

# The Israeli Government Intends to Wage War on Iran and Syria?

Statements of PM Netanyahu and Deputy PM Ya'alon

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1) PM Netanyahu: *Israel has no intention to attack its neighbors, despite false rumors* (11 May 2010)

2) Deputy PM Ya'alon: *Israel's improved technological capabilities can be used for a war on Gaza, for a war on Lebanon, for a war on Syria, and also for war on Iran* (10 May 2010)

"Iran's recent attempts to spark a war between us and Syria are the baseless spreading of lies meant to escalate relations. We want security, stability and peace. Israel has not intention of attacking its neighbors, despite false rumors on this matter."

[Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, during a joint visit with the Israeli Army Chief Gabi Ashkenazi to the Israeli Defense Forces' Elyakim base near Haifa, 11 May 2010] [1]  
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"There is no doubt that the [improved] technological capabilities [...] can be used for a war on terror in Gaza, for a war in the face of rockets from Lebanon, for war on the conventional Syrian army, and also for war on a peripheral state like Iran." As far as I'm concerned, attack remains the best form of defense [...] There is no doubt, looking at the overall situation, that we are already in a military confrontation with Iran" [Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon, speech to the "Air Power and the Challenges of Israel" conference, Herzliya, Israel, 10 May 2010] [3]

## Notes

[1] Netanyahu: Iran inciting to war with lies  
by Hagai Einav, Ynetnews, 11 May 2010  
<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3888111,00.html>

[2] PM: Iran spreading lies to spark war with Syria  
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<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3888094,00.html>

[3] Ya'alon: Israel capable of attacking Iran  
Ynetnews. 10 May 2010  
<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3887486,00.html>

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