Gilad: Israel must support Jordan regime

Defense Ministry diplomatic-security chief Amos Gilad said Wednesday that Israel must do what it can to bolster the Jordanian regime.

Speaking at a security conference at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Gilad said that because Israel's security border runs between Jordan and Iraq, "the ability of Jordan to curb terrorism on its borders assists us in safeguarding our own national security. And therefore, we must strengthen and assist whenever possible the stability of the Jordanian regime."

Turning to Syria, he said that President Bashar Assad's fall could usher in a period of lawlessness: "You can not expect a democratic regime in Syria, and one can assume that following the downfall of Assad, Syria will turn into a chaotic country without an authority or leader."

He added that "thankfully there is a consensus in the international community regarding chemical weapons, and this is a line that even the Syrians are not crossing. Israel will not permit it."