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Agents, impunity and justice. Mossad Papers on Attacks and Global Geopolitical Reconfiguration

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The attacks that took place during Menemism, that of the Israeli Embassy in 1992 and that of the AMIA in 1994, continue to be used in the framework of manipulations, speculations and domestic and geopolitical disputes, all alien to the desire to overcome impunity, denounced by the victims and by the entire Argentine society.



On March 17, 1992, the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires suffered an attack that caused 22 deaths. Image: Telam



The cover of Página/12 from the day after the AMIA attack.

The new chapter of the use of the attacks was made public on July 22 through the journalistic investigation of Ronen Bergman, published in the [New York Times](#). On this occasion, the intelligence agency known as Mossad – an acronym that designates the Institute of Intelligence and Special Operations – released a 42-page survey in which the exclusive participation of members of the political-military organization Hezbollah in both terrorist actions is affirmed. The document notes that there was no operational involvement of Iranian officials, nor assistance provided by personnel from Tehran's diplomatic headquarters. These statements clearly refute the instruction carried out by the

Supreme Court in relation to the 1992 attack and the thousands of files accumulated in relation to the different cases linked to the AMIA.



A billboard in Buenos Aires with the names of the victims of the July 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center in the city. Credit... Enrique G Medina/EPA via Shutterstock

Beyond the veracity and/or authenticity of the data provided by the Mossad – and its probative value in a potential judicial investigation – the truth is that the intelligence report openly challenges the task carried out by all the judicial operators in charge of prosecuting those truly responsible for the crimes, both those disseminated by [the supreme courts](#), such as those trumpeted in a bombastic way by the late Natalio Alberto Nisman. The dissemination of the Mossad document, authorized with a *timing* regulated by the highest Israeli political hierarchy, caricatures the Argentine magistrates and prosecutors who used the different causes for three decades to manipulate them with political motivations outside the respective judicial instructions. The columning of the DAIA and the AMIA as shock forces of Together for Change – starkly evidenced in the [judicial persecution of Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and Héctor Timerman](#) – is also ridiculed for having privileged corporate interests over the need for truth claimed by the victims.



Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and Héctor Timerman ante the IACHR

The Mossad is one of three Israeli information and security agencies. It depends directly on the premier, and its priority is activities abroad. It shares the articulated intelligence scheme with the Shin Bet (acronym for General Security Service), focused on domestic activities, within Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. The third organization is the Aman, the service dependent on the armed forces. The data that Mossad claims to have collected over two decades – in connection with the two attacks – is based on "interrogations with suspects, wiretaps and reports provided by agents." That is, intelligence reports that do not guarantee their validity to become evidentiary tools for a court.

Within the structure of the Institute, those in charge of collecting testimonies are the [neviot](#), specialized in illegal eavesdropping operations and management of remote surveillance technology. But the members of the Mossad do not make any action or statement to journalists that is autonomous or alien to a decision planned by their highest authorities, both in its content and in its timing. In the last month there have been [Attacks by Hezbollah, using drones](#), on the Karish gas fields – located in open waters of the Mediterranean – where Israel has installed offshore platforms with an investment of several hundred million dollars. The deposit is in waters claimed by Lebanon, until its President, Michel Aoun, accepted the mediation proposal offered in June by the US envoy, [Amos Hochstein](#). That agreement was not accepted by Hezbollah, and one of its top figures, Nabil Kauk, warned last June that "resistance missiles can damage Israel's strategic facilities." According to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, the drones are "just

the beginning of a confrontation" and that his organization "will not hesitate to go to war" if Israel extracts the gas before the dispute is resolved.



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Three days before Ronen Bergman released the material provided by the Institute, Prime Minister Yair Lapid and his Defense Minister Benny Gantz flew over the gas field as a way to warn Nasrallah about the strategic relevance that Israel attaches to the millionaire investment made in the Mediterranean. [Israeli military sources](#) have described the situation as "the most dangerous since the end of the second Lebanese war in 2006." At the current stage, admit analysts of the [newspaper Haaretz](#), the enemy to be reviled – whether or not it was responsible for the attacks in Buenos Aires – must be Hezbollah.

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Premier Yair Lapid flies over one of the gas platforms in the Mediterranean Sea.

The geopolitical context that accompanies the document leaked by the Mossad is completed with another relevant event: the summit – held in Tehran – of the [Astana format](#), made up of the Russian Federation, Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran, reached new agreements linked not only to Syria but to the role to be played by Tehran in the formation of Eurasian power. On that plane, Israeli military analysts suggest, both Vladimir Putin and Recep Tayyip Erdogan constitute guarantors of the nuclear non-proliferation of the Persians, because a change in the strategic balance in the area would imply a danger for Saudi Arabia – today Russia's partner in OPEC but confronted with Tehran by the hegemony of Islam. and the consequent resounding failure of the [Pearl Necklace](#) and Silk Road projects that place Eurasia as the center of the global economy.



The sea route is made up of a chain of military bases and ports controlled by China, the so-called Chinese pearl necklace.

Despite the [latest contests](#) between Moscow and Tel Aviv, some military agreements still remain between Vladimir Putin and Yair Lapid, the current Israeli premier. Tel Aviv maintains Russia's endorsement to bomb areas of Syria where Hezbollah militias live and train, which also do not enjoy Turkish approval. Putting the axis in Lebanon and not in Iran allows to limit the [political costs](#) of jointly challenging the Russian Federation and Turkey, at a time when Israel is preparing to carry out, next November, the fifth election in less than four years, after the last dissolution of Parliament. Limiting oneself to an achievable and effective target, in this case Hezbollah, can be a good opportunity to declassify secret or modified documents, attentive to the needs of each specific

circumstance. There may be a time, say Israeli journalists consulted, when "new evidence can be discovered that will reinstate the operational culpability of the Iranians, if circumstances require it."

According to Comodoro Pro habitués, the disclosure of the Mossad documents will motivate by the UFI AMIA and the Supreme Court a staging of deep interest that will be progressively diluted once the news stops appearing on the front pages of newspapers, portals or television baseboards.

The Supreme Court has not rigorously processed an investigation for three decades that, if carried out decisively, would have prevented the collective crime of 1994. For its part, the UFI AMIA, currently controlled by an epigon of Nisman, Sebastián Basso, will continue to raise innocuous reports, aimed at justifying the squandering of a budget of more than 100 million pesos per year, to pretend a task that nobody executes in offices where thousands of files are stacked that no one examines or consults. Basso, consistent with that heritage, landed at the UFI AMIA after serving as a prosecutor in the courts of Morón, where he docked thanks to the recommendation of his relative, the former camerawoman [María Luisa Riva Aramayo](#), one of the accused of being part of the cover-up organized by Judge Juan José Galeano that led to the annulment of the instruction and its subsequent prosecution and conviction.

The negligence, incompetence and indolence of the Judicial Party overlap with the criminal act of both attacks. And their stale combination exposes the underlying problem: it is not the reports that foreign agencies may disclose or their intelligence operations that undermine trust in institutions. The dilemma lies in assuming that the judicial system does not fulfill the function for which it was designed, since it is dedicated to other tasks: outlawing political projects, protecting ideological partners or profiting from corporate advantages. The result is as painful as it is known: its effects cross the whole society, imposing a veil of distrust and impunity on everything that enters into its machinery of collusion, neglect and favors.



Sitting I wait: the four supremes, responsible for the cause of the attack on the Israeli Embassy.

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