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CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL

I HAVE POSTED WATCHMEN ON YOUR WALLS, JERUSALEM;

THEY WILL NEVER
BE SILENT DAY
OR NIGHT.

YOU WHO CALL ON THE LORD,

GIVE YOURSELVES
____NO REST.

ISAIAH 62:6

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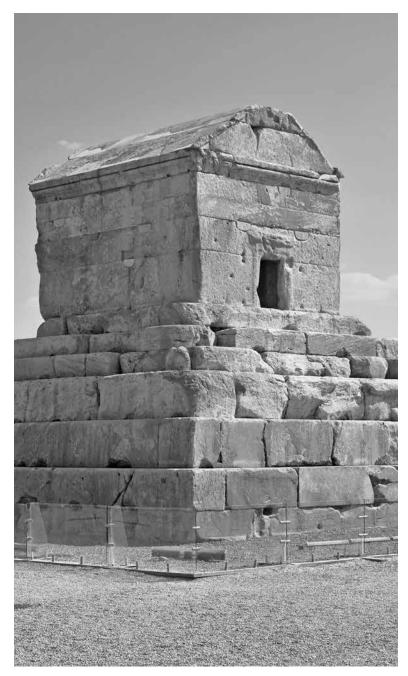


PARIAH STATE:

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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Cyrus The Great Tomb. Photo Credit: Wikimedia Commons/Bernd81

FOREWORD

Today, Iran is in the beginning stages of a revolution. According to recent Israeli intelligence assessments, while the regime may not be overthrown tomorrow, it will be forever changed by the street protests taking place as of this writing, and the regime's future is numbered in months or years, not decades or longer.

In the pages that follow, you will learn a great deal about modern Iran and the threat it poses to the West, but it's important to remember that such is not the totality of this land's history. In fact, it was the Achaemenid Persian empire under Cyrus the Great that, during the 6th century BC, put forth what many consider to be the first declaration of human rights.

The Persian people are credited with having first developed irrigation, refrigeration, air conditioning, and numerous other items we rely upon today. Persian art and architecture are famous throughout the world. Iran's culture is rich, deep, and ancient.

Societies do not make such contributions to humanity without their people and their leadership valuing progress. And that spark has not left the Iranian people. In fact, today, women, though subjugated by the regime under which they live, still comprise 60% of Iran's college students.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is a threat to its own people, the West, and the world. But the horrors of this regime are not rooted in some cultural acceptance of dehumanization - quite the opposite. As a matter of history and tradition, the Persian people love life, art, culture, innovation, and all those wonderful gifts that give depth and meaning to our lives on earth. And above all else, they yearn for freedom.

At Christians United for Israel, our hope is that the people of Iran are able to overthrow the autocracy under which they live, reclaim the inalienable rights that are respected by all free nations, and export only the vibrant culture that once blessed their society and our world.

Some will accurately characterize our position as "regime change," but we do not seek foreign intervention. The Iranian people have a right to take their liberty from their oppressors with their own hands. In the West, we have a responsibility to those who fought and died for our freedom to aid the Iranian people, but still respect their individual sovereignty to form their next government as they see fit and in accordance with the best Persian traditions – human rights being chief among them.

It might be said that ours is too lofty an aspiration, but the description of Iran's potential future does not belong to us. Our hopes for Iran are the Iranian people's hopes for their country.

One day, Iran will be free. It will take its rightful place as an ancient yet modern member of the community of nations. Until that day comes Americans, Israelis, and all the free nations of the world must remain vigilant in defense of our own countries and resolute in our support of the Iranian people. We cannot abandon our principles – which are the same principles held by those dying in Iran's streets today – to appease the Islamic Republic.

In 1775, Patrick Henry delivered a speech in Virginia in an effort to rally the American colonies to raise a militia and fight for their freedom. He offered a simple and direct summation of his position, "Give me liberty, or give me death." The people of Iran, chanting, "women, life, freedom," have made the same choice as Patrick Henry did nearly 250 years ago. May their revolution be as successful as his.



WOMEN, LIFE, FREEDOM



PARIAH STATE: THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The Islamic Republic of Iran is committed to the downfall of Western civilization and spreading its version of radical Shia Islamic theocracy around the world. Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terror and is pursuing a nuclear weapons capability. Throughout the Middle East, Iran-backed terror organizations, including their flagship terrorist-army Hezbollah, sow death and destruction. In the following pages, you will learn about the origins, alliances, and actions of this pariah state.

ORIGINS OF MODERN IRAN

For decades, Iran was a close friend and ally of the West. But this changed in 1979 when the ruling regime was overthrown during the Islamic Revolution, ushering in the theocratic regime of Ayatollah Rohullah Khomeini. Since then, Iran has torn apart the rule book governing how states behave and interact with each other as it pursues a path of oppression and suppression at home and belligerence and terror abroad.

Prior to the Islamic Revolution, Iran was ruled by the Shah, a royal designation. The Shah's rule was autocratic, and the people's frustration with their lack of freedom was seized upon by radical Islamic forces. The leader of that movement was the Ayatollah Khomeini, who was living in exile until the revolution. While in exile, Khomeini had become somewhat of a unifying figure to the various ideological groups seeking change in Iran. However, when he returned from exile, it became startlingly clear that his

vision for Iran was not pluralistic. He turned Iran into an Islamic republic in 1979, and clerics assumed political control under his leadership. Led by the now Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's reason and justification for existence immediately became attacking the West and democracy itself, all couched in a radical totalitarian interpretation of Islam.



Iranian students breaching U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In fact, when Khomeini took power, on November 4, 1979, in a flagrant violation of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Iranian students seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran and held 50 Americans hostage. The hostages were held for 444 days. The perpetrators were given the full support of Iran's Supreme Leader. This would serve as an early indicator of how Iran would conduct itself in its foreign relations, its disregard for international agreements, and its pattern of complete and utter disregard for basic human and civil rights.



Ayatollah Khomeini returns to Iran after 14 years exile on February 1, 1979. He is helped off the plane by one of the Air France pilots. Photo Credit: Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository

Immediately after taking power, Khomeini and his regime began brutally suppressing any dissent. It's believed in the five years following the revolution, approximately 8,000 political opponents of the regime were executed.

Then, in 1988 Ayatollah Khomeini issued a secret edict that set up "Special Commissions with instructions to execute members of People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran as moharebs (those who war against Allah) and liberals as mortads (apostates from Islam)." Some estimates indicate 30,000 people were executed in five months. The Deputy Prosecutor General at the time, Iran's current president, Ebrahim Raisi, oversaw the executions.

Since then, Iran's human rights record has remained abysmal. Security personnel, as well as judicial and political officials, carry out extrajudicial killings, engage in torture and arbitrary detention, restrict free expression and religious freedom, and discriminate against ethnic groups.

The regime has shown little willingness to listen to the concerns of the Iranian people. Several protest movements have erupted in the last two decades, but tragically all have been met with mass arrests and violent crackdowns, including the use of live ammunition against peaceful protestors. Of particular note are the protests that took place in 2009 and 2019.

After the disputed presidential election of June 12, 2009, which kept then-hardline Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in power, Iran saw the largest protests in the nation since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Dubbed the green movement due to the colors used by reformist candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi's presidential campaign, at its height three million peaceful demonstrators flooded the streets of Tehran to protest the corrupt election that kept Ahmadinejad in power. The protestors' message was simple, "Where is my vote?"

¹ Abrahamian, Ervand, *Tortured Confessions*, University of California Press, 1999, p. 210.



Pro-democracy protests in Iran.

Sadly, this call for accountability by millions of Iranians was brutally suppressed by the regime. And shamefully, unlike other democratic uprisings at the time, the Obama administration offered no support to the protest movement. Years later, reflecting on the events that took place in 2009, one well-regarded American columnist, Eli Lake, noted that President Obama "wanted a nuclear deal, not regime change."

In a similar yet more recent tragedy, in 2019, protestors once again took to the streets of Iran, and yet again, the regime used abhorrent, inhumane tactics to silence the people's voices. Thousands were wounded, the government imposed a nationwide internet blackout, and according to some estimates, as many as 1,500 people were killed by Tehran's tyrants.

The protest movement and hatred for the Iranian regime found in the hearts of the people Tehran oppresses did not end in 2019.

Presently, we are witnessing the most significant threat to the Iranian regime since its founding.

In September, Masha Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman, was arrested by Tehran's morality police for improperly wearing her legally mandated hijab (a traditional Islamic head covering). This vibrant young woman died in police custody, with many believing she was beaten to death by the monsters that arrested her. Ms. Amini's death sparked outrage throughout Iran.

Since her murder, thousands upon thousands of Iranians have been taking to the streets shouting, "women, life, freedom," and demanding the end of the Islamic Republic. The regime's response was predictably brutal. They have beaten, arrested, and executed protestors, all in an effort to maintain their subjugation of the Iranian people. But, as of this writing, all they have done is prove, time and again, to the people of Iran that the regime must go.

So significant are these protests that even Farideh Moradkhani, the niece of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has gotten involved. In late November, she was arrested after comparing her uncle to Hitler and stating that the Islamic Republic is a "murderous and child-killing regime."

If change comes to Iran, it will be by the people and for the people. It will happen because of the bravery of women like Farideh Moradkhani and countless others that have put their lives on the line to make a better future for themselves and their offspring. The road is long and heartbreaking, but such is the only path for securing true freedom.



Selected images from the Iran-Iraq war.

IRAN - IRAQ WAR

On September 22, 1980, one of the bloodiest conflicts in modern history began as Iraq, led by Saddam Hussein, launched a full-scale invasion of neighboring Iran. The conflict lasted over 7 years, and experts estimate more than one million people died. The war has been compared to the brutality of World War I due to the widespread usage of trench warfare, human wave attacks, and the use of chemical weapons.

One of the most infamous features of the war was the glorification of martyrdom propagated by the regime's leaders to Iranian children. Framing the conflict with Iraq and the issue of martyrdom in the context of a defining moment² in Islamic history, Iranian leaders sent child soldiers in so-called "human wave attacks" at Iraqi positions. It is believed 95,000 Iranian child soldiers were made casualties during the Iran–Iraq War, mostly between the ages of 16 and 17, though some were even younger. To this day, the Iranian state glorifies those children killed with personal items of some being displayed at museums, thereby encouraging children to aspire to be martyrs for Iran's brutal, bloody and never-ending revolution.

To this day, Iran continues to meddle, often violently, in Iraqi affairs, and was responsible for many of the acts of terror that killed and maimed American servicemembers during the most recent Iraq war. Iran also continues to engage in acts of war against Sunni Arab nations, including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. In Yemen, the Sunni Arab nations, led by Saudi Arabia, are backing the government in its civil war against Iran-backed Houthi terrorists.

² This refers to the battle of Karbala in which Muhammad's grandson was killed.

HATRED FOR ISRAEL



Iranians burning Israeli flag at an anti-Israel rally.

Ayatollah Khomeini harbored a deep hatred for Israel long before he came to power and that hatred remains a part of the regime's core ethos. Khomeini is reported to have said in a rather strange screed in 1963, "Israel wants there to be no Qur'an in Iran. Israel wants there to be no clerics in Iran. Israel wants there to be no Islam in Iran."

Once he seized power, it became Iranian policy to seek the complete destruction of the Jewish state, a goal that Tehran continues to pursue to this day. Iran's primary method for waging war against Israel and Jews worldwide is through terrorist proxies. Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad receive weapons and support from Iran, waging their wars of terror from their base in the Gaza Strip to Israel's west.

In the aftermath of the brutal October 7, 2023 massacre perpetrated by Hamas and its allies, a common thread linking the attackers was their extensive financial, military, and political connections to the Islamic Republic of Iran. As the massacre took place, rockets rained down on Israel's northern border from the crown jewel of Iran's axis of terror, Hezbollah.

Hezbollah is headquartered in southern Lebanon, where the majority of the population consists of Shiite Muslims. Over the last nearly four decades, Hezbollah has built a terror infrastructure in hundreds of villages in southern Lebanon, effectively transforming that part of the country along Israel's border into a massive military compound. In violation of international law, Hezbollah intentionally uses homes, schools, businesses, and other civilian buildings to house their fighters and weapons – in particular, rockets and missiles. The purpose of this is to use innocent men, women, and children as human shields to protect Hezbollah from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), and to create a situation where the international media and human rights organizations will blame Israel for any civilians that are killed as Israel tries to destroy Hezbollah rockets before they are launched at Israeli civilians.

Completely loyal to their Iranian masters, attacking Israel is the primary objective and founding purpose of Hezbollah. Ultimately, Hezbollah seeks to remove all traces of the Jewish presence in the "occupied territories" that, by Hezbollah's definition, include the entire State of Israel. Although it has encouraged Palestinian violence against Israel and said that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Palestine, this rhetoric is deceitful and manipulative. Hezbollah does want to conquer Jerusalem, but for its and Iran's glory, not for the Palestinians. Hezbollah does not care about helping Palestinians – who are largely Sunni Muslims - establish their own state, because their goal is to bring everyone in the Middle East under the rule of Iran. Israel stands in the way of Iran's plans for its Shiite caliphate, and, by Tehran's thinking, Israel must therefore be destroyed.



Hezbollah terrorist parade in Beirut.

Like other Islamic fundamentalists that emerged in the 20th century, Khomeini taught his followers that Jews were the embodiment of satanic evil in the world. He mixed a brand of radical Islamic antisemitism with elements of historical European antisemitism that accused Jews of heinous murder rituals, being a corrupting influence on society, and of sinister plots for world domination. This official policy of antisemitism and the destruction of Israel was passed on to Hezbollah as its divine mandate.

Experts believe Hezbollah has stockpiled over 150,000 rockets and missiles inside Lebanon in preparation for a future massive assault against Israel. These missiles, paid for by Iran and often supplied by Russia, are increasingly advanced, often include guidance systems, and are capable of hitting nearly every part of Israel. Hezbollah's high-tech rocket launchers can send 1,000 missiles per day into Israel, which would potentially overwhelm Israel's missile defense systems. Hezbollah has also built a sophisticated network of tunnels and bunkers in the villages of southern Lebanon for the purpose of fighting the IDF, which the IDF is consistently seeking to undermine.

Hezbollah has launched hundreds of rockets and anti-tank missiles at Israeli territory after the October 7 massacre, killing multiple civilians. This has led to the evacuation of large swathes of Northern Israel in anticipation of an escalation on that border.

While Israel has faced multiple threats from Iran's allies in Gaza and Lebanon, another Iranian-sponsored threat has emerged from Yemen, as Ansar Allah (the Houthis). They have engaged in piracy in the Arabian and Red Sea, seizing multiple ships, terrorizing international shipping routes, firing missiles, and launching drones at Israel and U.S. Naval vessels.

The day after the October 7 attack, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing "senior members of Hamas and Hizballah," that the IRGC had worked intensively with Hamas in the final two months before the invasion of Israel to refine the plan and gave the final "green light" for the assault at a meeting in Beirut on October 2."

While Hamas carried out the attack, there can be little doubt they were planned and financed in Tehran.



Katyusha rocket fired from Lebanon hits a hospital in Haifa, Israel.

EXPORTING THE REVOLUTION

Very early on, Iran's clerical regime had indicated its intention to export the teachings of the Iranian Revolution of 1979 to achieve similar results in Islamic and even non-Islamic countries. As the regime found little fertile ground for a Shia-led revolution in a largely Sunni Middle East, it pivoted to the use of terror and proxies to bring countries into its sphere of influence. In Yemen and Iraq, Iran's use of proxies has given Tehran enormous influence over those countries. Through Hezbollah, Lebanon is effectively under Iran's control. And Syria, for all intents and purposes, an Iranian client state. In fact, Syria's brutal dictator Bashar al-Assad remained in power through that country's recent years-long civil war as a direct result of Iranian support that included Hezbollah terrorists fighting in support of the Assad regime.



IRGC displays its main battle tank during parade.

Iran's use of terrorist proxies is not limited to the Middle East. The infamous Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) and its Quds force, working with their proxy Hezbollah, have struck

targets all over the world, killing and maiming hundreds of innocents.

Even here in the United States, Iran has attempted to conduct acts of kidnapping and murder. A stark example of this was the 2011 Iranian plot to assassinate the Saudi Ambassador to the United States in our nation's capital. More recently, in accordance with a religious edict put forth by the Ayatollah Khomeini following author Salman Rushdie's 1988 publication of a book the regime deemed anti-Islam, an Iranian sympathizer attempted to murder Rushdie at a public event in the U.S.

Earlier in 2022, for the second time, the FBI saved the life of Masih Alinejad, an Iranian-American dissident who often speaks out against Iran's abhorrent treatment of women (where many are refusing to wear the legally mandated hijab in an act of protest against the government). The first time the FBI saved Alinejad's life was in 2021 when Iran had put together a plot to kidnap the dissident. In the latest event, agents arrested a gunman armed with a loaded AK-47 outside Alinejad's house. And Iran's attempts at murder on American soil do not end with foreign guests, authors, or dissidents.

In 2022, the Department of Justice unsealed the indictment of an Iranian agent who is charged with a murder-for-hire plot aimed at former U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton. In addition, according to numerous reports, Iran is actively seeking to murder former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, among other leading former U.S. officials who sought to counter the radical regime during their time in office.

PURSUIT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

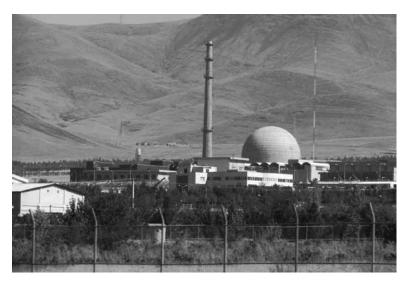
In 2003 the International Atomic Energy Agency alerted the world that it believed Iran had not declared sensitive nuclear enrichment and reprocessing activities, putting the Islamic Republic in noncompliance with safeguards to which Iran had agreed. While Iran stated its nuclear program was for peaceful purposes, Iran is not a nation with any sort of energy scarcity, and the development of a nuclear program is vastly more expensive than modernizing its current energy infrastructure.

In subsequent years, world powers scrambled to bring Iran to the negotiating table as it insisted nuclear energy was its right, while Israeli figures pointed out that a nuclear Iran was a threat to the very existence of the Jewish state.



Foreign Ministers, including then-Secretary of State John Kerry, pose for photo with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif.

In 2015, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, known commonly as the Iran nuclear deal, was signed. Sadly, yet predictably, the deal failed in its objectives as Iran obscured its nuclear program while reaping a massive financial windfall.



Anti-aircraft guns guarding Natanz Nuclear Facility, Iran. Photo Credit: Wikimedia Commons/ Hamed Saber

Ultimately the United States withdrew from the fatally flawed deal in 2018 and commenced an effort to impose maximum economic and diplomatic pressure on Iran to end the Islamic Republic's nuclear program. This effort dramatically hampered Iran's ability to engage with world markets and, by the end of President Donald Trump's term in office, had put the U.S. in an incredible position of strength vis-à-vis future negotiations with Iran. When President Joseph Biden took office, he and his top advisors told the American people that they would pursue a "longer and stronger" agreement with Iran. But that is not a promise they've even attempted to fulfill.

Even before President Biden took the oath of office, Christians United for Israel (CUFI) cautioned President Biden against "wanting an Iran deal too much." CUFI went on to note that all of Iran's sins, including their human rights abuses and support for terror, must be addressed, with one CUFI staff member writing,

"If the nuclear issue is compartmentalized, the regime would undoubtedly continue its blood-soaked domestic and foreign policies."

Sadly, President Biden has not heeded these warnings. As of this writing, the current U.S. administration is in negotiations to restart the deal, but Iran continues to behave belligerently, demanding ever-increasing concessions from world powers and requiring the world look the other way on Iran's illicit nuclear activities, support for terror, and abhorrent treatment of Iran's citizens.



Anti-aircraft guns guarding Natanz Nuclear Facility, Iran. Photo Credit: Wikimedia Commons/ Hamed Saber

PARIAH STATE

Since 1979 Iran has established itself as one of the most malevolent forces in the world. Tehran has brought death and misery to millions of Iranians with its oppressive, autocratic, and theocratic policies. The regime is responsible for the deaths of thousands via terror attacks and support for its violent proxies. Its obsession

with the destruction of Israel remains high on its policy agenda, and as the possibility of Tehran obtaining a nuclear weapons capability looms ever closer, the danger to the free world that Iran presents is clear and present.



Banner of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini denouncing America as the "Great Satan" at the Iranian Foreign Ministry in Tehran.

THE GLOBAL TERROR OF HEZBOLLAH & IRAN

1983

U.S. EMBASSY BOMBING IN BEIRUT

On April 18, 1983, a suicide bomber crashed a truck full of explosives into the front of the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. The truck ended up detonating upon impact. The explosion killed 63 and wounded 120.



Aftermath of Beirut barracks bombing.

BEIRUT BARRACKS BOMBING

On October 23, 1983, a bombing occurred when two truck bombs struck buildings that were housing American and French service members in Beirut, Lebanon. The attack resulted in 241 U.S. and 58 French military personnel and six civilians being killed. The tragedy was marked as the deadliest single-day death toll for the United States Marine Corps since World War II.

U.S. EMBASSY ANNEX BOMBING IN BEIRUT

On September 20, 1984, a Hezbollah-affiliated suicide bomber sped toward the entrance of the U.S. embassy in Beirut. The driver drove to the entrance with a van packed with 3,000 pounds of explosives in his vehicle. Although the terrorist was shot and ended up losing control before reaching his target, the vehicle struck a parked van and detonated. As a result, the explosion destroyed the front of the embassy. Hezbollah came forward and claimed responsibility for the attack under the cover name of the Islamic Jihad Organization. This terrorist attack occurred barely over a year after the 1983 embassy attack.

EL DESCANSO BOMBING

On April 12, 1985, a bombing took place at a restaurant near the U.S. Air Force base in Madrid, Spain. As a result of the explosion, the El Descanso restaurant ended up crashing down on about 200 diners and employees. The attack killed 18 Spanish civilians and injured 82 others, including 11 Americans who were working at the Torrejón Air Base.

HIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847

On June 14, 1985, a flight from Cairo, Egypt to San Diego was hijacked by Hezbollah terrorists. The hijackers shot and killed U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem after beating him until he was unconscious. The terrorists ended up releasing the other 146 passengers and crew members on the plane in stages. These included making three stops in Beirut and two stops in Algiers. However, the last hostages were held for an additional 17 days before eventually being freed.

THE IRANIAN THREAT

U.S. Marine Col. William Higgins was captured in 1988 and murdered when serving on a UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon. While driving back from a meeting, he was pulled from his vehicle by armed men who were believed to be affiliated with Hezbollah. Further investigation into the attack led many to believe that a group aligned with Hezbollah called "Believers' Resistance" plotted the kidnapping and eventual murder of Higgins in 1990.

1992

ATTACK ON ISRAELI EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

On March 17, 1992, the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires was attacked. A truck driven by a suicide bomber was loaded with explosives and was rammed into the front of the embassy and detonated. Not only was the embassy destroyed as a result of the attack, but a nearby school and a Catholic church were also ruined. The blast killed 29 people and wounded 242 others.

BOMBING OF JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES

On July 18, 1994, 85 people were murdered, and hundreds were injured during a suicide van bomb attack on the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) in Buenos Aires. Argentina is home to the largest Jewish community in Latin America and the sixth largest in the world, with a total of 230,000. The AMIA bombing remains Argentina's deadliest terror attack to date.

AC FLIGHT 901 ATTACK IN COLÓN, PANAMA

On July 19, 1994, AC Flight 901 exploded shortly after departing from Colón city to Panama City. All 21 passengers were killed. Twelve of those on board were Jewish. Investigators were able to determine that the explosion occurred from a bomb when examining the wreckage that was found throughout the Santa Rita Mountains near Colón. They decided that the bomb was brought on the flight and detonated by a suicide bomber. The attack appeared to tie back to Hezbollah since it was directed against Jews and took place a day after the AMIA in Buenos Aires. An expression of support was given by an affiliate of Hezbollah, "Ansar Allah," in South America.



Aftermath of Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia.

BOMBING OF KHOBAR TOWERS IN SAUDI ARABIA

On June 25, 1996, a terrorist attack took place on a U.S. Air Force housing complex in the town of Khobar, near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The bombing occurred when Hezbollah terrorists drove a tanker truck filled with 5,000 pounds of explosives near the housing complex. The terrorists decided to flee the vehicle before it detonated. The impact of the explosion was so loud that people twenty miles away heard it, and an 85-foot-wide and 35-foot-deep crater was formed. The terrorist attack killed 19 U.S. service members and injured 500 people.

2007

JOINT SECURITY STATION ATTACK

On January 20, 2007, Iranian-backed terrorists attacked the U.S. contingent of the Joint Security Station located within the Iraqi Police headquarters in Karbala. During the attack one American was killed, three were wounded and four others were kidnapped. The four kidnapped soldiers were later executed, bringing the attack's death toll to a total of five. Hezbollah operative, Ali Musa Daqduq, is suspected of having been the mastermind behind the attack. Though Daqduq was later arrested, the Iraqi courts freed him. According to the IDF, he now oversees a network of Syrian operatives near the Golan Heights.

2012

BURGAS BUS BOMBING

On July 18, 2012, a bus transporting 42 Israeli tourists, mainly youths, to their hotels in Burgas, Bulgaria exploded at the Burgas Airport. The terrorist attack was carried out by a suicide bomber who boarded the bus and then detonated his bomb. As a result of the bombing, the Bulgarian bus driver and five Israeli passengers were killed, and 32 Israelis were injured. In February 2013, the Bulgarian Interior Minister stated that there was "well-grounded" evidence that Hezbollah, backed by Iran, had committed the atrocity.

2019

HEZBOLLAH SCOUTING

On September 19, 2019, Alexei Saab, who was trained in bomb-making and intelligence gathering by Hezbollah, was accused and indicted for scouting out targets for attacks on behalf of Hezbollah in New York, Boston, and Washington, DC. One of Saab's targets was Times Square.

CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL

As the largest pro-Israel organization in the United States, Christians United for Israel (CUFI) is also the only Christian organization devoted to transforming millions of pro-Israel Christians into an educated, empowered, and effective force for Israel. The breadth of CUFI's diversity across generational, ethnic, cultural, and denominational lines gives us a tremendous depth of influence and power in our fight for the truth. CUFI has played a leading role in efforts to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions, hinder Hezbollah and Hamas's war of terror against Israel, strengthen the Jewish state's ability to defend itself, and defend Israel against the antisemitic BDS movement. Since the October 7th massacre, CUFI has raised over \$5 million dollars to support Israel medical personnel, first responders, and others aiding victims of Hamas's barbarism.

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