

**Internal Israeli politics could harm US ties, security interests - INSS**

There are multiple negative headwinds that Israel will need to cope with in its relations with Washington going forward that could alter bipartisan support.

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If the current Israeli government harm's Israel's brand as a democracy, it could negatively impact US support to Jerusalem regarding the Iranian nuclear and other threats, the **Institute for National Security Studies' annual report** said on Monday.

Presented to President Isaac Herzog, it evaluates the full range of national security threats: from Iran, to Palestinian issues, Hezbollah, Syria and the environment, and to how all of these dilemmas will be impacted by internal Israeli politics and relations with the US.

"In the geo-strategic realm, we identified the special relationship with the US as the greatest challenge before the decision-makers," **INSS Managing Director Tamir Hayman** said. "Any harm to [the relationship] will immediately impact Israel's ability to handle all of the other arenas."

The report generally headlines threats from Iran, Hezbollah or from the ongoing conflict with the Palestinians.

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Uniquely, the report for 2023 warned that relations with the US, if not managed properly, could deteriorate to such a point in the future that it could negatively impact critical national security interests for Israel, such as with Iran and the Palestinians.

According to the INSS, there are multiple negative headwinds which the Jewish state will need to cope with in its relations with Washington going forward that could alter what has been bipartisan support for Israel for decades.

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