Will Trump lose control? First polls open in US Midterms

written by Ruth Pines-Feldman | 03.11.2026

Ruth Pines-Feldman: A Republican defeat could even accelerate an American decision to take military action against Iran.

The period between Election Day and the swearing-in of the new Congress on January 3, 2027, could provide Trump with an opportunity to act before a potentially less cooperative legislature takes office.

However any decision would depend on strategic considerations and domestic political calculations, rather than election results alone.

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Trump risks losing leverage over Iran as midterms approach

written by Prof. Zaki Shalom | 03.11.2026

Prof. Zaki Shalom: The president’s inconsistent policies and repeated shifts

between military threats and negotiations have undermined public confidence in his leadership.

His biggest mistake was the constant reversals and lack of credibility," Shalom said. "Moving toward military action, stopping, shifting to negotiations, then moving toward military action again, stopping and negotiating. The public doesn't like that. It prefers a determined leader, even if that means paying more at the gas pump.

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Netanyahu Signals Possible New Iran Strikes After Israel Vote

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 03.11.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: Netanyahu's continued tenure meant war would return soon. The winter is coming, which means the attacking U.S. knocking on the door. It's a matter of time but not a long period of time, probably two weeks.

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Israel ‘Will Not Agree, Under Any Circumstances, to the Establishment of a Palestinian State’

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 03.11.2026

Meir Ben Shabbat: The United States is Israel’s most important ally, and it has played a central role in the achievements of the war and in efforts to shape the regional reality that follows it. Nevertheless, there is a danger in an approach that seeks to predetermine the political outcome of the war before its security objectives have been achieved. United Nations Security Council Resolution 2803, which adopted the framework of President Donald Trump’s plan for Gaza, refers to the possibility of the Palestinian Authority returning to govern the Strip after reforms, and even to opening a pathway to a Palestinian state. For Israel, these are not merely matters of diplomatic wording. They could create a process in which international pressure replaces the demand for genuine change.

Israel must make clear that it will not agree to transferring security responsibility in Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or any variation of it—and certainly will not agree, under any circumstances, to the establishment of a Palestinian state. Precisely because the United States and Israel are close allies, they need an honest dialogue in which Israel presents the lessons of October 7 and the red lines that follow.

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Israel’s Post-Election Landscape: Deadlock & Security Challenges

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 03.11.2026

Ruth Wasserman Lande analyzes the Israeli election results, highlighting Benjamin Netanyahu’s stronger-than-expected performance, a divided electorate, and high voter turnout among Arab-Israeli citizens.

She also addresses the coalition building process, explaining that while Netanyahu remains transitional prime minister with reduced authority, pressing security challenges underscore the need for a unity government.

The full interview took place on Sky News UK on October 28, 2026.

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Unity as a Shield: Elections and Regional Realities

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 03.11.2026
Ruth Wasserman Lande emphasizes the paramount importance of national unity in confronting external threats, stressing that internal political differences must not divide or weaken the country.

She also analyzes regional perceptions of Israel's elections across the Arab world and Gulf states, while highlighting the strong commitment of Israelis flying home to vote.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on October 26, 2026.

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Amir Kabiri: The businessman behind Israel's influence network in Bosnia

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 03.11.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael describes the relationship with Republika Srpska as "warm and pragmatic," while identifying Serbia as Israel's most important military, industrial and economic partner in the Balkans. From this perspective, the

Bosnian Serbs' value lies in the entity's political position within a state deeply divided over Palestine and relations with the occupation.

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Haredi Military Draft Dispute Looms Over Israel's Elections

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 03.11.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: The war following the Oct. 7 attacks had made the issue more sensitive, as pressure on Israel's regular and reserve forces continued. Conscripting Haredi men, could help broaden the pool of personnel available to the military.

The difficulty of reaching a compromise to the growing political influence of the Haredim. Their parliamentary strength, had enhanced their leaders' ability to shape coalition decisions, including legislation on military conscription.

The dispute over Haredi conscription had moved beyond the traditional left-right divide and became a determining factor in coalition formation and political stability.

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Saudi Arabia's Strategic Limbo

Facing Houthi Escalation

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 03.11.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael analyzes Saudi Arabia's strategic struggle to counter escalating Houthi attacks on its critical infrastructure and international airports despite its massive military budget.

He attributes this incapacity to Saudi Arabia's fragmented security establishment, a shortage of qualified personnel, and a desire to avoid direct military escalation with Iran.

The full interview took place on NewsX World on October 22, 2026.

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Confronting Iran: Economic Pressure & Strategic Alliances

written by Asher Fredman | 03.11.2026

Asher Fredman explains that lasting stability in the Middle East requires comprehensively confronting Iran's nuclear ambitions, missile program, and regional terror proxies through sustained economic pressure rather than short-term, temporary deals.

He stresses that achieving true regional security will ultimately depend on either a fundamental transformation in the Iranian regime's behavior or its leadership, supported by military deterrence and a growing strategic defense alliance among the US, Israel, and Gulf partners.

The interview took place on the AnewZ channel on October 22, 2026.

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