

Threats

War in the north against Hezbollah / Iran and its proxies

Iranian breakout to nuclear weapons

Heightened economic crisis in Israel and rising unemployment

Ongoing coronavirus pandemic

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Cyberattack that paralyzes the economy

Military campaign in the Gaza Strip

Rising domestic crime and disobedience due to loss of trust in the government

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Massive natural disaster (earthquake/flood/fires)

Violence between different groups in Israeli society Riots and terrorist attacks in the West Bank

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In the framework of the *Strategic Survey*, INSS researchers ranked the urgent threats to Israel in 2021 and the year's potential opportunities.

Opportunities

Expansion of normalization agreements to additional countries

Rapid health and economic recovery due to vaccines

Formation of a regional coalition – the United States, Israel, and pragmatic Arab countries

A long-term ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, including a prisoner deal

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Achievement of an improved Iranian nuclear deal

Transitional arrangements with the Palestinian Authority

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Technological discovery that will boost Israel's image in global public opinion

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Weakening of Hezbollah in Lebanon and its removal from centers of power Dissolution of the Iranian-Shiite axis

Change of regime in Iran along with a moderation of its regional policy and its nuclear aspirations

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Thirty-four experts from various fields contributed to the ranking of the different threats and opportunities, with a weighted average based on two parameters: their importance to Israeli security and the likelihood that they will occur in the coming year.