

## **Nip wave of terrorism in the bud**

The defense establishment faces a myriad of challenges with response to stopping terrorism in its tracks, but it can be done.

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The challenge the defense establishment is currently facing is how to stop the emerging wave of terrorism in its tracks without expanding the arena to include other "players," who may not be gung ho to join the fray but would also prefer not to be left on the sidelines.

The series of terrorist attacks in recent weeks has fostered an atmosphere that fuels it further in the midst of an already volatile reality: the wounds of Operation Guardian of the Walls have yet to heal and the defense establishment has yet to implement the lessons of last May.

The elements fanning the flames are multipronged: the inherent momentum of successful terrorist attacks, the Muslim month of Ramadan, and the overall sense of a shared struggle against Israel. The image of Israel so far in these events, as one struggling to deal with the attacks as well as with imposing governance in the Negev, further fuels the fire, and Israel's appeal to international elements on the matter does little to change this image.

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