

Dershowitz warns Israel needs 'doomsday strategy' to prepare for scenario US backing ends

The pro-Israel legal scholar spoke at a conference on the future of relations between the two countries. Israeli President Isaac Herzog told audience latest Thomas Friedman article does "grave injustice" to Israel.

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A conference on Monday organized by the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Reut Group and The Israeli Institute for Economic Planning featured prominent speakers with wide-ranging experience, including former high-ranking officials from Israel's national security establishment and strategic ministries. The conference's title was: "Israel-US Relations: Trends and Looking Ahead".

President Isaac Herzog, who delivered the keynote address at the opening plenary, hailed the strong bond between the two countries and recalled his recent visit to the White House, "at the invitation of my friend Joe Biden." Herzog, who delivered his speech via video message due to last-minute political developments in Israel, said that "it is no secret that the future of the relationship is increasingly dependent on the next generations, and it is where we have an immense challenge. He cited recent trends showing eroding pro-Israel tendencies among younger demographics in the US, and said that sometimes this can be attributable to a lack of understanding regarding the Jewish state. He took aim at a piece by New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, who warned that the results of the Israeli election mean that "The Israel we knew is gone". Herzog said "such columns do great injustice to Israel."

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