

What does Israel's defense and intelligence establishment *really think* about the Iran deal?

Recognizing that the P5+1 Agreement with Iran (the "Agreement") is an accomplished fact, we, the undersigned, urge the Israeli government

“ If the nuclear issue is of cardinal existential importance, what is the point of canceling an agreement that distances Iran from the bomb..?³ ”

– EFRAIM HALEVY
FORMER MOSSAD CHIEF

to adopt certain policies in light thereof, as follows: Renew the trust between and enhance the political and security cooperation with the US administration in order to prepare for the challenges emanating from the Agreement. Initiate a political move which will provide credibility to Israel's support of a two-state solution and that will enable, among its many advantages, the establishment of a moderate Sunni-Western axis which will act against the extremist forces that foster instability in the region. Such policies will enable both the integration of Israel's capabilities

with those regional and international players who share the view of nuclear Iran as a serious threat, and the recruiting of moderate Arab

states for the advancement of a political settlement between

Israel and the Palestinians. Signers: Asaf Agmon, BrigGen (Ret.) |

Uriel Agmon, BrigGen (Ret.) | Yoram Agmon, BrigGen (Ret.) | Abra-

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Barzilay, Former Mossad Official | David Ben Bashat, Vice Admiral

(Ret.) | Mordechai 'Motke' Ben Porat, BrigGen (Ret.) | Roman Bron-

fman, Ph.D., Former MK (Knesset) | Yoram Cohen, BrigGen (Ret.) | Amira Dotan, BrigGen (Ret.), Former MK | Shlomo Egozy, BrigGen (Ret.) | Uzi

The agreement is
“ the best possible alternative from Israel's point of view, given the other available alternatives.⁴ ”

– ADMIRAL (RET.) AMI AYALON
FORMER HEAD OF THE SHIN BET

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Commission | Yosef Eyal, BrigGen (Ret.) | Oded Eytan, LtCol (Ret.)

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| Carmi Gillon, Former Director of Israel Security Agency | Shaul

Givoli, Police MajGen (Ret.), IDF BrigGen (Ret.) | Yossi Gonen, Brig-

Gen (Ret.) | Eyal Gover, Warder (Ret.) | Yossi Hatsor, Col. (Ret.), En-

trepreneur | Assaf Heffetz, Police Commissioner (Ret.) | Giora Inbar,

BrigGen (Ret.) | Arie Keren, BrigGen (Ret.) | Noam Lautman | Ami-

ram Levin, MajGen (Ret.), Former Deputy Director of the Mossad

| Asher Levy, BrigGen (Ret.) | Moshe Lichtman, High-tech Investor and Founder of IGP | Menachem Meron, MajGen (Ret.) | Amram Mitzna, General

(Ret.), Former MK | Dar Nadler | Menahem Neger, Col. (Ret.) |

Nimrod Novik, Dr. | Meir Oren, Prof. | Ilan Paz, BrigGen (Ret.)

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Entrepreneur and Social Investor | Yitzhak Rabin, BrigGen (Ret.)

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Admiral (Ret.) | Yaron Ram, BrigGen (Ret.) | Gilad Ramot, BrigGen

(Ret.) | Gilad Raz, BrigGen (Ret.) | Amnon Reshef, General (Ret.)

| Shimon Romach, National Fire & Rescue Commissioner (Ret.)

| Giora Romm, MajGen (Ret.) | Ran Ronen, General (Ret.) | Dan

Rothem | Danny Rothschild, Gen. (Ret.) | Haimi Schneider, Architect | Nathan Sharony MajGen (Ret.), Former Head of Planning for the Armed Forces

“ For at least the next decade, Israel will not have to live under the threat of a nuclear Iran and will not face the danger of annihilation. For Israel, that is a major achievement.⁶ ”

– CHUCK FREILICH
FORMER ISRAELI DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

| Zachary Sheaffer, Prof. | Gilead Sher, Col. (Ret.) | Iftach Spector,

BrigGen (Ret.) | Alex Tal, Vice Admiral (Ret.) | Benny Taran, BrigGen

(Ret.) | Aharon Vardi, BrigGen (Ret.) | Shlomo Waxe, BrigGen (Ret.)

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“ If [Israel] succeeds in thwarting the agreement, Iran will remain closer to a nuclear bomb in the coming years, and the chances of a collapse of the sanctions regime will increase.⁷ ”

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“ To be honest, the way the agreement looks to me, there is much more promise than threat in it, provided that cooperation on this issue is good. ... If Iran does not have any enriched uranium ore, then there is no danger that the country will have nuclear bombs.⁸ ”

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ISRAELI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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