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'Looming Crisis': Israeli Think Tank Issues Unprecedented Warning Over Judicial Overhaul

Tel Aviv-based think tank Institute for National Security Studies warns that, unless stopped 'immediately,' the government's plan to weaken the judiciary will severely hurt Israel's social resilience, military capabilities, international standing and economy

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The Netanyahu-led government's ongoing efforts to erode the independence and power of the court system now pose a strategic threat to the state of Israel, one of the country's leading security think tanks issued a warning on Tuesday, declaring that legislation to overhaul the judicial system "must be stopped immediately."

In an unprecedented "strategic alert," the **Institute for National Security Studies** —a Tel Aviv-based research group with close ties to the defense establishment whose team includes multiple former senior IDF commanders and National Security Council members— declared that the struggle over the government's plan "magnifies" the threats faced by Israel and "impairs our ability to tackle them."

"Pursuing the judicial reform has already generated an unprecedented internal confrontation that weakens Israeli society and intensifies the security, geopolitical and economic threats facing it," the INSS said, calling for the proposed reforms to be "stopped immediately, so as to focus instead on the severe threats to Israel's national security, and on the restoration of social cohesion and resilience."

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