

Trump may offer Israel direct support for strikes on Iran's nuclear sites

written by Prof. Zaki Shalom | 18.06.2025

Prof. Zaki Shalom: There is a good chance that the United States would be willing to undertake a strike against Fordow.

Israel needs American involvement in the war with B2 bombers, which can carry bombs of about 14 tonnes.

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U.S. Intervention in Iran a 'Bonus, not Necessity' for Israel

written by Ruth Pines-Feldman | 18.06.2025

Ruth Pines Feldman: The American public's opinion is divided on the matter. Some are "very skeptical and critical of the establishment and remember how in Iraq the justification for war was false. That segment fears that they're being led into war for others' interests: Trump's, Israel's, or economic ones.

On the other hand, a significant part of the American public sees this as an opportunity to boost American standing "and say to rivals like China and Russia, 'don't mess with us or our allies.'" Joining the attacks would signal to other Middle East countries "that it's in their best interest to be an ally of the U.S.

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The War Ends When the Threat Ends

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 18.06.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: The war needs to end when Iran is completely void of the ability to pose a strategic threat to Israel. That includes nuclear capability, ballistic missiles, long-range precision weapons, and the ability to export terrorism and everything that that entails.

This will not get rid of all the knowledge, but it will make other experts think carefully about whether they want to be involved in projects that shorten their lifespan.

The operation was planned by Israel to reach its goal using only Israeli forces. If the US chooses to join, it will certainly make things easier. But Israel is right to avoid telling the American administration what to do.

Once Israel has achieved complete freedom of action in Iran's skies, this effort becomes much easier. For now, the only weapon Iran is using against Israel is its ballistic missiles, but those are not unlimited. Iran has other weapons, but they don't compare.

The geographic distance that was once a challenge for Israel has become an advantage,. This creates a clear strategic asymmetry in Israel's favor.

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Israel should not agree to stopping the operations for talks

written by Dr. Raphael BenLevi | 18.06.2025

Dr. Raphael BenLevi on i24: Iran may want to have talks now, but it had its chance for negotiations. Israel should not agree to stopping the operations for talks, even if Iran says it will be more flexible on its positions on enrichment. Israel didn't wait twenty years to have this operation just to stop short of complete dismantlement. That would be October 6th thinking. Now Israel is acting to end threats decisively.

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Beyond Politics: A Fight for Our Lives

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 18.06.2025

Ruth Wasserman Lande: We do not have a choice when it comes to the long-term reality of running to shelters. This is our country. This is our safe haven. As a mother, I have no choice but to do everything to protect my children. That means eliminating the threat posed by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Iran has clearly and openly declared its intention to destroy my country and all of my people. There are proper plans in place for the complete annihilation of my country—using nuclear power, massive rocket barrages, and by weaponizing proxies throughout the region.

We don't enjoy running to safe rooms. No one does. It causes stress and fear. But we must take care of ourselves. This isn't about politics. It doesn't matter if you're left or right. This is about the safety of our country and our lives.

The interview took place on TalkTV on June 16, 2025.

No Choice but to Defend Ourselves

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 18.06.2025

Ruth Wasserman Lande : The Iranian regime is deliberately targeting Israeli civilians rather than military facilities. Their attacks lack precision and are aimed at densely populated cities, city centers, and blocks of flats. These assaults have already resulted in numerous deaths and many wounded.

The impact is felt by all citizens of Israel—Christians, Muslims, Jews, and foreign

workers alike. She specifically mentioned “an entire Muslim family wiped out in Tamra” and “a Christian family killed in Hifur.

The interview took place on TalkTV, 16 June, 2025.

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Behind Closed Doors: Regional Support for Israel

written by Asher Fredman | 18.06.2025

Asher Fredman: Messaging regarding Iran is divided between official and private channels. There is a clear distinction between the public statements made by countries in the region—particularly Gulf States—and the private communications received behind the scenes. Officially, these nations express concern about Israel’s strikes on Iran. Privately, however, individuals often convey strong support for Israel’s actions.

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The interview took place on Channel I24, 16 June 16, 2025.

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Long overdue and urgent

written by David M. Weinberg | 18.06.2025

David M. Weinberg: In a short briefing for MIFF, the Scandinavian pro-Israel lobby: Elimination of the Iranian threat to Israel was long overdue and urgent.

Long overdue - given Hamas, Hezbollah, and Houthi assaults on Israel; Iran's two massive missile assaults on Israel over the past year; and Iran's three-decade long ballistic missile and nuclear buildups and its explicit intent to use them to destroy Israel.

Urgent - because over the past year and especially in recent months Iran moved to near nuclear breakout including enrichment of uranium to military bomb levels and actual weaponization. (In this latter regard, note the unprecedented IAEA denunciation of Iran just four days ago.)

Key targets are:

1. Degrading Iran's nuclear weapons program
2. Dismantling Iran's ballistic missile arsenal
3. Eliminating Iran's ground assault capabilities against Israel
4. Establishing conditions for a diplomatic arrangement that prevents Iran from ever developing a military nuclear capability.

A short briefing for MIFF, the Scandinavian pro-Israel lobby. 14 June, 2025.

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Is Saudi-Israel normalization still on track?

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 18.06.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: Saudi Arabia's fundamental interest in establishing relations

with Israel has not changed. It will be difficult for it to do so while a war is ongoing, but that doesn't mean it has backed away from this goal.

Saudi Arabia's strategic calculus is shaped not only by its national interests but also by a shared desire to see Hamas, and by extension the Muslim Brotherhood, eliminated as a regional force. Even if it does not declare it publicly, Saudi Arabia certainly wants Israel to defeat Hamas.

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Iran's Strategic Fragility Revealed

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 18.06.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: Iran is in a very problematic strategic position very

vulnerable, very fragile country. for decades they tried to shape their image as the hegemonic power here in the Middle East and they dared to threaten not only Israel but even superpowers like the United States of America. I think that now Everybody finds out that there is a very embarrassing gap between Iran that we thought it is and the Iran that we see now. They will continue making their efforts in order to retaliate. They prepare themselves for a long war or at least of some weeks forward and therefore they want to keep their capacities to retaliate in each day otherwise they will be in a reimbursing situation.

The interview took place on Channel I24 on June 15, 2025.

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