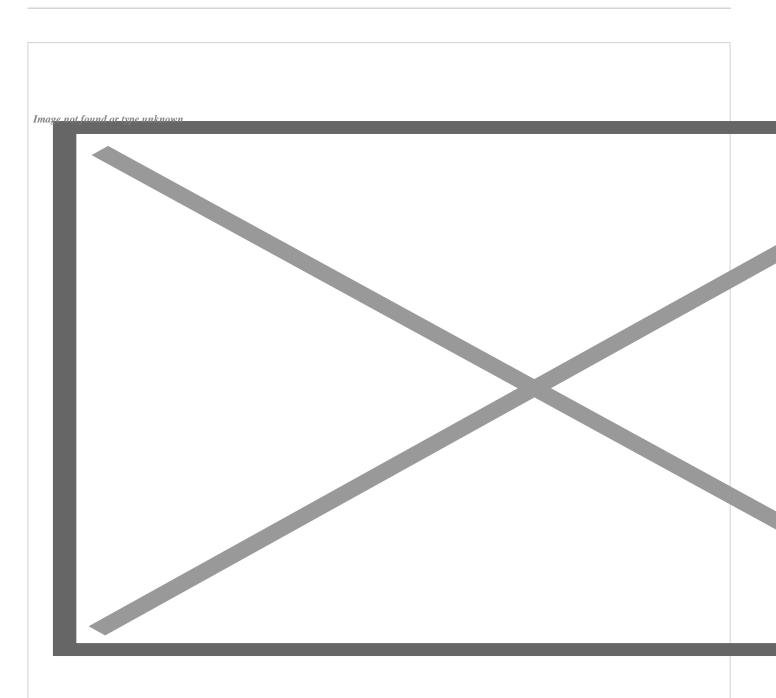
## Former Israeli military commander says Tel Aviv has already lost war against Hamas in Gaza



Tel Aviv, March 18 (RHC)-- A former Israeli military commander has confessed that the occupying regime has lost its months-long war against the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas in the besieged Gaza Strip.

"You can't lie to many people for a long time," Yitzhak Brick, a former ombudsman major general, said in an article in the Hebrew-language Maariv newspaper on Sunday. "What is happening in the Gaza Strip and against Hezbollah in Lebanon will blow up in our faces sooner or later," he added. "This is the most serious scandal since the establishment of the army. We have already lost the war with Hamas, and we are also losing our allies in the world at a dizzying rate."

Brick also underlined that the Israeli military "is not prepared for a regional war, which will be thousands of times more difficult and serious than the war in the Gaza Strip."

Israel waged its brutal U.S.-backed war on Gaza on October 7th after Hamas-led Palestinian resistance groups carried out a historic operation against the usurping entity in retaliation for the regime's intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

Despite rising international pressure, the illegal entity has refused to halt its war on the besieged territory until the return of more than 130 captives held by Hamas since last October. "If we fail to return some of the abductees alive, this war will enter the public consciousness as the worst failure in Israel's wars ... both from the terrible blow we suffered from Hamas on October 7, 2023 and from the agonizing failure in the fighting in the Gaza Strip," Brick added.

The Tel Aviv regime has over the past five months killed at least 31,553 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 73,546 others. The occupying regime has also imposed a "complete siege" on the territory, cutting off fuel, electricity, food and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there.

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