

## Iran takes on Iraq... in an arm wrestling competition! Photographer Alison Jackson captures Netanyahu and Ahmadinejad playing some different types of 'war games'

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Arm-wrestling, light sabres and a mean game of ping pong: is this the U.N.'s latest idea for settling tensions between nations?

Not quite, these images of Benjamin Netanyahu and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad duelling are actually spoof pictures taken by celebrated 'celebrity' photographer Alison Jackson.

Jackson was commissioned by Channel 4's current affairs show Dispatches to create some thought provoking images ahead of its Nuclear War Games programme, to be broadcast next Monday.



Photographer Alison Jackson has used Benjamin Netanyahu and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad lookalikes to create images to sit alongside a special edition of Channel 4's Dispatches

The latest edition of Dispatches looks at the tense relations between Iran and Israel and the possibility of a military confrontation.

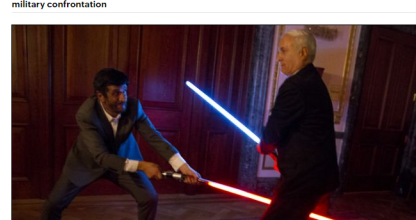
Nuclear War Games has gained exclusive access to an Israeli 'war game', in which an Israeli attack on Iran is played out in detail.

In her typical controversial fashion Jackson has pictured lookalikes of the country's leaders playing actual games including chess, backgammon, arm wrestling and computer games.

In one image the two leaders even confront each other with light sabres.



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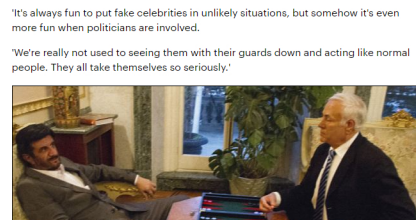
Other 'stars' of her spoof paparazzi-style photography include David and Victoria Beckham, Pippa Middleton and the Royal family.

Talking about the shoot for Dispatches Jackson said: 'This shoot was the perfect example of getting someone who looks nothing like the famous person he is supposed to resemble and turning him into a spitting image.'

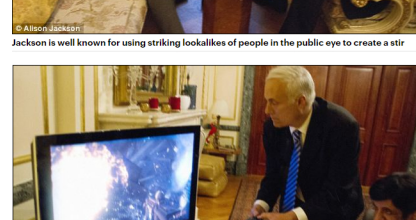
'The Ahmadinejad lookalike didn't even have a beard, but by the beginning of the shoot we had managed to make him look just like the Iranian president.'

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• Nuclear War Games will be broadcast on Channel 4 on November 5th at 8pm

• For more of Alison Jackson's brilliant photoshoots visit [alisonjackson.com](http://alisonjackson.com)