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**Case 06.2: Deadly Walls – Deadly Walls – Border
Security in Israel (short version)**

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(Short Version)

Israel has occupied a niche in the field of electronic border security technology, but above all in the field of drone technology, in which it can act as a "world market leader". This market leadership means: technological presence in the securing and sealing off of borders in territories where Islamist terrorist groups are trying to expand their sphere of power or ethnically persecuted freedom fighters are fighting for independence – as is the case in Kashmir or Myanmar. Above all, however, Israel uses its technological superiority to secure its own borders against hostile neighbors such as Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and against the Palestinian autonomous territories. The company Elbit Systems Ltd., for example, is currently building a fence that cuts over 40 meters into the ground on the border with Gaza. This is intended to prevent the construction of Palestinian tunnels, such as those that were tracked down and bombed by Israeli security forces in the past. The underground fence will follow the route of above-ground border security installations, some of which are still under construction. It reaches down to the water table and is intended to prevent Hamas fighters from advancing into Israeli territory at greater depths. A fence with electronic security systems has already been erected on the Sinai on the border with Egypt, and another one was constructed along the border with Lebanon and Syria on the Golan. Now a third, about 400km long fence, is being built on the border with Jordan. When all these facilities are completed, Israel will be surrounded to the north and east by fences or high walls with electronic border protection systems such as radar, cameras and motion detectors. Palestinian enclaves like the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Bethlehem are enclosed by concrete walls up to 10 meters high. The seaside in the west of Israel and along the Red Sea in the south are monitored by coastal radar and drones like the Heron reconnaissance drone.¹

¹ For references see the long version.

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