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## **Steinitz ahead of nuclear talks: Iran is Israel's greatest threat, not ISIS or Hezbollah**

Israel is deeply concerned, Strategic Affairs Minister Yuval Steinitz said on Wednesday, on the eve of the new round of nuclear talks between the P5+1 group of world powers and Iran. Steinitz, who returned over the weekend from strategic dialogue in Washington that focused largely on Iran, said that the Iranians have shown "no real flexibility." The positions of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and nuclear negotiator Abbas Araqchi are no different than the positions of former president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and former chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili. "The only thing that has changed is the tone," Steinitz said. Steinitz also said that with the increased focus on the Islamic State, it is important for the international community to keep priorities correct, and "although it is important to defeat ISIS, if Iran gets nuclear weapons, it's a different world for decades. This is the main threat to global security and should be the priority," he relayed. Asked whether he came back from Washington more or less concerned, he answered "I went concerned and I came back concerned. I didn't hear anything that the Iranians had made concessions that gave me hope."