Impact of Decapitating Hamas Leadership

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.05.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael discusses the significant impact of the IDF's targeted killings of senior Hamas leaders, explaining how the loss of experienced commanders degrades the organization's military capabilities and command structure.

He argues that these accumulated losses, combined with continued IDF operations in Gaza, are essential for successfully dismantling Hamas and ensuring the long-term demilitarization of the strip.

The full interview took place on Channel I24 on May 27, 2026.

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Who is Mohammad Dahlan, exiled security chief the Shin Bet chief allegedly met with?

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.05.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: Israel perceives Dahlan as pragmatic, as responsible, reasonable, and Israel wants to see Dahlan in an effective position, even if he was less certain that Palestinians felt the same.

Any sort of contact, negotiation, [or] cooperation with him is a finger in the eye of Abu Mazen (Abbas) and the Palestinian Authority, and maybe this government has an intention to do that, maybe they do it deliberately… maybe they want to weaken Abu Mazen – they want to weaken the Palestinian Authority, evidencing that there was no other reason he could conceive why Israeli media would be

handed such a story.

Originally from the Gaza Strip, Dahlan lacks support in the West Bank. Israel sees that there are some factions that are competing with each other in the West Bank, and maybe Israel is a bit worried about a chaotic situation.

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Trump's Vision: A New Regional Architecture for the Middle East

written by Asher Fredman | 27.05.2026

Asher Fredman explains that President Trump aims to establish a broad regional architecture based on military alliances, trade corridors like IMEC, and

technological cooperation rather than just simple bilateral agreements.

He suggests that Trump may pursue practical steps toward normalization, such as trade and dialogue, while noting that the Saudi demand for a Palestinian state is losing credibility due to internal Palestinian instability and divisions.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on May 25, 2026.

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US-Iran Deadlock: Psychological Warfare and Unbridgeable Gaps

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.05.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael argues that reports regarding US-Iran negotiations are often tools of psychological warfare and that the fundamental gaps between the two sides remain unbridgeable.

He suggests that while President Trump's contradictory statements aim to pressure and confuse Iran, the lack of actual progress on core demands makes military escalation more probable than a signed agreement.

The full interview took place on NewsX World on May 25, 2026.

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Trump-Netanyahu public ‘rift’ masked unified front against Iran

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.05.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: Neither President Trump nor Prime Minister Netanyahu has any interest in any crisis, but by leaking the story of a crisis between Trump and Netanyahu, the Iranians might find themselves surprised by the timing of the next military attack.

The leak created a sense of disagreement between the two leaders and positions Trump as the leader who gives another chance to the diplomatic path despite the pressures of Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Trump understands who the Iranians are.

Netanyahu’s last post about his last conversation with Trump can be understood as the ultimate closure to this deception and any accusations.

However, that skepticism remained in Jerusalem over whether the gaps between the U.S. and Iran will be bridged, or whether Trump will accept the Iranian position.

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Nuclear Negotiations, US-Israel Relations, and Regional Conflict

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.05.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael expresses skepticism regarding a potential nuclear agreement between the U.S. and Iran, citing internal Iranian factions and predicting a higher probability of a resumed military campaign over successful negotiations.

He also addresses the tensions in Israel-U.S. relations and defends Israeli military actions in Lebanon, arguing that Hezbollah's use of civilian infrastructure like hospitals as human shields renders them legitimate military targets under international law.

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

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Trump's Iran Strategy: Diplomacy, Legitimacy, and the Path to Military Action

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.05.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael explains that President Trump is leveraging diplomacy to build domestic and international legitimacy for potential military action intended to weaken the Iranian regime and its regional proxies.

He also highlights the limitations of the current security buffer in Lebanon, asserting that a more aggressive military doctrine will be required to effectively eliminate threats north of the Litani river.

The full interview took place on ILTV on May 20, 2026.

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How lies become weapons in mainstream reporting

written by Olga Deutsch | 27.05.2026

Olga Deutsch: some of the most consequential battles of this era are waged far from any frontline. They unfold in newspaper columns, NGO briefings, aid

networks, courtrooms, and the language of human rights – places where falsehood can travel faster than evidence and accusation can outrun accountability. The ultimate weapon that we have is facts and figures.

What is being waged against Israel and against Jews is not a marginal public-relations problem but the political warfare against the Jewish people and the State of Israel, a campaign designed to complement the physical war, reshape public opinion, and muddy the moral categories by which violence is judged.

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Countering Strategic Threats and

Institutional Sabotage

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 27.05.2026
Ruth Wasserman Lande explains that the U.S. aims to restore its global hegemony by countering Chinese economic influence and securing strategic trade routes while maintaining pressure on the Iranian regime.

She also warns of the “sabotage” of Western institutions through infiltration by extremist foreign interests and advocates for legislation to protect democratic values from these influences.

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U.S. Official to MBN: Repealing Lebanon’s Israel Boycott Law Would Enhance Trust

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.05.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael: Hezbollah fighters no longer operate in direct proximity to Israeli troops, and areas under Israeli control no longer contain Shiite communities that previously provided operational access.

The fact that they are carefully monitored by the IDF they are not able to reach physically to the soldier. Any such operations, would more likely target Israelis or Jews abroad — though carrying them out today would be significantly more difficult.

Hezbollah’s return to its Iranian identity underscores a larger strategic reality: Lebanon’s Hezbollah problem cannot be separated from Iran itself.

Ultimately weakening Hezbollah means weakening Iran.

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