

# Risk of Iran-Israel war grows

Israel has threatened to strike Iran directly if the Islamic Republic attacks Israel following the killings of seven Revolutionary Guard members in a blast at the Iranian consulate in Syria



■ **Israel:** *"If Iran attacks from its territory, Israel will respond and attack in Iran."* Post on X in both Farsi and Hebrew by Minister of Foreign Affairs **Israel Katz** (left)



■ **Iran:** Supreme leader **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei** (right) said Israel **"must be punished and it shall be"** for April 1 strike that killed **Mohammad Reza Zahedi** (below right), top Iranian Quds Force general



■ **United States:** President **Joe Biden** (left) has promised Israel "ironclad" support. **Analysts say Iran does not have military capability for significant confrontation**



Defence spending (US\$ billion)

0.0%

Share of GDP

ISRAEL

23.41

4.51%

IRAN

6.85

2.59%



■ **U.S. aid to Israel:** Memorandum of understanding from 2018 to 2028. MOU provides total of **\$38 billion** in military aid over 10 years – **\$33 billion** in grants to buy military equipment and **\$5 billion** for missile defence