

Israel Says UN Peacekeepers in Lebanon Are Serving as Hezbollah's Human Shields

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 15.11.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: UNIFIL has allowed Hezbollah to fortify itself. It builds its structures beneath the eyes of UNIFIL inspectors, beneath U.N. posts. They're an obstacle from Israel's point of view.

Hezbollah can launch their rockets and operate military compounds knowing Israel has difficulty attacking [them] because of their closeness to UNIFIL posts. Guterres, the U.N. secretary-general, won't pull out UNIFIL even temporarily to allow the IDF to "clean" the area.

To the contrary, he insists on leaving the posts there to prevent the IDF from cleaning the area.

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Where Is It All Going? Mixed Messages From Israel-Lebanon War

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Prof. Kobi Michael: Israel would not withdraw from Lebanon until the Lebanese military and the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon can effectively restrain Hezbollah.

Israel will continue to strike at strategic assets of Hezbollah until an agreement is reached.

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Hezbollah may be more motivated to strike Jewish targets in Latin America

written by Dr. Yossi Mansharof | 15.11.2024

Dr. Yossi Mansharof: Hezbollah always has the motivation to attack Jewish sites around the world, but may be increasingly motivated to do so now. If Hezbollah thinks they are moving away from the eyes of the CIA and the Mossad, they'll go for it.

Hezbollah will need to launch a major fundraising effort to try to rebuild the biggest project in its history after receiving its worst blow since its establishment in 1982. They need billions of dollars that Iran can't give them because they are in an economic crisis.

Latin America is an easy place for Hezbollah to raise and move funds despite sanctions. There's a problem in Argentina. Even when there are sanctions, Hezbollah manages to circumvent them. They need a very strong effort ... to enforce sanctions and make arrests.

Hezbollah will make sure that the large Shi'ite community in Latin America will remain loyal. They will feed propaganda to preserve the base ... They need to make it look like they won.

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Enthusiasm in Jerusalem as Trump national security team takes shape

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 15.11.2024

Meir Ben Shabbat: Trump and his people understand well that weakness invites evil. The Iranians interpreted the Biden administration's diplomatic approach as

weakness and were increasingly bold in their aggression.

Trump said “I’m not going to start wars, I’m going to stop wars,” but was optimistic that Trump and his nominees “understand what the end has to look like” and will “help it with the necessary means and support to shorten the war and reach a clear result.

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Israel close to depopulating north Gaza, military sources say

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 15.11.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael:

It is an effort to dismantle the last and most effective Hamas centre of gravity as a

functioning governmental and military entity.

Once it will fall there will be no Hamas as an organised formation and this will be the beginning of the end of the war in its current form.

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In Trump, Netanyahu Sees a More Favorable U.S. President

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 15.11.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: I think Netanyahu prefers the unpredictability of Trump over Harris. But there's a degree of wishful thinking because Trump can easily turn on us in seconds.

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Trump's recent election victory and what it could mean for Israel

written by Asher Fredman | 15.11.2024

Asher Fredman discusses Trump's recent election victory and what it could mean for Israel. How might US-Israel relations be impacted? Catch the full analysis!

The interview took place on the I24 channel in English on November 6, 2024.

Why Hamas cannot be left on its feet

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 15.11.2024

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Hamas is again refusing to free hostages. In this Daily Briefing, Ruth Wasserman Lande explains why Hamas cannot be left on its feet.

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Expert: U.S. election unlikely to ‘dramatically’ influence Israel policy

written by Prof. Zaki Shalom | 15.11.2024

Prof. Zaki Shalom: When you look at what happened in the last year, there were ups and downs. Yes, there were disagreements and embarrassing moments. However, you see that Israel has done what it wanted to do.

For example, while the United States opposed the entry of Israeli soldiers into Gaza, Israel proceeded. The U.S. also opposed the capture of Gaza hospitals, yet Israel captured them. America requested that Israel not enter Rafah, but Israel did. The U.S. further opposed an Israeli attack on Iran, which was ultimately carried out by American forces.

I don't belong to those who think there is going to be a dramatic change if the winner is going to be [former U.S. President Donald] Trump or [Vice President Kamala] Harris. It all depends on us, on our unity in Israel, on our resilience, on our standing, and on what we want to do.

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Israel is at a crossroads in Gaza

written by Moshe Fuzaylov | 15.11.2024

Moshe Fuzaylov: Defeating Hamas is a prerequisite for regional stability. Israel needs to act for a clear and unequivocal defeat of Hamas, during which the IDF will control the territories of the Strip, cleanse the area of terror centers, and transfer security responsibility to the IDF, via its Civil Administration, or to partner mediators. This is a critical condition for the process of defeating Hamas. IDF management will enable us to control the civilian power centers, and ensure that Hamas cannot recruit renewed support among the local population.

Prof. Col. (res.) Gabi Siboni: Expectations of an imminent end to combat in general in Gaza are unrealistic. I just want to remind us all that we have been fighting in Judea and Samaria since 2002, and we are still fighting, and probably in Gaza, we will fight for decades ahead.

The Israeli government's goals are very clear: one, the destruction of Hamas, both civilian governance and military capabilities; two, creating conditions for the

return of the hostages; and three, preventing Gaza from becoming a renewed threat to Israel.

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