

# **Iran's influence wanes but regional threats persist**

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 11.01.2025

Despite significant setbacks to Iran's axis, including Hezbollah's weakening and loss of Syrian smuggling routes, Tehran maintains dangerous influence in Jordan and the West Bank.

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# **Don't blame Israel - it's Hamas that has put every Gaza hospital in danger**

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"Fifteen months into this war, there is hardly a hospital or medical facility in Gaza that Hamas has not turned into a terrorist staging ground."

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# **The war is far from over**

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The terror organization's remaining capabilities, combined with its deep-rooted control over Gaza's governing mechanisms and life systems, plus substantial Palestinian public support, reinforces its leadership's conviction that Hamas' era in Gaza persists.

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# **My enemy's enemy: Should Israel support the Kurds against Turkey?**

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Despite the temptation to come to the Kurds' aid, Israel must consider the implications of mobilizing in support of Ankara's bitter enemies.

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# **HTS's Julani is not a pragmatist, but a sophisticated strategist**

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The West must view the Middle East and its leaders through a realistic lens. Julani is not pragmatic in the Western sense but a sophisticated strategist.

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# **Achieving the Strategic Objective by Striking Iran Now - Opportunities and Risks**

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Regional transformation demands neutralizing the Iranian threat, weakening its influence, and dismantling its infrastructure by targeting nuclear facilities, military symbols, and its economy.

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Turkey's influence grows in Syria post-Assad, raising questions about Erdogan's next move toward Israel.

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How misplaced optimism in intelligence assessments led to strategic miscalculations, and what Israel could learn from it.

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# **Prepare for Disintegration of Syria and Rise of Imperial Turkey**

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China, Cairo move toward Erdogan as Iran recedes in newly threatening, fast-changing Mideast reality.

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# **Despite pressure - military operations will shape reality**

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US Secretary of State Blinken has arrived in the region, seemingly in a last attempt by Washington to achieve a comprehensive ceasefire before the US elections. However, given that Israel has yet to respond to Iran's ballistic missile attack and the drone strike aimed at the Prime Minister's private residence in Caesarea, the chances of success seem slim.