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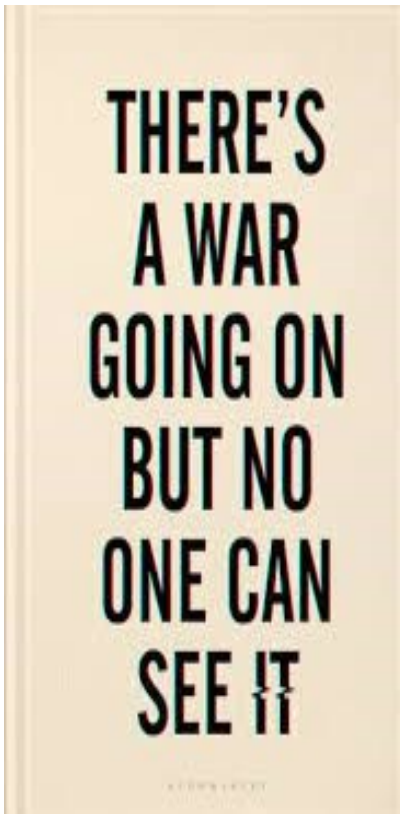
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**Looking at**

- Needs for conflict escalation
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## On the verge of an all-out war



During a briefing at the Pentagon, Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary Sabrina Singh said that in addition to the three deaths, more than 40 service members were also injured in the attack. CNN reports: Meanwhile, Israel is continuing its campaign in Gaza against Hamas, and launching attacks on Hezbollah in Lebanon. The consensus is that an Iran-backed militia group is behind the deadly drone attack, though the US is still working to determine which group specifically is responsible.... White House believes "the group was supported by Kataib Hezbollah, which is one of the main IRGC Revolutionary Guard-core backed groups in Iraq and Syria."

"This one had lethal consequences in ways that previous ones didn't," Kirby said, "but that doesn't mean that the intent of the previous attacks weren't also lethal, it's just that we were able to defeat them."

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## Growing like mushrooms



During the last few years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, particularly after the fall of the Soviet Union and the Berlin wall, ultra-right-wing thinkers around the world have gained momentum. Initially they rode on the most populist issue of nationalism. Disintegration of the Soviet Union, and the emergence of new Republics, encouraged Europe to enhance their bid to enlarge the European Union. The Balkan war the first outcome of the expansionism of this nature. Another outcome was the

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John Bolton :

*"To be clear, I don't think it should be proportionate. I think it should be disproportionate. That's how you create deterrence in the mind of your adversary, that the cost to them of attacking our forces is so high they won't do it again"*

## War currently in African countries

**Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic (CAR), the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan.** Several armed groups – fighting against government forces and/or against each other's – are involved in these conflicts.

A war between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) under Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) under Hemedti, rival factions of the military government of Sudan, began on 15 April 2023 during Ramadan. Fighting has been concentrated around the capital city of Khartoum and the Darfur region.

## EUROPE: SEVEN ARMED CONFLICTS



The following military occupations constitute the majority of armed conflicts that are taking place in Europe, four out of seven conflicts: Russia is currently occupying Crimea (Ukraine), Transdniestria (Moldova), as well as South Ossetia and Abkhazia (Georgia), while Armenia is occupying parts of Nagorno Karabakh (Azerbaijan). Europe is also the theatre of an international armed conflict (IAC) between Ukraine and Russia, and of two non-international armed conflicts (NIACs) in Ukraine opposing governmental forces with the self-proclaimed 'People's Republics' of Donetsk and Luhansk in eastern Ukraine.

## Growing like mushrooms—Contn

mass migration of the eastern Europeans who were gasping for fresh air, even if that meant they would have to work for the lowest wages. The more air the immigrants breathed the fewer jobs and housing for those who already lived in the host country. An excuse for the right populist politicians to flourish.

Since then, Fascism which was thought to have been defeated, rose from the ashes. A quick Google browse brings familiar names to one's attention: Brothers of Italy, the League, the National Rally (formerly the National Front), the Party for Freedom and the Forum for Democracy in the Netherlands, the Finns Party, the Sweden Democrats, Danish People's Party, Vox, the Freedom



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## Kataib Hezbollah: Iran-backed group suspends

BBC: Kataib Hezbollah Secretary-General Abu Hussein al-Hamidawi said in a statement on Tuesday: "As we announce the suspension of military and security operations against the occupation forces - in order to prevent embarrassment of the Iraqi government - we will continue to defend our people in Gaza in other ways."

The US has blamed Iran-backed groups and has not yet conclusively determined that Kataib Hezbollah was behind it.



## End Torture & Execution

### Execution never ends in Iran





## On the brink

### Tit for tat



فرمانده کل سپاه پاسداران انقلاب اسلامی گفت: گاه دشمنان تهدید می‌کنند و این روزها هم از میان کلمات مقامات آمریکایی برخی تهدیدات را می‌شنویم، ما به آنها می‌گوییم "شما ما را از موده‌اید و هم‌دیگر را می‌شناسیم، هیچ تهدیدی را بدون پاسخ نمی‌گذاریم".

### Armed to fire



موشک دوربرد و نقطه‌زن «خیبرشکن» از نسل سوم موشک‌های دوربرد سپاه پاسداران انقلاب اسلامی است که از ویژگی‌هایی منحصر به فرد برخوردار است.

این موشک دارای سوخت جامد است و در فاز فرود دارای مانورپذیری برای عبور از سپر موشکی است و طراحی بهینه آن باعث شده است وزن آن نسبت به نمونه‌های مشابه یک سوم کاهش یابد و مدت آماده‌سازی و شلیک آن نیز تا یک‌ششم تقلیل پیدا کند.

### Iran on high alert

Iran has told the US via intermediaries that if it strikes Iranian soil directly, Tehran will itself hit back at American assets in the Middle East, drawing the two sides into a direct conflict.

The warning comes as Iran waits on high alert to see how Joe Biden responds to the death of three US servicemen deemed by Washington to have been killed by a Tehran-backed militia based in Syria.

US bases in Syria and Iraq have suffered more than 160 attacks of varying seriousness since Hamas's 7 October assault on Israel.

Amid fears of a US reprisal, the Iranian rial fell to its lowest point in 40 years against the dollar, even as Tehran reiterated that the strike was the work of independent "resistance groups" – Iran's standard response to US accusations that it proliferates military turmoil across the region by arming and training the groups. Hamas is designated a terrorist group by the US and the EU. (The Guardian)

## On the verge of an all-out war—Cont'



But what can US do? If one Google searches, an alarming - almost scary data emerges: Jordan, a key U.S. ally in the region, has hundreds of U.S. trainers and they hold extensive exercises throughout the year. In other cases, like in Qatar and the UAE, U.S. troops have a presence to reassure allies, carry out training and are used as needed in operations in the region.

There are about 3,000 US troops based in **Jordan**, a key US ally, and 2,500 in **Iraq**. U.S. has roughly 900 troops in **Syria**, in small bases like al Omar Oil field and al-Shaddadi, mostly in the northeast of the country. There is a small outpost near the country's border with Iraq and Jordan, known as the Al Tanf garrison.

At present the Armed Forces comprise 65,000 personnel which were only 3000 in 1976. Today, **UAE** has emerged as the most developed military power in the Gulf region. Its military strength has approximately 59,000 in army, 2500 in the navy, and 4500 in the air force.

The U.S. has the most troops in **Kuwait**, at about 13,500, followed by **Bahrain** at 9,000 and **Qatar** at 8,000. There is at least one U.S. base in **Israel** and a few hundred troops in **Oman**.

President Biden says he has decided that the US should respond to the Jordan drone attack, but doesn't want another war in the Middle East, and to reduce the heat, the Iran-backed militia which Washington blamed for the attack, announces it has suspended anti-US operations". Nevertheless, the gun-powder barrel is coming close to the point of explosion. CNN analysis suggests that "US policy in the Middle East can no longer be de-

scribed as an attempt to stop **the Israel-Gaza conflict** from triggering a bigger regional war. That hope died weeks ago."

If the sparks that Biden has decided to ignite go out of control, the War on Gaza would look like child's play. All the US troops and bases in all the aforementioned countries are fair game for the Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corp.

This does not terrify John Bolton. Former national security adviser John Bolton called for "disproportionate" strikes inside Iran after the drone attack. He is known to attend the main opposition to the regime - (POMI) MEK's meetings who want the removal of the I.R.I regime.

Such a rhetorical is not welcomed by Iran. Iran's permanent representative and ambassador to the United Nations clearly stressed that the Islamic Republic would decisively respond to any attack on the country. He had already denied any involvement, saying that 'Iran is not accountable for measures by any groups or individuals in the region'.

The explosion of the Middle East gun powder barrel will not only ablaze West Asia, but the flame will also engulf the British troops based in those countries, which in turn will invite Türkiye and other NATO members.

If the West is worried about soaring petrol/food prices because of the Houthis attack on vessels destined for Israel, it should prepare its populations for a long-term war, unless the US/Israel decides to drop an A-bomb on Tehran, as some Israeli ultra-religious politicians have recently suggested.

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