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Syria, the Path Forward: Regional Perspectives on a Political Transition

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It is in Israel's interest to combine military actions with diplomatic initiatives in Syria

“After over a year of fighting on multiple fronts, Israel is concerned that the unrest in Syria could spill over into its territory. In response, it has taken preemptive measures, including intensifying aerial strikes to target strategic weapons and prevent them from falling into hostile hands. Additionally, Israel has seized control of a demilitarised buffer zone established under the 1974 ceasefire agreement. Israel emphasises that this move is temporary and solely aimed at securing its borders, maintaining stability, and ensuring the integrity of the buffer zone. Despite significant doubts regarding the genuine intentions and enforcement capabilities of HTS leadership, Israel must adopt a strategic approach that combines military actions with diplomatic initiatives. This includes fostering dialogue and contact with constructive regional and local elements on the ground to mitigate risks.”

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