

Former IDF intelligence chief warns of dire foreign policy consequences for Israel over judiciary crisis

The Israeli government's focus on a controversial judiciary overhaul could compromise the nation's foreign policy priorities, Maj. Gen. (res.) Tamir Hayman said in an interview

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In his recent book tour, Benjamin Netanyahu told American and international audiences that sought to lead Israel for a sixth time last year to expand the Abraham Accords to Saudi Arabia and stop Iran from developing a nuclear bomb. Two months into his term — amid mass protests, a rancorous debate over his government's judicial overhaul plan, and a growing rift with the U.S. administration — Netanyahu has put both those goals at risk, a former Israeli general warns.

“The accumulation of challenges and the capability to create new strategic opportunities are becoming more difficult,” Maj. Gen. (res.) **Tamir Hayman**, managing director of the **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)**, said in a recent interview. The INSS held its 16th annual conference at Tel Aviv University last week.

Last month, in a speech to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in Jerusalem, Netanyahu said that peace with Saudi Arabia would be a diplomatic “quantum leap” that would end the Israeli-Arab conflict and Iran's aggression in the region.

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