

Israelis abroad: How Iranian attack plots could open a new front

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The murder of Israeli Rabbi Zvi Kogan in Dubai over the weekend, if linked to Iran, could herald a new front in the Islamic Republic's multi-faceted war with Israel.

That arena is not as well defined as the Mideast war zones in which Israel has dealt punishing blows to Iran-backed adversaries. It involves Israelis abroad coming within Iranian crosshairs as retribution for Israel's airstrikes on Iran late last month.

No evidence yet links Iran to Kogan's death and Tehran has denied any involvement.

The possible expansion of plots targeting Israelis beyond Israel's borders may be born out of Iranian weakness, according to **Beni Sabti, an Israeli of Iranian origin who is a researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS).**

"Iran cannot deal with Israel in a direct fight and war. Hezbollah and Hamas are not as strong as Iran wants them to be, so (Iran) opened an eighth round again, but from a place of weakness, not a place of strength," Sabti told Iran International from Tel Aviv.

Israeli officials have said they are on the receiving end of attacks on seven fronts since the October 7 attacks launched by Hamas: Gaza, the occupied West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Iran.

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