

## **'Preventing Iran from breaking out to bomb by military means increasingly difficult'**

The Institute for National Security Studies says Israel faces three main challenges in 2023: the Iran nuclear program, the threat of deterioration in the special Israel-US ties, and the risk of a flare-up in the Palestinian arena.

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Israel faces three main dangers in the upcoming year, the Institute for National Security Studies said in its annual strategic assessment that was presented to President Isaac Herzog this week.

These include the Iran nuclear program, the threat of deterioration in the special ties in Israel-US ties, and the risk of a flare-up in the Palestinian arena.

With regard to Tehran, the report warned that if the program is allowed to move forward without the limits set by a deal and a military threat, Iran would soon become a nuclear threshold state. It said preventing the regime from breaking out to a bomb by military means increasingly difficult, and stressed the importance of cooperation between Jerusalem and Washington on the matter.

In addition, it called for operational preparations against Hezbollah activities in Lebanon. According to a recent report, the terror group has built over 20 observation and guard posts along the Israel-Lebanon border over the past year, despite the fact that according to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701, which ended the 2006 Second Lebanon War, it is forbidden from operating near the frontier.

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