

Massive Attack from Houthis - Is US Policy Working?

written by Noa Lazimi | 23.04.2025

Noa Lazimi reviews the recent developments with the Houthi terror group in Yemen. She discusses the impact that the US airstrikes have had on their infrastructure and the possibility of a ground incursion led by the Yemeni Government to combat the massive strike executed by the Houthis. Noa explains what the general policy has been towards the Houthis and whether things need to change moving forward. She also addresses the other regional threats and how they connect to the terror group in Yemen and the interests of the United States and Israel.

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Macron's Middle East 'grandstanding' will backfire

written by David M. Weinberg | 23.04.2025

David M. Weinberg: After all, the insistence on Palestinian statehood—after 30 years of Oslo process failures and the Oct. 7 attacks—flies in the face of logic, justice, history, and basic security realities.

The Palestinian national movement, Fatah and Hamas wings alike, largely have shown themselves to be committed to Israel's debilitation and destruction, not to a peaceful two-state solution.

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Lebanon claims it is replacing Hezbollah in the south

written by Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai | 23.04.2025

Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai: Statements by Lebanese officials and the activities of the Lebanese army are unequivocally an achievement for Israel.

The weakness of the Lebanese army, the IDF cannot rely on it and must back it up with its own parallel defense— mainly through detailed intelligence monitoring and targeted thwarting of any violation not only in Southern Lebanon but also [deep] within it, including at sea and air ports.

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US strikes hit Houthis hard, but a broader coalition is needed

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 23.04.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: The Houthi's military capability has been damaged but not yet eliminated. More time and effort—complementary to the military effort—will be required to bring about their disintegration from most of their capabilities in a more significant way.

The American effort must be assisted by social-political efforts within Yemen itself.

These efforts should be aimed at weakening and fragmenting the Houthis and

their regime in northern Yemen, he said, "to assist the government of southern Yemen in cooperation with tribes rival to the Houthi tribes in northern Yemen to regain effective control of the area, alongside the military effort."

It does not exist in the kinetic context. it does exist in the intelligence context and perhaps in assisting thought and consultations in the political context. The U.S. coordinates and updates, but acts quite independently and very much prefers that there be no Israeli involvement, which can only complicate matters.

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Israeli Leaders Privately Hope for

Failure of Trump Negotiations With Iran

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 23.04.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: Israel was beginning to doubt Trump's determination vis a vis Iran. I don't think prime minister Netanyahu believes that negotiations with Iran can lead to a successful agreement that will prevent Iran from advancing its military nuclear capabilities.

At the same time, I think the prime minister is very concerned about the skillful negotiating capabilities of Iran and the possibility that Israel might find itself in a dangerous strategic stalemate with regard to Iran's military nuclear capabilities.

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Gaza's civilians are caught between Israel and Hamas

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 23.04.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: An uprising against Hamas could be a way to avoid a full Israeli occupation of Gaza.

Occupation is the more probable scenario, unless the protesters reach 100,000 which would be a tipping point to convince Hamas to accept the Witkoff proposal.

Israel's increased military pressure was to force Hamas to not only free the remaining hostages it seized during the October 7, 2023 attack that triggered the war, but to also lay down its arms and for its leaders to leave Gaza. However, he sees "no indication" that Hamas would agree to this.

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Exclusive: Israel hit Syrian bases scoped by Turkey, hinting at regional showdown, sources say

written by Noa Lazimi | 23.04.2025

Noa Lazimi: The base would enable Turkey to establish air superiority in this area, and this poses a serious concern for Israel because it undermines its operational freedom in the region.

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Now is the time to destroy the Iranian threat

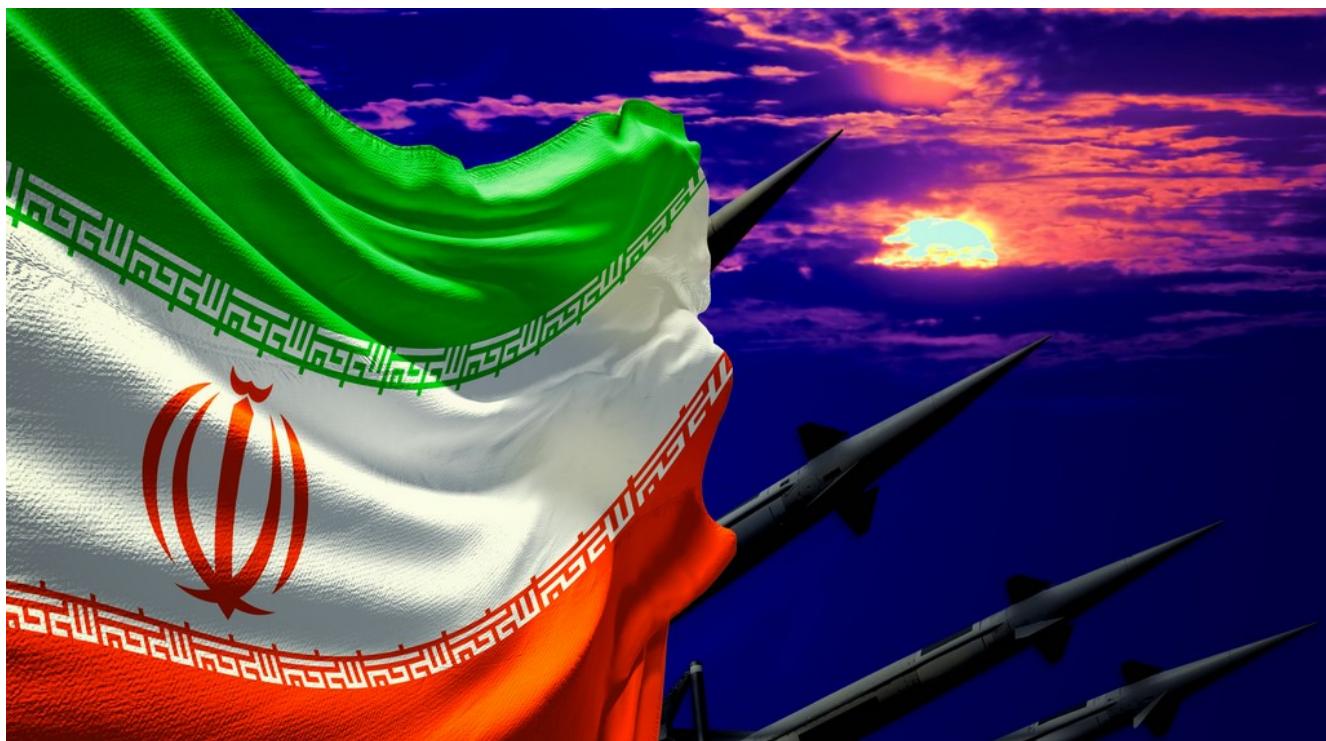
written by Dr. Yossi Mansharof | 23.04.2025

Dr. Yossi Mansharof: Trump wants Tehran to negotiate seeks to bring Iran to a point where the regime understands that the nuclear program not only fails to advance its goals but actually endangers it and Iran's national security.

That being said Trump has made it clear that if Iran does not respond to his offer to negotiate, the U.S. itself will attack Iran.

I believe Trump wants to make Iran understand that continuing the current course—progress in the nuclear program, regional entrenchment, sponsoring Iran's proxy network and developing the missile program—will harm the regime, and therefore, it would be in Iran's own interest to reach an agreement with the U.S. in these three areas.

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Morag Corridor aims to 'break connection' between Rafah and Khan Younis

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 23.04.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: While the goal of the corridors might appear to be simply to divide Gaza into three areas, the move is part of a wider strategy that prepares Israel for the full occupation of Gaza in the event that Hamas does not agree to its terms for ending the war.

Israel is preparing for a full occupation of the Gaza Strip. This is the only way forward if negotiations fail to dismantle Hamas's sovereignty in Gaza.

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Majority of civilians in Gaza have left Rafah, Israeli military confirms

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 23.04.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: The control of the civilian population according to the principles of international law in time of war must be the control of the military commander.

The current hybrid structure involving the Coordinator for Government Activities in the Territories Unit, which belongs to the Israeli Ministry of Defense but is staffed by soldiers, remains untenable.

This entire entity called COGAT has to undergo a process of [becoming] a civilian entity, and subordination to the Ministry of Defense. It should not be part of the army.

During wartime, there must be a clear distinction between an IDF military government and the Civil Administration [a part of COGAT]. In our writings and comments, when we discuss the need for a military government as a need, it is as an organizational expression of the third aspect of military doctrine: control [over territory].

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