‘Doctrine of deterrence enabled IDF blindness’

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Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai: The current probe is incomplete because it lacks expertise in “the art of war. It did not happen because suddenly everyone became undisciplined. The central thing that is not mentioned … is that the events occurred because the IDF operated in recent years according to the doctrine of deterrence, and not the doctrine of decisive victory.

A proper inquiry, must explain root causes rather than merely describe events. We need to also find out where it came from, and fix these things.

The one who is responsible for explaining the situation is not intelligence, it is the commander.

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