'm sure he has a reputable record as a public servant, but I think his record is forever tarnished by the weakness that he showed in the face of these Hamas terrorist monsters,' Netanyahu said of Albanese in an interview with *Sky News Australia*.



Anthony Albanese  
Australia Prime Minister

'When the worst terrorist organization on earth, these savages who murdered women, raped them, beheaded men... when these people congratulate the prime minister of Australia, you know something is wrong.'

For decades, Australia has considered itself a close friend of Israel, but the relationship has been unraveling since Canberra announced last week it would recognize a Palestinian state..."

## **Iran will aim 'improved missiles' at Israel in future conflict, Tehran's defense chief warns**

*August 20, 2025 jpost.com* reported: "Iran has reportedly produced a new generation of missiles with significantly enhanced capabilities, and will be deployed in any future confrontation with Israel, the country's Defense Minister, Brig.-Gen. Aziz Nasirzadeh announced on Wednesday.

Speaking to the official *Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA)*, Nasirzadeh said the 12-day conflict in June was not only against Israel but also involved 'the full intelligence, logistical, and operational support of the United States.' He emphasized that the missiles used during that war had been developed years earlier, but that newer, more advanced weapons have since been manufactured and deployed.

'If the Zionist regime attempts another act of aggression, we will certainly employ these improved missiles,' he stated.

Nasirzadeh also said that Iran's Armed Forces relied entirely on domestically produced systems during the conflict, claiming that Iranian missiles 'precisely struck their intended targets and caused heavy damage.' He

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argued that Israeli censorship prevented the full extent of these strikes from being publicized, though he said reports eventually confirmed their impact...”

### **From atheism to awakening: Gen Z turns back to God**

*August 19, 2025 christiantoday.com* reported: “A new poll suggests that Britain may well be in the midst of a spiritual shift, with belief in God among young adults more than doubling in the past four years.

The YouGov survey found that 37 per cent of 18- to 24-year-olds now say they believe in a God, compared with just 16 per cent in August 2021. The same poll showed that atheism among this group has dropped sharply, from 49 per cent in 2021 to 32 per cent today. The figures appear to support claims of a ‘quiet revival’ among younger generations. The Bishop of Lancaster, Rt Rev Jill Duff, told *The Telegraph*: ‘I’m not surprised by this ... It is very much what we are seeing on the ground in our churches,’ she said...”

### **Kim Jong Un urges expansion of North Korea nuclear capability**

*August 19, 2025 spacewar.com* reported: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called Tuesday for the ‘rapid expansion’ of the country’s nuclear weapons capability, citing ongoing US-South Korea military exercises that he said could ‘ignite a war’.

‘The US-ROK intensified military nexus and the muscle-flexing are the most obvious manifestation of their will to ignite a war,’ Kim was quoted as saying by the official *Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)*.

‘The prevailing situation requires us to make a radical and swift change in the existing military theory and practice and rapid expansion of nuclearization,’ he said.

The comments were made as Kim visited a naval destroyer, Choe Hyon, on Monday and received a report about the warship’s weapons systems. He expressed satisfaction that ‘the major tasks for making the navy high-tech and nuclear-armed’ were ‘progressing as planned’ ahead of an assessment target in October, *KCNA* said...”



Kim Jong Un  
North Korea leader

### **Iran can strike US cities from the sea, claims all of Europe already within range, Iranian MP says**

*August 18, 2025 jpost.com* reported: “An Iranian lawmaker on the parliament’s National Security and Foreign Policy Commission said on Sunday that Tehran can target US cities from offshore positions and that every European country is already within range of Iranian missiles, remarks made as Britain, France and Germany signal they are ready to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran.

Amir Hayat-Moqaddam told the Iranian outlet Didban Iran that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps’ Aerospace Force has worked ‘for 20 years’ to enable strikes ‘using Iranian warships and vessels,’ adding, ‘We can move our ships to within 2,000 kilometers of the US and from there target Washington, New York and other cities.’ He also asserted, ‘Right now, all European countries are within our range.’

The comments were amplified across Persian-language media on Sunday, with Iran International summarizing Hayat-Moqaddam’s interview and noting the timing amid European moves toward the UN ‘snapback’ mechanism...”

### **Trump rules out immediate Ukraine ceasefire**

*August 18, 2025 spacewar.com* reported: “US President Donald Trump early Saturday ruled out an immediate ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine after his inconclusive summit with Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, saying a direct peace agreement would end the war.

The White House and Kremlin leaders pointed to areas of agreement during their three hours of talks in Alaska, but offered no breakthrough on a ceasefire in the conflict that has left tens of thousands dead and caused widespread destruction in Ukraine.

‘A great and very successful day in Alaska!’, Trump proclaimed on his Truth Social platform hours after touching down in Washington...”