

Nilforoushan's assassination shook Iran's IRGC to its core, expert says

INSS expert Benny Sabti reveals the far-reaching impact of Abbas Nilforoushan's elimination, describing it as a "first-ever" blow to the entire Revolutionary Guards structure.

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The assassination of Abbas Nilforoushan, deputy commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, was a hefty blow to the Islamic regime in Tehran, as well as its regional proxies, **Benny Sabti, an Iran researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)**, said in a Tuesday interview with Maariv.

Nilforoushan was also the commander of the Quds Force in Lebanon, and was eliminated along with former Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah in Dahieh, Beirut.

Sabti began by saying, "This man was the head of operations in the Revolutionary Guards, and many missions, supplies, and budgets passed through his hands. The man was primarily responsible for everything that concerns us, approving budgets and transferring weapons to Syria and Lebanon, and indeed for maintaining all the activities of Hezbollah and other terrorist organizations that operate mainly through connections with Syria."

Sabti noted that Nilforoushan "has been known to the system for many years. It's not that he suddenly appeared like this, but the media usually hears when something happens."

"He was one of the extremists. He was 14 when the revolution in Iran took place, and at that age, he enlisted in the Iran-Iraq war. He came from an extreme place and a very extreme city. The background in Iran is very important; when you grow up in an extreme environment, that's how you continue your path," he added.

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