

Israeli Arab terror fueled by availability of weapons

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There is little overlap between organized crime and radical nationalism in Israeli Arab society, but firearms can be easily purchased. "Globes" investigates.

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Researchers from Israel's **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** wrote in a report published in January, "The violent clashes that erupted between Jews and Arabs with a nationalist-religious background in April-May 2021, did not reflect a popular uprising against authority and the state but mainly frustration by individuals and groups about their civil situation as frustrated and angry individuals as an excluded minority in the state. Despite that, the belief being formed by Israel Police is that they should prepare for an 'Internal Intifada' that will happen again in the future and be more powerful including use of firearms."

INSS added, 'Framing the struggle against violence and crime in Arab society as a 'war' against the internal enemy, and defining the events of April-May 2021 as an internal Intifada, and as a popular uprising against the authorities and the state, creates a distorted and biased image of reality.'

The INSS claims that the spread of serious violence and crime in Arab society and the growth of organized crime is not happening due to nationalistic reasons and does not express a separatist trend. The report added that those involved in crime in Arab society, and certainly organized crime, are careful to avoid hitting Jewish targets and are not interested in being identified with radical nationalist organizations and Palestinian terror.

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