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National security challenges lean toward the internal arena: Insights from the INSS 14th Annual Conference

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The INSS 14th Annual International Conference, “National Security in an Atmosphere of Global and Internal Disorder,” was held on January 26-28, 2021. Participating in the conference were foreign ministers (from Germany, India, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Israel), party leaders in Israel, guest experts from Israel and abroad, and INSS researchers.

The discussions and lectures highlighted four key motifs that will affect Israel’s national security in the coming year – two related to the external-regional and international arena, and two to the internal arena: (1) Israel’s normalization agreements with the countries of the region and the prospect of their expansion; (2) The new United States administration: a transition from the Trump era to the Biden era, with its goal to return to former rules of the game, based on multilateral diplomacy and alliances; (3) the coronavirus pandemic, which has created a societal, economic, and governance crisis in Israel, and is expected to have long-term and significant implications beyond the coming year; (4) The cumulative damage in Israel as a result of repeated election campaigns, which makes it difficult for the state to address, let alone successfully, its weaknesses and the challenges before it.

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