

# Regional Dynamics and Strategic Challenges: Perspectives on Syria, Iran, Turkey, and Hamas

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 11.12.2024

Asher Fredman: Syria's alliance with Iran and Russia has been essential for their regional dominance. Russia's support prolonged Assad's regime, and a swift fall could have exposed further evidence of their involvement. Financially, much of Assad's regime assets are likely hidden under his and his wife's names in foreign accounts.

Ruth Wasserman Lande: Two primary concerns arise regarding Iran. First, it may accelerate its nuclear ambitions to regain regional influence after losing key allies like Assad, Hezbollah, and Hamas. Second, despite ongoing tensions, Iran continues to transfer weapons through established networks, perpetuating the threat.

The interview took place on the I24 channel on December 11, 2024.

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## Israel Can 'Completely Destroy Enemy Army Without War' Through Syria Control

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 11.12.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: The territory guarantees strategic control over the whole southern Syrian arena, which generates an immediate threat to Israel. There is no higher vantage point than the Syrian part of the Golan.

Power in Syria is now de-centralized, with the country fragmented between

several groups, most of them extreme Islamist, potentially posing a new array of threats to Israel.

Israel is not looking to apply sovereignty to the buffer zone, but rather to militarily control the area in order to prevent danger under conditions of instability.

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## **‘Israel must reorganize presence on Golan Heights’**

written by Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser | 11.12.2024

Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser: The logic standing behind the establishment of the Pereh Unit is to enable significant improvement of the area defense in the Golan Heights, on the basis of quality reserve personnel residing in the region, and this under the area division [Division 210].”

This is part of the drawing of lessons from the October 7 attack, during which there was a significant shortage of skilled fighters mainly in the first hours, and the transition from routine to emergency was very problematic.

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# Fatah Spokesperson reiterates Genocide Claim

written by Gilad Erdan | 11.12.2024

Gilad Erdan: The report is a prime example of the international campaign which shares the same goal as Hamas—the elimination of the state of Israel. Most countries who understand the threat of radical terror will reject Amnesty’s absurd accusations. However, the report may give Hamas further hope that it will be able to hold out and survive ... increasing civilian suffering and decreasing the chances of a hostage deal.

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# **Israel cares far more about civilians in Gaza, than Hamas**

written by Arsen Ostrovsky | 11.12.2024

The real genocide occurred on Oct 7th in southern Israel, not in the IDF's response, which has gone above & beyond requirements of international law. In fact, Israel cares far more about civilians in Gaza, than Hamas. This makes the Amnesty International report all the more outrageous!

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# **UNRWA is not a real aid agency and isn't helping Gazans**

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 11.12.2024

UNRWA only sent a fraction of the total Gaza aid, 6.3%. Citizen Spokeswoman, Ruth Wasserman Lande explains that UNRWA is not a real aid agency and isn't helping Gazans.

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# Renewed Fighting in Syria Puts at Risk Trump's Hope of Pacifying the Globe

written by Dr. Yossi Mansharof | 11.12.2024

Dr. Yossi Mansharof: America's initial, fatal mistake was President Obama's reluctance to enforce his own red line on the use of chemical weapons in that conflict. Now the Russians and Iranians are there, as are the Turks, and the West has little to do in Syria.

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## Rebels in Syria take advantage of Israel's successes against a weakened Iran axis

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 11.12.2024

Meir Ben-Shabbat: From Israel's perspective, the most urgent thing is to ensure that Tehran does not exploit the renewal of the civil war for its own needs, to smuggle weapons, to consolidate forces and capabilities. Beyond that, Israel must ensure that the renewal of fighting in the southern Syrian Golan Heights does not spill over into our territory," he continued, adding that Israel's core interest is that Hezbollah, the Shiite militias, and Iranian elements be eliminated from the civil war in Syria.

Israel needs to take advantage of the new reality in Syria to act more decisively and firmly than before to push Iran and its proxies out of this country.

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# Confronting Antisemitism in Academic Institutions

written by Arsen Ostrovsky | 11.12.2024

Arsen Ostrovsky discussing the horrific scenes from the Oxford University debate on Israel, his views on Canada following his recent visit there, where he met with Parliamentarians, Jewish community leaders and students, as well as views on state of antisemitism in the U.S., following the election of Donald Trump.

The interview took place on I24 on December 1, 2024.

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# Is the Lebanon ceasefire bad for Israel?

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 11.12.2024

Ruth Wasserman Lande: This is not a good deal; it's a very, very bad deal. The question is, how does one choose between two bad options? Are we going to receive more weapons and much-needed ammunition from the United States of America because of the deal or as a result of the deal? The answer is yes. Will our army get some respite, as the Prime Minister suggested? In a manner of speaking, one could say so, although our military still maintains a very strong presence in southern Lebanon for the next 60 days to ensure that everything proceeds as planned.

The full interview took place on Channel I24 on November 27, 2024.