

**How to secure Israel's future amid escalating threats - opinion**

Embracing a path of longevity and regional cooperation would enable Israel to break free from the cycle of war.

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The recent escalation between Israel and Hezbollah has significantly increased Israel's security concerns, adding another layer of complexity to an already volatile regional situation.

As Israel navigates this heightened conflict, it finds itself at a critical juncture – mirroring the broader strategic challenges facing the nation – in the ongoing campaign to defeat Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah along the northern border and throughout the Middle East.

The pressing questions are as follows: “What strategic options does Israel have in light of the ongoing conflict?” and “Is there an urgent need to choose a path that ensures a stable and prosperous future for the Jewish state?”

The brutal massacre carried out by Hamas on October 7, followed by the war in Gaza and the escalating tensions with Hezbollah on the northern border – perilously close to war – and the broader conflict involving Iran and its proxies, highlighted by Iran's unprecedented aerial assault on Israel on April 14, represent a seismic shift in Israel's security landscape.

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