



## Landscaping Israel's Political and Security Situation:

### The Israeli Intelligence Community

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### **Overview of the Israeli Intelligence Community:**

Israeli Intelligence is made up of three organizations Aman (military intelligence), Shin Bet (internal security), and Mossad (overseas intelligence). Aman provides signals intelligence, as well as naval and air information for the IDF. Shin Bet provides internal Israeli security, including monitoring Arab Affairs, and protecting high value individuals from attack.

Mossad is the most high profile of the Israeli Intelligence Agencies as it operates around the world and is known for a number of high-risk operations and foreign successes. One of the most valuable assets of Mossad is it can act unilaterally, regardless of any Israeli Laws, under direct orders of the Prime Minister.

Four of its most famous operations are: the embedding of Eli Cohen deep in the Syrian Government, Operation Entebbe, in which they freed hostages from Uganda after a Palestinian airline hijacking, Operation Moses, in which Mossad helped to evacuate thousands of Ethiopian Jews, and the kidnapping and extradition of Adolf Eichmann, a war criminal. Recently they have been involved with countering the Iranian threat, including breaking into a classified facility and stealing crucial documents regarding their nuclear weapons program.

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