

Hamas and Hezbollah's drone warfare poses new threats to Israel's security - analysis

UAVs employed by Israel's Islamist adversaries in the region have been used in new and devastating ways since the war began on October 7.

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In the opening attack of October 7 at around 6:30 a.m., when hundreds of rockets were fired at the Israeli rear, the military arm of Hamas activated dozens of drones that dropped small explosives on the observation towers, the "shooter's" positions, thus blinding the observation crews.

During the attack, the drones dropped explosives on tanks and APCs near the border. This allowed dozens of terrorist squads to run from the built-up Palestinian territory to the fence to attach explosive devices and blow holes in them, through which hundreds of terrorists entered on motorcycles. There were those who ran on foot toward the outposts and settlements to murder, burn, kidnap, and rape.

"When I saw on October 7 the drones that attacked the IDF observation towers in the Gaza Division, my heart broke," **Dr. Liran Antebi, a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies**, said in an interview with Walla this week.

"As part of my research on the issue of drones, which started in 2013, I had a fight with officials in the defense system. I hoped they would act, and when I would present it at conferences, they would tell me it was a drop in the rain of rockets. This explosion in drone activity would be the tip, and I told them, 'It is possible to produce a precision strike capability with this. These are the new rules of the game, and this should not be treated as a drop in the rain.'"

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