

“War is Good for Business”: Defense Stocks Jump as Israel Puts Troops on “High Alert for an Attack”

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The Israeli Defense Force says it has identified “unusual movements of Iranian forces in Syria” and has responded by ordering the opening of shelters along the Golan Heights - its border area with Syria - and ordering its troops to be on “heightened alert” for an attack.

According to Reuters, Israel has instructed local authorities in the border region to “unlock and ready [bomb] shelters”.

#BREAKING: Israeli IDF says it has identified "unusual movements of Iranian forces in Syria", ordered the opening of Shelters in the Golan Heights and are saying: "We are on hightend alert, and forces are deployed & we are ready for all scenarios" (Video: [@IDFSpokesperson](#)) pic.twitter.com/zxwL222dRX

— Amichai Stein (@AmichaiStein1) [May 8, 2018](#)

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