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Leading Security Think Tank Says Israel in 'Most Severe' Crisis, Calls to Halt Legislation

According to the Tel Aviv-based research group INSS, the historical crisis can result in a weak military 'and lead Israel toward a precarious reality that jeopardizes the regional deterrence equation'

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Warning that Israel is currently facing the "most severe" crisis in its history, one of the country's leading security think tanks on Sunday called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government to announce "an immediate and complete halt" to its judicial overhaul before it leads to a "complete collapse of the reserve system."

"The model of the IDF as the 'people's army' is at risk of dissolution," cautioned 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. "This can result in a weak military and lead Israel toward a precarious reality that jeopardizes the regional deterrence equation."

"If the planned legislation proceeds, it could lead to the complete collapse of the reserve system, resulting in damage to the competence and functioning of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)," it warned, asserting that "the multi-arena conflict's danger is increasing, and security threats to Israel have intensified."

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