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Background

From September 2022 to July 2023, the State Comptroller's Office examined the Israel Defense Forces' (IDF) cyber defense of the Zik and Eitan UAV systems. The audit was conducted within the IDF, including the Air Force - specifically the Digital & Communications Department, the UAV Weapon Systems Department, the Technological Headquarters, and relevant UAV squadrons; the Cyber Defense Division of the Teleprocessing Directorate – within the Defense Division the UAV Directorate of the Directorate of Defense Research & Development (DDR&D – MAFAT) within the Ministry of Defense; and Israel Aerospace Industries. Meetings were also held with Elbit Systems, although it is not a formally audited entity.

According to Section 17(a) of the State Comptroller Law, 1958 [Consolidated Version], and considering the necessity, the subcommittee of the State Audit Committee decided not to present the audit report on this matter to the Knesset, nor to publish it.

