

Blueprint of a revolution: How Israel could topple the Iranian regime

As opposition leaders craft detailed plans for regime change in Tehran, security experts and Iran scholars warn that the fall of the clerical leadership could usher in an even more radical force – with the Revolutionary Guards poised to seize control.

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Sima Shine, an Iran expert who previously served in Military Intelligence's Research Division and headed research at the Mossad, says, "Israel needs to be involved, or at least formulate a plan, regarding the possibility of regime change in Iran, but in my opinion, it's not doing enough. There are things I tried to promote over the years, but there wasn't really a receptive ear or allocated budget. Even if sometimes people are asked to raise ideas – when it comes to implementation, it doesn't really happen.

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Dr. Raz Zimmt, senior researcher and Iran expert at the Institute for National Security Studies, says, "Changing the Iranian regime is a worthy and completely legitimate objective, but the only way to achieve this is through the Iranian people living in Iran. The possibility always exists, it certainly increases over the years because the regime's legitimacy crisis continues to deepen, and I roughly estimate that the Iranian regime currently doesn't enjoy support from more than 20% of the public. But that doesn't mean the remaining 80% are ready tomorrow morning to risk their lives and stand against it."

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