

Shaken by daily mass protests on Gaza, Jordan accuses ‘infiltrators’ of stoking unrest

The Hashemite kingdom has been one of Israel’s most vocal critics, but the Jordanian public is dissatisfied with the government’s rhetoric and many demand an end to the peace treaty

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For the 11th night in a row, thousands of Jordanians took to the streets on Wednesday to protest against the war in Gaza and call on the Hashemite kingdom to break ties with Israel.

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“The timing of the current protests is mainly related to the intensification of religious sentiments among the Jordanian public opinion during Ramadan and the strengthening of religious-Islamic sentiments,” said **Dr. Ofir Winter, senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) at Tel Aviv University**.

[...]

“Jordan is more vulnerable than other countries in the region for such protests,” Winter added, “not only because of the high percentage of Palestinians in its population, estimated as at least fifty percent, but also because of the relatively large operational space given to Islamist forces in the country, from the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood and its political representative, the Islamic Action Front, to the Qatar-based International Union of Muslim Scholars (IUMS),” which is listed as a terror organization in a number of other Arab countries.

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