

# Jihad on the Horizon: The ISIL Threat from an Israeli Perspective

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**A former chief of staff to Israel's defense minister offers an in-depth look at the state of the international campaign against ISIL and how it is affecting Israeli and regional interests.**

In this BICOM Expert View paper, Brig. Gen Michael Herzog, IDF (Ret.), assesses the threat from ISIL and sets out what is necessary to defeat it. One of Israel's leading strategic analysts, he examines the deep sociological and psychological causes of ISIL's rise before making the case for a long-term response based on a clear vision for the region's future. He also calls on the West to promote cooperation between Israel and the pragmatic Sunni powers. In addition, the paper outlines why Iran should not be seen as a regional partner, since it is no less potent a threat to Western interests and regional stability than ISIL.

To read the full paper, download the PDF above or visit the [BICOM website \(http://www.bicom.org.uk/analysis-article/24604/\)](http://www.bicom.org.uk/analysis-article/24604/). ❖

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