



## **IDF launched Gaza raid to stop terror attack ordered by 'leadership abroad'**

Operation Breaking Dawn was launched to prevent an impending terror attack in Israel after noting increased militant activity

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The IDF operation against Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) was launched after Israel learned the militant group's "leadership abroad" had ordered it to carry out a massive terror attack, a senior Israeli official has told the *JC*.

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**Dr Kobi Michael**, former head of the Palestinian desk at Israel's Ministry for Strategic Affairs, said PIJ were prepared to act because they felt they could now "change the equation" in their struggle against the Jewish state.

PIJ secretary-general Ziyad Nakhalah was under pressure from Iran – which backs and funds the militia – to deliver a major attack on Israel's borders in order to distract from nuclear talks with world powers in Vienna, *The Times* reported.

"Iran really likes the idea that Israel will be occupied at all the time on all fronts," Dr Michael added.

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