



Israel vs. Islamic Jihad: What is source of latest conflict and whether it could mean all-out war

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TEL AVIV – Israel’s assassination of a top military commander in the Islamic Jihad militant group in Gaza on Friday raised concerns that the conflict could escalate into an all-out war in the territory that is home to 2 million Palestinians.

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The group had been very active in the recent wave of terror attacks against Israel beginning in May, along with Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups, said **Yoram Schweitzer**, a former top Israeli intelligence official who is director of the Terrorism and Low-Intensity Conflict program at the **Institute for National Security Studies** in Tel Aviv.

In response, Israel has conducted aggressive counterterror operations including within the refugee camps in Jenin and Nablus, **Schweitzer** told USA TODAY. Last Monday, it swept through the Jenin camp north of the occupied West Bank, which is known to be the heart of the Palestinian armed resistance to Israeli, exchanging gunfire with militants.

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