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Raz Zimmt: There is a high risk of escalation if Iran's retaliation is an attack on Israeli soil.

The Israeli analyst and former military intelligence officer explains to THE PERIODICO OF SPAIN the foreseeable scenarios after the murder of an Iranian general in Syria

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On 1 April, a bombing of the Iranian consulate in Damascus resulted in the death, among others, of Mohammad Reza Zahedi, a senior general of the Revolutionary Guard. Although Israel did not openly recognize it, it is because its aviation was the one that carried out the assassination. Fear of a regional war stopped. Tehran warned of the toughest of the answers. Israel is preparing for this: it has closed some thirty embassies and its population collects water and food in case an escalation occurs. It is known that there will be retaliation. The question is when and, above all, where.

Raz Zimmt doesn't have the answer, but the elements to draw the possible scenarios. For 24 years he worked in **Israeli military intelligence as a specialist in Iran**. He retired nine years ago. He is now a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), an Israeli think tank that advises, among others, the Army and the Mossad, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Zimmt explains during an interview Monday at a hotel in Madrid.

Will there be retaliation from Iran? Yes, there will be retaliation. Revenge will come. The Damascus attack was very unusual: because of the rank of the Iranian general and the proximity to the diplomatic complex.

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