

# *Ex-Israeli general says Israeli forces will collapse if fighting continues in Gaza*

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**Retired Israeli General Itzhak Brik**

Tel Aviv, September 5 (RHC)-- Israeli media outlet Haaretz has published an opinion piece by retired Israeli General Itzhak Brik, a former ombudsman for the Israeli military, titled: "It Is Not Hamas That Is Collapsing, but Israel."

In the op/ed, Brik says that if Israeli forces "continue fighting in Gaza by raiding and re-raiding the same targets, not only won't we bring Hamas to collapse, but we'll collapse ourselves."

The retired Israeli general said every day, Israeli forces in Gaza grow weaker while Hamas, “in contrast, has already replenished its ranks with 17- and 18-year-olds.”

Brik also noted that many Israeli reservists are “no longer consenting” to being “redrafted again and again” and “conscripted soldiers are exhausted and are losing professional skills for lack of training.”

“Israel’s economy, international relations and social cohesiveness are severely damaged by this war of attrition against both Hamas and Hezbollah,” he said, adding that the Israeli military “does not have enough forces to fight a multi-front war.”

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