

Military leader worries about corruption

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JERUSALEM - A former Israeli military leader said government corruption is a greater threat to the future of the Jewish state than Iran's nuclear power.

Former Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told a conference on leadership Monday that he loses more sleep worrying about corruption than he does worrying about an Iranian bomb, The Jerusalem Post reported.

In addition to public officials, Ya'alon pointed the finger at the Israeli media, which he calls "mostly shallow, superficial, manipulative and not credible."

Others he sees as playing a secondary role in the corruption of society include those who use money to buy influence and power and "spin masters" who manipulate the media, the Post said.

Ya'alon also criticized Israel's Supreme Court saying it sometimes oversteps its bounds by exercising authority in areas where it has no responsibility.

The leadership conference he took part in was organized by a government watchdog group called the Movement for Quality Government.

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