

Iranian Scientists Die as Bibi's War Looms

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On Friday, January 13, Eli Lake posed a question on *Newsweek's* web site, *The Daily Beast*:

Has Israel Been Killing Iran's Nuclear Scientists?

Lake does not have hard evidence to answer his question. But he speculates, using the old reliable "circumstantial evidence", to point to Israel's Mossad,"for a string of slayings of Iran's nuclear experts".

Eli Lake writes, "at the very least Israel's defense establishment would like its allies to believe its spies have pulled off these 'events that happen unnaturally'". To take credit for their dark deeds, Israel's narrative shapers put out the word in their usual sly fashion:

Six weeks ago in Washington, on the sidelines of a major U.S.-Israeli meeting known as the "strategic dialogue," Israeli Mossad officers were quietly and obliquely bragging about the string of explosions in Iran. "They would say things like, 'It's not the best time to be working on Iranian missile design,'" one U.S. intelligence official at the December parley told *The Daily Beast*.

Consider the arrogance of this scene: Saber-rattling Israeli experts, joking about the "danger" of working on Iran's nuclear sites. They know deaths have been arranged. In their best tough-guy, B-movie swagger, they find the death of relatively low-level Iranian scientists to be a source of amusement. [*\(To continue reading and view Mark Perry's video interview below, click here.\)*](#)