

# Report: Israel Approves \$1.5 Billion Budget for Potential Attack on Iran

The funds could be used to purchase bunker busters and bombers that can carry the munitions

By [Dave DeCamp](#)

Global Research, October 20, 2021

[Antiwar.com](#) 19 October 2021

Region: [Middle East & North Africa](#)

Theme: [Intelligence](#), [Militarization and WMD](#)

In-depth Report: [IRAN: THE NEXT WAR?](#)

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the “Translate Website” drop down menu on the top banner of our home page (Desktop version).

Visit and follow us on Instagram at [@crg\\_globalresearch](#).

\*\*\*

*According to a report from Israel's Channel 12, [the Israeli government approved a \\$1.5 billion budget](#) to prepare for a potential attack on Iran.*

The extra funds would be used to purchase additional aircraft, surveillance drones, and the munitions needed to strike Iran's underground nuclear facilities. The report said about \$620 million would come from the 2022 military budget, and the rest of the funds would come from this year's budget.

For years, Israel has been seeking bunker-busting bombs that could penetrate Iran's underground facilities. If they did acquire the munitions, Israel would also need bombers capable of carrying them, something it currently doesn't have. The US tested a new 5,000-pound bunker buster earlier this month, which Israeli media interpreted as a possible message to Iran.

In July, it was reported that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) [requested additional funds for next year's budget](#) to prepare for operations against Iran. Throughout the year, IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi has repeatedly [said the IDF is “accelerating” plans to strike Iran](#), and Israeli politicians have constantly been threatening the Islamic Republic.

Israel frequently carries out covert attacks against Iran's civilian nuclear program, but the IDF planning suggests an overt operation could happen in the future. The US has joined Israel in issuing threats against Iran. Last week, Secretary of State Antony Blinken [hinted at military action against Iran alongside Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid](#). Blinken said if diplomacy with Iran fails, the US will turn to “other options.”

Lapid made clear that one of Blinken's “options” was military action. “I would like to start by

repeating what the Secretary of State just said. Yes, other options are going to be on the table if diplomacy fails. And by saying other options, I think everybody understands here ... what is it that we mean," Lapid said.

\*

Note to readers: Please click the share buttons above or below. Follow us on Instagram, @crg\_globalresearch. Forward this article to your email lists. Crosspost on your blog site, internet forums. etc.

*Dave DeCamp is the news editor of Antiwar.com, follow him on Twitter @decampdave.*

The original source of this article is [Antiwar.com](https://www.antiwar.com)

Copyright © [Dave DeCamp](https://www.antiwar.com), [Antiwar.com](https://www.antiwar.com), 2021

---

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Dave DeCamp](#)

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)

[www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)