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Time for brave decisions

INSS has published “The Day After” strategic roadmap. Israel's strategic position is significantly improved by focusing on diplomatic and political solutions over military action.

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More than six months into the war that has ensued following Hamas’ brutal and heinous attack on October 7th, Israel finds itself at a historical crossroads. Despite the considerable operational achievements on the battlefield, none of the war's objectives have been fully achieved. A total of 133 hostages are still being held in Gaza, and Hamas has not yet been decisively defeated. At the INSS we have published a strategic roadmap for “The Day After” that presents an alternative strategic path for achieving most of the war’s goals and substantially improves Israel's strategic position by prioritizing diplomatic and political solutions over continued military action, turning operational gains into political and international achievements. As result, a series of strategic decisions must be taken by Israel’s political leadership in order to achieve victory in the fullest and most comprehensive sense—that is, improving Israel’s long-term security.

The combined Iranian attack together with its regional proxies on the morning of April 14th is a prime example of the importance of Israel’s regional and global alliances, which enabled it to swiftly thwart the unprecedented attack. It underscores the importance of crafting a long-term strategy, built on forming coalitions and expanding relations with Israel’s Arab neighbors, one that has taken years to develop and implement.

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