



## **Egozi: The Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai – Is It the End?**

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The Pentagon is considering eliminating or reducing its participation in the multinational force in Sinai. This position was expressed recently at a congressional hearing and talks with IDF. This intention causes high concerns in Israel.

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According to a report prepared by the Israeli **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** the situation in Egypt can change abruptly. Over the course of September 2019, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi faced his most severe public crisis since taking office in June 2014. Videos circulated widely on Facebook accused Egypt's top military and political echelons of a slew of corruption offenses and encouraged the public to demonstrate against the President.

“Despite the fact that the Egyptian regime has managed, for now, to contain the protests, the fundamental economic and political problems that fueled the public anger remain in place. Thus a possible resumption of the protests, perhaps in even more violent form, cannot be ruled out. As recent events have shown, the Muslim Brotherhood is lying in wait.”

Gen. (Ret.) **Amos Yadlin** heads now the Israeli **INSS**. He is a former general in the Israeli Air Force (IAF) and was head of the IDF Military Intelligence Directorate.

“The U.S. plan to withdraw its unit from the MFO is not good for Israel. This body gives stability to the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. It's a symbolic force but in case of a political change in Egypt this force will help a new government to explain why it refrains from going to war with Israel.” He added that Israel must oppose the American plan.

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