

# Israel's Security Challenges: The Fight Against Hamas, Iran, and Regional Instability

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Dr. Rafael BenLevi discusses the severity of recent attacks in Israel, emphasizing the necessity of IDF operations in Judea and Samaria as it serves as the main front in the current multi-front war. He questions the Palestinian Authority's ability to act as a stabilizing force, highlighting Israel's intervention in counterterrorism efforts.

Regarding Hamas, he warns that any arrangement allowing it to remain in power would be a strategic disaster for Israel and the broader Middle East, benefiting Islamist factions.

He is skeptical about Arab states stepping in to remove Hamas, stressing that Israel is the only actor capable of doing so. On Iran, he argues that only a credible military threat can halt its nuclear ambitions, as diplomatic negotiations are unlikely to yield real results.

He also discusses Hezbollah's grip on Lebanon, suggesting Israel's actions have shifted the regional balance of power. Regarding Syria, he acknowledges its ongoing instability and the need for Israel to safeguard its interests, expressing doubt that the regime has truly changed.

The interview took place on Channel I24 on February 27, 2025.