

## Israel Moves Toward All-Out War—With UNRWA

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JERUSALEM—Israel has been settling old scores with enemies, and UNRWA, the terroristriddled U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, may be next.

A series of Israeli legislative, diplomatic, and military actions this month have threatened UNRWA's presence along the country's borders like never before. A consensus has emerged in Jerusalem that the agency is part of a terrorist menace that can no longer be tolerated following Hamas's Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

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Kobi Michael, a senior research fellow at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies and Misgav Institute for National Security, told the *Free Beacon*, "The entire Israeli strategy is totally different from what we knew before."

"It's not a question of being aggressive. It's a question of being much more determined and understanding that enough is enough and we don't have to tolerate this situation," added Michael, a former head of the Palestinian file in Israel's Strategic Affairs Ministry and before that an Israeli military intelligence officer. "If before Oct. 7, the Israeli strategy was to create change of a first order—which means to accept the existing system and try to make changes to the existing system—now the strategy is to create change of a second order, which means to change the entire system, to change the rules of the game, to change the existing balance of power."

"In this regard," Michael said, "there is also an opportunity to change the situation of the Palestinian refugees on the ground."

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