

30 Years of the Israeli-Jordanian Peace Treaty: A Cold Peace or a Repeatable Success?

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Scholars and diplomats assess the treaty's impact and future relations at a Tel Aviv conference

Marking three decades since the signing of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty on October 26, 1994, scholars, diplomats, and policymakers gathered at Tel Aviv's Institute for National Security Studies (INSS). The event featured speakers who contributed to the treaty's negotiation and implementation, examining its achievements and the impact of recent conflicts on Israeli-Jordanian relations, particularly in securing Israel's longest border.

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Dr. Ofir Winter, a senior researcher at the INSS, spoke at the event about the recent rise in influence of Jordan's Muslim Brotherhood and its impact on regional dynamics. He noted that while Jordan's king remains the primary authority, the Brotherhood's unprecedented gains, winning 31 of the 138 seats in parliament in the 2024 elections after holding just 10 of parliament's 130 seats in 2020, present a strategic challenge for both the Jordanian government and Israel-Jordan relations. "While the Brotherhood historically was integrated into and co-opted by Jordan's political and social system, its recent electoral success in the parliamentary elections, combined with the impact of the Gaza war, has given the movement newfound confidence to challenge the regime and its foreign policy," Winter explained.

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Dr. Winter told The Media Line, "The Jordanian monarchy faces a critical dilemma: whether to continue its traditional line of allowing the Muslim Brotherhood to let off steam or to confront the growing threat they pose to both the king's foreign policy and the state's monopoly on the use of force." This challenge is particularly pressing as ongoing conflicts in Gaza and Lebanon strain Jordan-Israel relations on their 30th anniversary, risking one of the region's most strategic peace agreements.

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