

Jordan Thwarted Attack on Israeli Soldiers at the Border, Newspaper Reveals

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ISIS activity in kingdom no surprise, says expert

The Jordanian General Intelligence Directorate arrested an ISIS cell that planned to attack Israeli soldiers just over the countries' common border earlier this year, the Amman-based Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Tuesday.

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Since the Islamic State (ISIS) was driven from its territorial holdings in Syria and Iraq, the organization has lost its position at the center of global attention. And yet **Yoram Schweitzer**, a senior researcher **Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies** and head of the institute's Program on Terrorism and Low-Intensity Conflict, stresses that the organization has far from disappeared.

"ISIS [in its current form] is the continuation of IS, the core from which IS sprung, and after the IS lost its territory following its military defeat, what remained was ISIS, and ISIS inherited IS's connections with its partners ... who are spread around the world," he told The Media Line.

ISIS is now active in Africa, South East Asia, Afghanistan and throughout the Arab world, the expert said. Moreover, he stressed, these worldwide operations should not be seen as the actions of disjointed cells. "It's an organization ..., [the different branches] act as organizations ..., the activity is centralized, ordered, managed," **Schweitzer** said.

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