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An Israeli ministry, in a 'concept paper,' proposes transferring Gaza civilians to Egypt's Sinai

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JERUSALEM — An Israeli government ministry has drafted a wartime proposal to transfer the Gaza Strip's 2.3 million people to Egypt's Sinai peninsula, drawing condemnation from the Palestinians and worsening tensions with Cairo.

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Yoel Guzansky, a senior fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv, said the paper threatened to damage relations with a key partner.

"If this paper is true, this is a grave mistake. It might cause a strategic rift between Israel and Egypt," said **Guzansky**, who said he has consulted for the ministry in the past. "I see it either as ignorance or someone who wants to negatively affect Israel-Egypt relations, which are very important at this stage."

Egypt is a valuable partner that cooperates behind the scenes with Israel, he said. If it is seen as overtly assisting an Israeli plan like this, especially involving the Palestinians, it could be "devastating to its stability."

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