

Ukraine's Envoy Slams Israel for Not Supplying Defense Systems

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Ukrainian Ambassador to Israel Yevgen Kornichuk accused Israel of staying in its “comfort zone” while not providing Ukraine with Iron Dome missile defense batteries and anti-tank defense systems.

Ukraine's ambassador to Israel, Yevgen Kornichuk, accused the Israeli government of not standing with Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion.

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Magen, who is currently head of the Russia research program at **Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)**, emphasized that Israel tries to support Ukraine in other ways, such as with humanitarian aid, and by allowing other countries to sell Israeli-developed systems to Ukraine.

Both the Ukrainian and Russian embassies in Israel did not respond to requests for comment by The Media Line.

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