

Revealed: How Iran recruits agents in Israel

Researcher Beni Sabti explains how Israelis are convinced to supply intelligence to an enemy power.

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Beni Sabti, an Iran expert at the Institute for National Security Studies, assesses in a conversation with *Arutz Sheva - Israel National News* that even if Iran responds to an Israeli attack on its territory - Israel should give a stronger counter-response since the regime in Tehran is weak.

"The Iranians did not want to be deeply involved but the 7th of October gave them a sense that they could do more. Slowly they got more involved in the war. In their eyes Israel is stuck in some kind of quagmire and so they can exact comeuppance. Here too there is the effect of escalation. After the first attack they went for a second and they can do it again. Hezbollah has lost power and Iran has been forced to intervene itself, and this is very bad for it," he explains.

"It may cause us short-term difficulty, but in the long run, if we hold firm and do not let up and continue to respond, we may reach the end of the Iranian regime and all its tentacles."

Sabti responds to the news report that a suspect in espionage for Iran was following a researcher at the institute where he works: "There is no doubt that this is a well-known method. Researchers, knowledge, and science people are always prey to the subject of espionage, to turn them into spies or targets. Israel is a very academic country and therefore everyone should pay attention to this. The research institutes in this small country are researching the issues of the day, and when these issues have been hot topics in the past year around the war, Iran and the axis that opposes Israel and the West, they have made research institutes, academia, and scientists targets for such attacks."

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