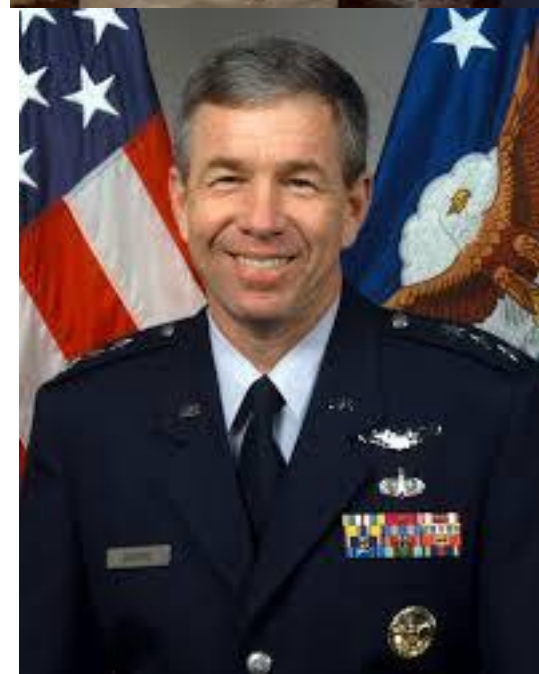


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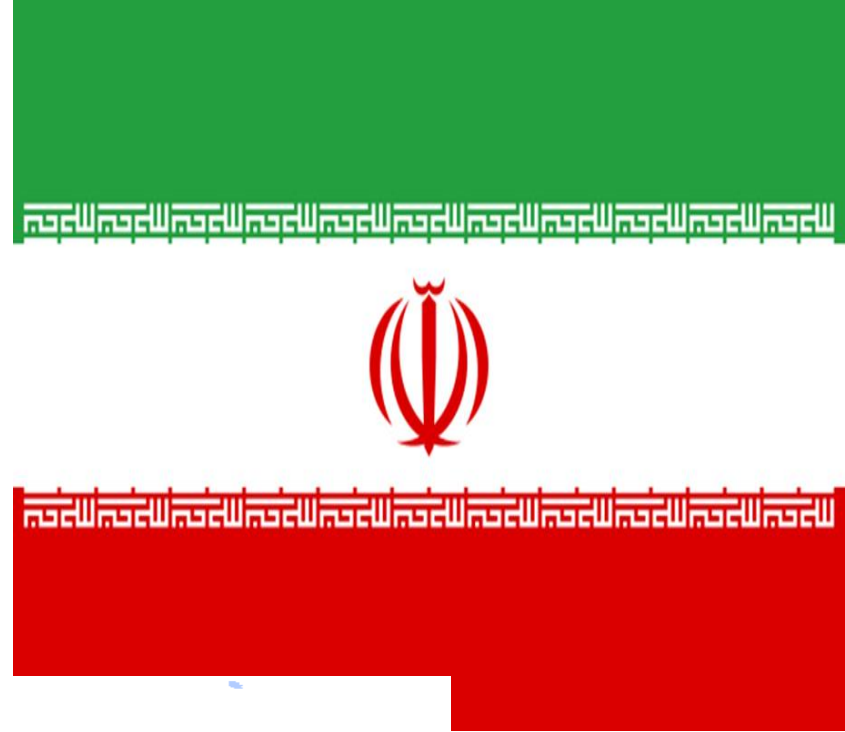
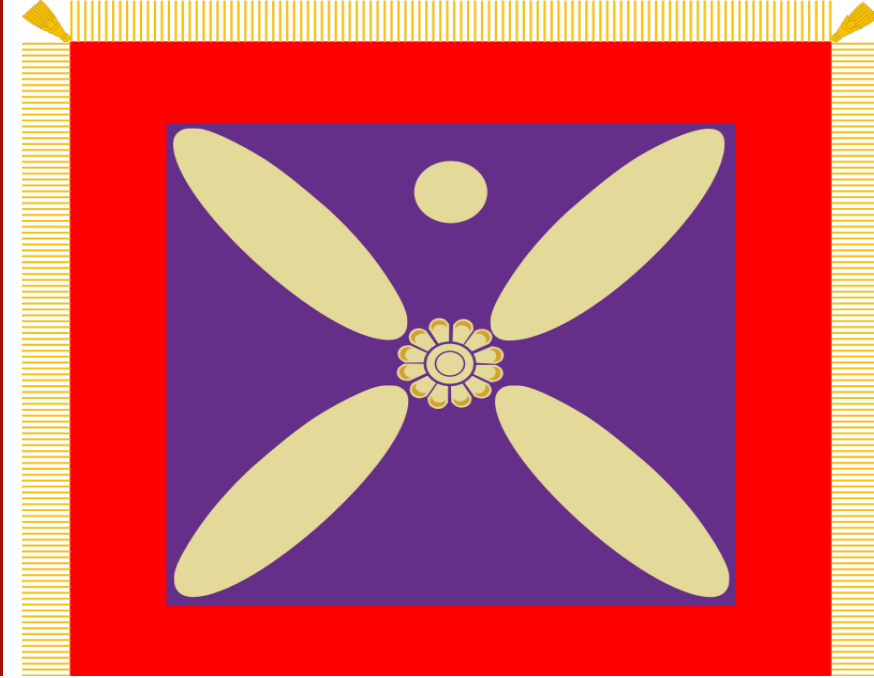
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U.S.-Israel Strategic Cooperation Task Force




- Commissioned by Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA).
- **Mission:** update the bilateral security relationship to meet growing dangers in the Middle East and capitalize on new opportunities.
- **Chaired by former SACEUR Adm. James Stavridis**, USN (ret.), with members:
 - **Gen. Chuck Wald**, USAF (ret.), JINSA Distinguished Fellow and former deputy commander, EUCOM.
 - **Lt. Gen. Trey Obering**, USAF (ret.), former head of Missile Defense Agency, with extensive experience working with IDF.
 - **LTG Jack Gardner**, USA (ret.), Stavridis' former deputy EUCOM commander.
- **Directed by JINSA CEO Michael Makovsky.**
- Findings partly informed by extensive meetings with Israeli security officials.



Strategic Background

- Iran's ascending regional hegemony is largest challenge to U.S. and Israel, while America remains reluctant to further engage in Middle East.
- Israeli actions are pushing back against Iran, and are advancing U.S. interests.
- Greater convergence of interests and nascent cooperation between Israel and Sunni Arabs, yet they need U.S. leadership to advance effort.

5 Recommendations

- U.S. has much to gain from further bolstering the bilateral partnership by:
 - Improving Israeli capabilities to defend its own and U.S. regional interests.
 - Leading Israeli-Arab cooperation.
- **Five overarching recommendations** 

1. Strengthen Israel's Official Standing as U.S. Ally



- New executive order creating **presumption of approval** to sharing intel, info, technology and weapons systems.
- Re-examine possibility of stand-alone mutual security **treaty**, without constraints on either party.
- Upgrade Israel to “all but Article V” **NATO**

Who Speaks for Israel?



Move two *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyers from Spain to new homeport in Haifa



2. Ensure Israel's Qualitative Military Edge

- **MoU on defense assistance to Israel to address rising Iranian competition and arms sales to Arabs.**
- Could allow Israel to acquire more readily:
 - Air attack capabilities: prioritizing F-35s, with F-15s/-16s in the interim;
 - Airlift capabilities: CH-53K, C-47 or V-22;
 - Air refueling tankers: prioritizing KC-46s, with KC-135s in the interim;
 - Precision munitions, incl. GBU-39, Hellfires and JDAM kits;
 - UAVs with EW capabilities;
 - *Alligator* semi-submersible naval vessels and amphibious landing craft.



War Reserve Stocks



- **Replenish WRSA-I stockpiles to reflect intensity of prospective future conflicts:**
 - GPS-guided munitions whose protocols are interoperable with Israel;
 - Critical munitions such as THAAD, PAC-3 and SM-3 interceptors.
- **Make WRSA-I into regional prepositioning hub** to support EUCOM, Israel, CENTCOM and potentially operations of U.S. Arab allies.

3. Enable Greater Israel-Arab Cooperation

- **Make U.S. a hub for shared early warning between Israel and Arabs – including potentially linking Israel to CENTCOM’s Air & Space Ops Center.**
- Facilitate Israeli intel-sharing and operational coordination with Saudi Arabia and UAE against Iranian arms transfers and Hezbollah operations in Yemen.
- Encourage greater military interoperability between Israel, Egypt and Jordan, and greater Israeli-Egyptian maritime security coordination in the Red Sea.
- Provide full \$1.3 billion in prescribed annual military aid to Egypt.



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4. Support Israel's Security Needs Against Iran in Syria

- Articulate clear support for Israel's redlines and right to self-defense.
- **Authorize relevant COCOMs to formulate joint objectives with Israel for Syria.**
- Coordinate cyber and special ops contingencies against Iran in Syria.
- Exploit Russia's and Iran's divergent goals in Syria.

5. Undertake Hi-Tech Joint Venture

What's the next "Arrow?"

- **Jointly develop miniaturized, relatively low-cost hyperspectral satellites.**
 - Crucial in a world where “hard to find, easy to kill” has replaced “easy to find, hard to kill.”
- **Explore additional such partnerships in:**
 - **Artificial intelligence;**
 - **Unmanned vehicles;**
 - **Cyber and special ops;**
 - **Maritime ops** (esp. littoral defense of critical infrastructure).

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