

The Reut Institute Update on Action and Impact January 2010

Introduction

Along with the full Reut Institute staff, the National Security team harnessed its efforts to support the [Israel 2021 conference](#) organized by Israel's leading financial newspaper, TheMarker, in cooperation with Reut. The conference dealt with the main issues facing the national agenda over the next decade, with the ultimate goal achieving social and economic leapfrogging.

In addition, Reut's bi-annual Organizational Seminar this month engaged all teams at Reut in a series of executive-led and peer-led forums designed to grapple with the most pressing issues facing the Reut Institute's organizational development.

The National Security team's efforts primarily focused on community engagement through Eran Shayshon's trip to Orange County, CA. In this one week visit, Eran addressed community leaders, activists and other community members. In addition to maintaining ongoing efforts with the Israeli government, additional areas of focus advanced projects in the San Francisco Bay Area and Reut efforts to convene a conference bringing together an activist network to combat the assault on Israel's legitimacy.

The team also met with elements from Israel's security and intelligence establishment for an update and debrief, and advanced efforts to assist Israel's foreign affairs establishment in their engagement with civil society.

Media coverage

Regional challenges/Palestinian arena

- 01/27/11 [Reuters](#): "The Israeli strategic community is praying that this unrest in Egypt will fade away and not escalate into a prolonged period of instability," said Gidi Grinstein, the founder and president of the respected Reut Institute think tank.
- 01/23/11 [Haaretz](#): One option is to adopt the concept advanced by the Reut Institute, under which Israel would upgrade the PA's political status and recognize it as an independent state within its existing borders.
- 01/21/11 [Haaretz](#): The emerging solution is to "upgrade the PA" – an idea that was put forward some years ago by the Reut Institute for Policy Planning...

The assault on Israel's legitimacy

- 01/24/11 [Jerusalem Post](#): Op-ed by analyst Daphna Kaufman – "... the Turkel Committee's too narrow mandate... ignores the wider and more important context: Israel faces a systemic and systematic assault on its political-economic model – a campaign to delegitimize it."

- 01/23/11 [Reuters](#): The Reut Institute think-tank that focuses on security and socio-economic issues says delegitimizers seek to negate Israel's right to exist, depicting it as "systematically, purposefully, and extensively cruel and inhumane, thus denying the moral legitimacy of its existence."
- 01/13/11 [Jerusalem Post](#): The Reut Institute, a Tel Aviv-based research and strategy organization that advises the government, has recommended that Israel lead a campaign to expose the Hamas presence in London...
- 01/05/11 [Jewish Journal](#): Some boycotters may believe that by participating in international boycotts, they are merely protesting a policy of the Israeli government, when, in fact, they are fueling what the Reut Institute has called the Delegitimization Network, a loosely aligned group of radical leftist organizations and individuals who seek to "negate Israel's right to exist."
- 01/01/11 [Jewish Chronicle](#): The Reut Institute identified London as the "Mecca" of delegitimation and urged supporters of Israel to make the British capital the centre of the fightback.