

Israel admits role in assassination of Qassem Soleimani

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Israel was involved in the assassination of Iranian Revolutionary Guards' Quds Force Commander Qassem Soleimani, the former head of Israel's military intelligence said yesterday.

Soleimani, who was considered the mastermind of the pro-Iran proxies in the region, was killed in [an American drone strike](#) near the Iraqi capital Baghdad in January 2020.

According to Israeli daily *Haaretz*, former Israeli army intelligence chief Major General **Tamir Hayman** told the Israel Intelligence Heritage and Commemoration Centre that the killing of Soleimani was one of "two significant and important assassinations" during his tenure.

The other assassination, he said, was that of the military leader of the Islamic Jihad in Gaza, [Bahaa Abu Al-Ata](#).

"Soleimani's assassination is an achievement, since our main enemy, in my eyes, are the Iranians. Two significant and important assassinations can be noted in my term," Hayman said.

Several days after Soleimani was killed, *NBC News* reported that Israeli intelligence helped the United States target him.

Hayman's tenure as Israeli army intelligence chief ended in October. He has said that Israel has carried out multiple operations to disrupt the spread of Iranian weapons and funds throughout the region.

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