

## The steps Israel needs to take

An extensive military operation in northern Samaria will not provide a solution.



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When discussing the best plans of action for dealing with the wave of terrorism, a clear distinction must be made between the method of operation and the goal. In dealing with Palestinian terrorism, we are facing a serious strategic challenge and three major tactical challenges that typify the terrorism that Israel has been experiencing recently. The discussion on a wide-scale military operation obviously deals with tactical challenges, as everyone knows that the political-strategic confrontation cannot be solved by a military operation, like that proposed in northern Samaria.

The tactical challenges include the targeting of Hamas attacks from abroad and Gaza; youth terrorism (the "Lion's Den" and the like) from frustrated and leaderless Palestinian youngsters, who are fed up with the Palestinian Authority's formal leadership and are looking for a new and violent way to fulfill their nationalism; and the loss of the Palestinian Authority's security control in northern Samaria, with the weakening of its institutions.

An extensive military operation in northern Samaria will not provide a solution to all these challenges. It will not deal with Hamas' meddling from abroad and Gaza. On the contrary, it might worsen the Palestinian Authority's situation by further weakening its security systems (which will improve Hamas' chances of expanding its grip in Samaria).

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