



From Gaza to Iran, Israel readies space ‘surprises’ for next conflicts

February 5, 2026 jpost.com reported: “Israel is quietly developing new space-based capabilities designed to give the country an edge in the next war with Iran, Avi Berger, head of the Space Office at the Defense Ministry’s Directorate of Defense Research & Development (MAFAT) told *Defense & Tech* by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Speaking during Israel’s Space Week, Berger said the lessons of recent conflicts have pushed Israel to accelerate innovation in orbit.

‘We knew right away that we had to build and create new surprises for the next war,’ he said. ‘Whatever was deployed in June won’t be enough next time. The IDF now has new capabilities – and we can’t forget that the enemy will be different next time around, too.’

Six months after Israel’s Rising Lion and America’s Operation Midnight Hammer, tensions in the Middle East are once again at an all-time high, driven by US military deployments and Iran’s murderous crackdown on protesters...”

Nuclear talks moved from Turkey to Oman after Iran threatens pullout – report

February 4, 2026 jpost.com reported: “Nuclear talks between the US and Iran are expected to take place in Oman on Friday, Axios reporter Barak Ravid said on Tuesday, citing an Arab source.

President Donald Trump’s administration agreed to Iran’s request to move the talks from Turkey, and negotiations are still ongoing on whether Arab and Muslim countries in the region will join the talks in Oman, Ravid added, citing the source.

Iran has requested changes to the venue and format of nuclear talks with the United States, Axios reported on Tuesday, citing two sources knowledgeable of the matter.

Reuters reported that Iran is seeking to move the talks from Istanbul to Oman.

‘They want to change the format, they want to change the scope,’ said the regional diplomat with knowledge of Iran’s demands...”

After US warning, Iran says no plans to carry out live-fire exercises in Strait of Hormuz

February 4, 2026 timesofisrael.com reported: “An Iranian official on Sunday denied that the country had any plans to carry out live-fire exercises in the Strait of Hormuz this week, amid sky-high tensions in the region.

Speaking to *Reuters*, an Iranian official denied ever planning such exercises, although Iran’s state-run *Press TV* reported on Thursday that the Islamic Revolutionary Guards’ naval forces would hold the drill on Sunday and Monday.

‘There was no plan for the Guards to hold military exercises there and there was no official announcement about it. Only media reports which were wrong,’ the official said. On Friday, the US military issued a statement warning Iran against carrying out such exercises and urging it to avoid ‘unnecessary risk.’...”

Khamenei Mocks U.S. Military Strength, Threatens Trump with Regional War: ‘We Will End U.S. Mischief’

February 3, 2026 Breitbart.com reported: “Iran will ‘put an end to the United States’ mischief,’ declared Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, who threatened regional war and accused President Donald Trump of inciting violent protests during an online tirade marking the anniversary of Iran’s Islamic Revolution.

Over the last 36 hours, Ayatollah Khamenei posted a barrage of messages to X in what amounts to Iran’s latest propaganda blitz targeting the United States, Israel, and domestic opposition, intensifying his long-running narrative against the West and internal unrest. The Supreme Leader invoked everything from war threats to brutal domestic crackdowns in an attempt to reassert Iran’s power and claim moral victory over what he described as Western-backed dissent...”

Iran fears US strike could break Islamic regime’s grip on power by reigniting protests, sources say

February 3, 2026 jpost.com reported: “Iran’s leadership is increasingly worried a US strike could break its grip on power by driving an already enraged public back onto the streets, following a bloody crackdown on anti-government protests, according to six current and former officials.



In high-level meetings, officials told Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei that public anger over last month's crackdown, the bloodiest since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, has reached a point where fear is no longer a deterrent, four current officials briefed on the discussions said.

The officials said Khamenei was told that many Iranians were prepared to confront security forces again and that external pressure, such as a limited US strike, could embolden them and inflict irreparable damage to the political establishment..."

China unveils flying aircraft carrier

February 3, 2026 telegraft.co.uk reported: "China has unveiled plans for a space carrier that can deploy unmanned fighter jets capable of firing missiles from the edge of the Earth's atmosphere.

State media released a concept video of the futuristic Luanniao, the world's biggest warship, travelling through space above all current defensive systems.

China claimed the carrier could become operational in 20 to 30 years' time. However, experts were sceptical about the project and some likened it to a stunt designed to 'inspire the Chinese public'.

Resembling a spaceship from a Star Wars film, the Luanniao will be a huge grey triangular aircraft carrier 242 metres long and 684 metres wide. It will have a take-off weight of 120,000 tons – significantly more than any similar craft in operation today..."

Satellite images indicate Iran working to salvage nuclear materials from damaged sites

February 2, 2026 timesofisrael.com reported: "As tensions soar over Iran's bloody crackdown on nationwide protests, satellite images show activity at two Iranian nuclear sites bombed last year by Israel and the United States that may be a sign of Tehran trying to obscure efforts to salvage any materials remaining there.

The images from Planet Labs PBC show that roofs have been built over two damaged buildings at the Isfahan and Natanz facilities, the first major activity noticeable by satellite at any of the country's stricken nuclear sites since Israel's 12-day war with Iran in June.

Those coverings block satellites from seeing what's happening on the ground, which is the only way for inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency to monitor the sites right now, as Iran has prevented access..."

Trump counters Khamenei's warning: We'll see if he's right

February 2, 2026 israelnationalnew.com reported: "US President Donald Trump responded on Sunday to threats from Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who warned the United States earlier that if 'they start a war, this time it will be a regional war.'

'We have the biggest, most powerful ships in the world over there... hopefully, we'll make a deal. If we don't make a deal, then we'll find out whether or not he was right,' Trump said in a conversation with reporters.

His comments came after Khamenei, speaking to the public in Tehran, warned the US against attacking his country. 'The Americans must be aware that if they wage a war this time, it will be a regional war,' he said, as quoted by the *Associated Press*.

'We are not the instigators, we are not going to be unfair to anyone, we don't plan to attack any country. But if anyone shows greed and wants to attack or harass, the Iranian nation will deal a heavy blow to them,' added Khamenei.

Trump said on Saturday night that Iran is 'seriously talking' with the US, adding that he hopes Iran accepts a deal which sees it giving up its nuclear weapons..."

Houthi threaten to 'open the gates of hell'

February 2, 2026 israelnationalnew.com reported: "The Houthi terrorist rebels are threatening to renew attacks against Israel, warning that continued fighting in Gaza could lead to action from Yemen.

In a post on social media, the group's spokesman, Hezam al-Asad, issued a statement saying that the group's patience with Israel's actions in Gaza was 'beginning to run out,' and claimed that ongoing military activity and civilian casualties would 'open the gates of hell from the Yemeni front.'

He said the Houthis would not remain silent while Gaza remains under what he described as bombardment and siege, particularly amid what he called a fragile ceasefire that is violated daily..."



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