

### **Iranian Attack on Israel Intended to Cause Massive Casualties and Destruction**

For those who say that Iran's attack on Israel was intended only as a warning and not to kill civilians, think of this. Iran launched a simultaneous barrage of 30 cruise and 110 ballistic missiles targeted for Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and Ashkelon as well as 170 missile armed drones. All of the Drones and some of the missiles were intercepted by U.S., U.K. French and Jordanian military aircraft while the Israeli Iron Dome intercepted 99% of the missiles.

The way that the Iron Dome is programmed is that the system quickly assesses whether an incoming rocket is on course to hit a populated area. If the rocket poses a threat, the Iron Dome launches its own missile to intercept it. If the rocket is not heading toward a populated area, the system ignores it, allowing it to land harmlessly elsewhere.

Thus, by virtue of the programming algorithm, 99% of the missiles posed a threat to civilians located in targeted areas, otherwise they would not have been deemed a threat and allowed to land harmlessly. Accordingly, any statement that the attack was not intended to cause substantial damage and civilian casualties is simply false information. This will be taken into consideration by the Israeli Defense Ministry when it devises its "in kind" retaliation against Iran.

U.S. President Joe Biden said that Israel should "take the win", meaning that the Israel defense system worked as intended by preventing the intended consequences of the attack. Does this mean that if the United States were attacked that he would not retaliate?