

## Heightened security threats mean Israelis must overcome domestic strife

Our enemies should not be tempted to think we are weak just because of the internal division amid the deep political crisis surrounding the judicial reforms.



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If we unite, this will send a message to our enemies. The escalation with the Palestinians, as well as the worrying developments regarding Iran, have coincided with a major domestic Israeli crisis that has torn Israeli society apart.

Our enemies tend to attack us even when they believe such actions would unite us, let alone when they think otherwise. Our political leaders need to constantly address security matters as well as tend to various challenges. To help them in that, we must quickly reach a compromise that will defuse the internal strife.

To be clear, such compromise on hot-button issues is a worthy goal on its own, but it is even more important in light of what is unfolding outside Israel, which has put a sense of urgency into the equation.

When it comes to Palestinian terrorism, this situation is hardly new for Israelis and they are well accustomed to the heightened measures Israel has had to employ. Likewise, security officials are all too familiar with what needs to be done, but it is crucial that the criticism over the deaths of noncombatants does not undermine their efforts to counter terrorism and foil plots. Such concerns should not hold them back when there is something to be done inside Palestinian areas.

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