

## US-NATO-Israel Military Agenda; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen to Discuss Iran in Israel

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Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen will visit Israel to discuss the situation in Iran with top Israeli military officials.

Mullen will meet the Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak and senior Israeli military commanders.

The meeting comes two weeks after US President Barack Obama in his State of the Union address threatened Iran with "growing consequences" over its nuclear program.

Tel Aviv has repeatedly voiced its determination to stop Tehran's nuclear program even through military means.

Along with the IS and its allies, Israel, which is reportedly the sole possessor of nuclear weapons in the Middle East, accuses Iran of pursuing military ends through its nuclear program — a charge Tehran has repeatedly denied.

The International Atomic Energy Agency has found no shred of evidence to support the Western accusations.

Iran says its nuclear drive is being pursued within the framework of the IAEA regulations, adding that as a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty the country has every right to carry on with its nuclear energy program.

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