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Star of David in Tehran square. 'Evil symbol'

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2nd Star of David 'uncovered' in Tehran

Satellite image shows symbol associated with Israel on roof of national airline building. Local media say structure built by Israeli engineers before revolution

Dudi Cohen

Iranian authorities once again 'hit' by past friendly relations with [Israel](#) : Images published Saturday by Iranian media outlets show a Star of David on the roof of the main national airline's building at the Tehran airport.

The satellite image was taken from the Google Earth service. According to the Iranian report, the Iran Air building was "built by Israeli engineers," who operated in the countries before the 1979 Islamic Revolution during the days of Shaa Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

"It's interesting that even 32 years after the victory of the revolution, this Zionist star symbol has yet to be removed from this building," a local news website wrote.

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The calls to remove the Star of David, which the Iranian authorities view as a symbol associated with Israel, were accompanied by local media reports on the close relations with Israel in the past, which were completely severed after the revolution.

According to the reports, since 1960 El Al planes used to regularly take off from the Tehran airport to Ben-Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. In addition, Israel sold weapons to the Shaa's army in exchange for oil, and Israeli experts trained their Iranian colleagues in the fields of agriculture

and trade.

This is not the first time a symbol associated with Judaism sparks a media row in [Iran](#). In August, a Star of David was spotted on one of the buildings in a main square in Tehran, which were accompanied by claims that "the Zionist regime is conquering the Revolution Square."

The square, which was redesigned as a dome, was covered with hundreds of Stars of David defined by Iranian media as "a symbol of evil standing in the center of strategic heart" of the Islamic Republic's capital.

One of the local news websites even wondered "whether this mistake stems from ignorance or indifference on the part of the artist who designed the square."

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