

# Anti-Israel Vitriol: August 2012

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Since the beginning of August, a number of leaders in Iran and its regional proxies have made extremely troubling anti-Israel statements. While anti-Israel vitriol from pro-Iranian leaders is nothing new, the frequency and intensity of these statements has increased in the past few weeks.

## Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei:

During a meeting with veterans of the Iran-Iraq war on August 15, the Ayatollah said:

**“This bogus and fake Zionist outgrowth will disappear from the landscape of geography.”**

## Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad:

Speaking to foreign ambassadors gathered in Tehran on August 2, the president said:

**“Anyone who loves freedom and justice must strive for the annihilation of the Zionist regime in order to pave the way for world justice and freedom.”**

Addressing crowds at a rally in Tehran on August 17, President Ahmadinejad said:

**“The nations of the region will soon finish off the usurper Zionists in the Palestinian land.... A new Middle East will definitely be formed. With the grace of God and help of the nations, in the new Middle East there will be no trace of the Americans and Zionists.”**

## Lebanese Parliament Member Walid Sakariya:

On Lebanese [television](#) on August 7, Hizballah Member of Parliament Walid Sakariya said about the Iranian nuclear program:

**“This nuclear weapon is meant to create a balance of terror with Israel, to finish off the Zionist enterprise.”**