

Fear of Iran is getting serious - Ilan Zalayat, researcher at Israel's National Security Institute

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The Palestinian issue is just one problem. I do not intend to confuse it with Lebanon, Yemen, or Iraq. However, as Prime Minister Netanyahu stated in his speech at the United Nations General Assembly, Iran is responsible for a series of attacks on Israel.

Israel's actions in Lebanon and Yemen are also messages to Iran. The Israeli military accurately located the positions of Hezbollah leaders. This sends a message that they might be preparing surprising attacks against Iran as well.

Israeli society was divided into two camps even before the Hamas attack in October 2023. Nevertheless, it was unprecedented for so many citizens to participate in demonstrations demanding a ceasefire negotiation from the Prime Minister regarding the military operations in Gaza.

Netanyahu does not seem to have suffered politically. The coalition parties are opposed to a ceasefire agreement in Gaza.

There is full public support for policies towards Lebanon. The news of "Nasrallah's (Hezbollah leader) assassination" was met with joy throughout society. He had been a shadowy figure that Israel had long been burdened with.

The term "Axis of Resistance" used by Iranian proxy forces is misleading. Hezbollah and Iraqi militias should be considered as part of Iran, acting ultimately to protect Iran.

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