

# Israel's 'golden opportunity' to wean itself off US military aid

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Dr. Raphael BenLevi: U.S. governments have tried to leverage weapons supply before. However, it's been acute and extreme in the past year.

We've dug ourselves into this dependency. It's like welfare. People on welfare get used to having a certain amount of external aid. A day comes when they have to rearrange their affairs in order to manage without it.

At the strategic level, the advantages of independence and moving to a more reciprocal relationship with Washington clearly outweigh the benefits of continuing the status quo of dependence and receiving aid, which are mainly on the immediate economic level.

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