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## **‘We share the same enemy:’ Israeli, Baltic states’ lawmakers warn of Iran-Russia cooperation**

Rihards Kols, chairman of the Latvian parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, and the pro-Israel organization European Leadership Network co-hosted an interparliamentary conference at the Latvian parliament

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RIGA, Latvia – Cooperation between Iran and Russia makes the need for Israel and like-minded democracies to work together more acute than ever, lawmakers and experts agreed at a conference last week in the Latvian parliament.

[...]

Russia and China, have made U.S. and European sanctions against Iran ineffective in deterring Tehran from developing its nuclear program, **Danny Citrinowicz, a research fellow in the Iran Program at the Institute for National Security Studies**, said.

“There is no ability to [revive] the ‘maximum pressure’ campaign,” he said. “Today, the Iranians are exporting more than 2 million barrels of oil a day, bypassing U.S. sanctions ... For Iran this is crucial because most of their budget is actually built on the revenues they’re generating.”

[...]

Citrinowicz argued that the Iranian missile and drone attack on Israel on April 13 could not have happened without “the backing of a superpower,” meaning Russia, which would join Iran in presenting the onslaught as self-defense.

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