

Ex-IDF intel. chief: It's getting harder and harder to stop Iran

Former Mossad official: How will we stop Iranian nukes if JCPOA talks fail?

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Former IDF intelligence chief Tamir Hayman on Tuesday said that aspects of blocking Iran and its proxies' progress in nuclear and precision weapons are far more difficult now than in the past.

Hayman is currently **managing director of the Institute for National Security Studies**. Speaking at a **conference honoring the late INSS scholar Emily Landau**, he said there were similar increasing intelligence challenges in preventing the Assad regime in Syria from restoring its chemical weapons arsenal.

Hayman noted that ballistic missile "scientists" for Hamas and other proxy groups now are not necessarily geniuses and are much easier to replace than in the past.

In the past, by eliminating one or two key scientists, Israeli actions could set back Iran's nuclear programs or its proxies' precision missile programs as with Hezbollah and Syria. However, the ex-Mossad chief seemed to be saying there has been a paradigm shift.

He argued that now the ability to construct more deadly weapons from simple parts is infinitely easier than it was previously. "This is not what it was before and this trend is growing," he said.

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