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The public opinion widely penetrated inside Israel that the fighter squadron was not required any more. There was another unfavorable wind that threatened Israeli Air Force pilots. That was unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAV), so-called drones. Israel has sophisticated IT industry. They applied IT technology to the munitions industry, and

developed UCAVs which were far cheaper than jet fighters. UCAVs did not require a pilot at all.

Manned bombing by jet fighters was becoming rarely. Both senior pilots who had been heroes in the Middle East Wars but were instructors these days, and active pilots became more impatient. They thought that it was necessary to appeal the manned fighter squadron. Air Force personnel compelled government to approve the air-bombing plan against Iranian nuclear plant. One of old generals acknowledged that this mission could be the last manned bombing by Israeli air force.

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