

Israel's reluctance to choose sides strains relations with Ukraine

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While most developed countries have been providing military aid to Ukraine since Russia launched its all-out war, one country has remained sitting conspicuously on the fence – Israel.

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"The purpose of the Israeli army is to prevent the terrorist actions of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, which is located in Syria, and the transfer of weapons to another terrorist organization, Hezbollah, which is located in Lebanon," **Arkady Mil-Man, the Head of the Russia Program at Tel-Aviv's Institute for National Security Studies** and the former Israeli Ambassador to Russia, told the Kyiv Independent.

"This is the main axis of this cooperation (between Israel and Russia)... And this is to ensure the safety of Israeli citizens," Mil-Man added.

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