

# Israeli Member of Knesset: US will attack Iran and Israel must dismantle Palestinian Authority

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Knesset Member Yuval Steinitz (Likud) said Saturday that he believes the United States will not settle for sanctions and diplomatic moves, and will eventually attack Iran.

Speaking in a rally in the southern city of Be'er Sheva, Steinitz also referred to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' decision to move up the elections in the Palestinian Authority, saying that "no elections will be able to change the nature of the Palestinian Authority."

Steinitz, who serves as head of a joint committee of the Knesset and the US Congress, expressed his great hope that the US will attack Iran, saying he believes that "the US will attack Iran and hit it in order to thwart its nuclear ability, as the diplomatic activity has failed."

'Bush and Blair have a historical role' Steinitz claims that the US is technically capable of bombing the nuclear reactor in Iran. He stressed that his estimation is based on his deep acquaintance with senior US Congress members and senators.

"I believe that the US will use a military operation to save the world," Steinitz added. "Bush and Blair have a historical role in dealing with the Iranian threat."

Referring to the Palestinian issue, MK Steinitz, who served in the past as chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, called on the government to launch a wide-scale military offensive in the Gaza Strip.

He also addressed Abbas' speech, and warned of developing high expectations.

"No elections will change the nature of the Palestinian Authority as a terrorist entity and a systematic agreement violator. Israel must disband the PA, at least in Judea and Samaria, as a preliminary move ahead of the future need to deal with the Iranian threat."

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