

## How Israel can combat the threat of Hezbollah drones

Experts say that, ironically, the Iran-made UAVs' main advantage is how primitive they are, escaping modern-day radars and anti-missile systems.

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Dr. Yehoshua Kalisky recalls when he fought in the 1973 Yom Kippur War as a young officer, the Israeli soldiers were using batteries with M61 machine guns attached to them to shoot down low-flying [KELT](#) missiles from Egypt.



Dr. Yehoshua Kalisky. Photo courtesy of Dr. Yehoshua Kalisky

**Kalisky, a senior fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** who specializes in military weaponry, says those outdated batteries would have been pretty useful now against the increasing threat of [Hezbollah](#)'s unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), commonly known as drones.

But Israel put those batteries out of commission decades ago, believing they would no longer need defense tools against "WWII-type weaponry."

"Israel was preparing for the wars of the 21st century, for missiles that fly faster than the speed of sound and UAVs with jet engines," Kalisky tells ISRAEL21c.

### The new old threat

Kalisky explains that these Iranian-made UAVs are a result of reverse engineering of Israeli and American drones that crashed in the enemy territory in the past.

Therefore, they are outdated and quite primitive. Ironically, these qualities make them the ultimate weapon because Israel's counter-drone solutions are designed for the new generation of UAVs, which is far superior.

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