

## US Gen. suggests deliberate response in simulated Iranian proxy attack

Iranian responses to alleged Israeli attacks on Tehran's nuclear and military facilities have been limited to Israeli or Jewish assets and interests overseas, but not against Israel-proper.

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US Lt.-Gen. Alexis Grynkeiwich on Wednesday suggested a deliberate American response in a simulation where Iranian proxies would hit a mix of Haifa, Eilat and the US Tanf base in Syria with drones in response to an Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear and military sites.

Grynkeiwich was speaking at a conference sponsored by the **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** with the simulation involving drone attacks from Iran's proxies in Lebanon, Yemen and Iraq.

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**Hayman, INSS's managing director**, was asked about Burns' statement that since Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has not given a formal order to go for a nuclear weapon, the nuclear threat was still far off.

In contrast, the former IDF intelligence chief said he disagreed with the idea that "if you don't identify an order from the top, [it] is a sign that there is no [nuclear weapons] plan. Even if there is no formal paperwork, things continue."

Rather, **Hayman** said that Burns' statement showed a common Western misunderstanding of the Iranian mentality which does not always move in a linear fashion to achieve its goals, but might take an apparently much more zigzagging and roundabout path.

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