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Incremental improvements in the Middle East

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The Science of Where Magazine mets Kobi Michael, senior researcher at the Israeli INSS (Institute for National Security Studies) and editor of the think tank's international prestigious journal *Strategic Assessment*, https://strategicassessment.inss.org.il/en/

INSS is one of the most important think tanks at an international level according to the latest annual ranking drawn up by the University of Pennsylvania.

Kobi Michael wrote an interesting reflection for INSS (January 9, 2021) entitled *The Joint Military Exercise in the Gaza Strip: Ostensible Strength in a Response to Weakness.*

Your description of the joint exercises in the Gaza Strip shows a delicate situation within the Palestinian world and in relations with Israel. How much new technologies affect the dynamics of organizations that want to change the situation in that tormented area?

Although the Palestinian organizations in the Gaza Strip as well as Hezbullah are advancing their military capabilities by using technology, they prefer using low tech military technology, mainly rockets in order to tackle their weakness and the asymmetry vis-à-vis Israel. The basic idea is not to be defeated by Israel and to exhaust the Israeli society by creating mass damages and continuing shelling of rockets using what they perceive as the weakness of a modern and western society and its sensitivity regarding casualties. In a sense they response to their inherent weakness by using reduced technologies in masses.

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