Trump, Iran and the Battle Over Time

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 25.03.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael explains that Israel and the United States are pursuing parallel military and diplomatic tracks against Iran, with Trump reopening negotiations without halting ongoing strikes.

He argues that Iran's core strategy is to gain time, increase pressure via threats to energy infrastructure and the Hormuz Strait, survive Western pressure, and emerge from the war still in power with the ability to rebuild its capabilities, warning that a failed negotiation could trigger a far more intense phase of the war.

The interview took place on Channel I24 on March 25, 2026.

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Fallout from Iranian strike on Dimona plant would be symbolic, not radioactive

written by Prof. Zaki Shalom | 25.03.2026
Prof. Zaki Shalom: The primary significance of a strike on the reactor would not lie in physical danger, but in a major psychological and symbolic achievement for Iran.

If such a sensitive security site were damaged, even minimally, it can be assumed that Israel would need to respond in an exceptional manner. It would not be able to suffice with a parallel strike on nuclear sites in Iran, since it is already doing so

in any case.

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The Strategic Calculus of Mediation: Weakening the Iranian Regime and Hezbollah

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 25.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael analyzes the strategic goals of mediating the war with Iran, specifically the removal of enriched uranium and the termination of proxy support, while expressing deep skepticism regarding the regime's cooperation

He emphasizes that the success of these efforts is vital for weakening Hezbollah and fostering a unique opportunity for normalization with a Lebanese government that now views the group as an enemy

The full interview took place on Chai FM on March 24, 2026.

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Trump's moment of decision: force Iran's surrender or squander a historic opening

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 25.03.2026

With US-Iran talks unfolding under live fire, Washington must extract ironclad commitments on nuclear disarmament, missile limits, and economic pressure – or risk watching the regime recover.

Pentagon to Deploy 82nd Airborne to Middle East

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 25.03.2026

Meir Ben Shabbat: Washington's first objective in any arrangement with Iran must be to prevent the regime from recovering quickly. Any agreement should include sanctions and diplomatic isolation of Iran, as well as removal and destruction of the enriched uranium, but also a ban on enrichment at any level on Iranian soil.

Trump put something on the table as a theoretical, it got exactly the desired end state which is, the attempt at negotiations would serve multiple purposes, not least of which is it demonstrates his willingness to pursue a negotiated diplomatic settlement. At the same time, strikes continue.

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How is the Iran war impacting Gaza?

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 25.03.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael noted that despite Israeli control over Gaza's borders, Iran was still giving significant aid to Hamas. Even recently, the Iranians were trying to smuggle weapons and money to the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and to Hamas

abroad. Hamas understands that if this regime collapses or is weakened to the degree that it will not be able to continue supporting Hamas, they are in big trouble. The assault on Iran was explicitly designed to target this infrastructure, with multiple IRGC commanders responsible for collaboration with Palestinian terror groups being neutralized in the early days of the campaign. Outlining the strategic intent behind destroying these networks, U.S. President Donald Trump explained in a briefing in early March that the military campaign ensures that the Iranian regime cannot continue to arm, fund, and direct terrorist armies outside of their borders.

The full interview was published in JNS on March 22, 2026.

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The Lebanon Campaign: Military Goals and a New Political Horizon

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 25.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael explains that the IDF aims to remove Hezbollah from Southern Lebanon to establish a “political horizon” of mutual recognition and potential peace with the Lebanese government.

He further details the conflict’s transition into an “energy war” against national infrastructure, emphasizing the necessity of American pressure and support to effectively weaken Hezbollah and Iranian influence.

The interview took place on ILTV on March 19, 2026.

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Iran’s supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei ‘misfunctioning,’ not controlling regime

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 25.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: The new leader is an empty entity. Mojtaba Khamenei does not appear in public, but we also have reliable information that he does not control or lead the regime or what has been left of the regime.

The current Iranian leadership is broken, confused and is almost misfunctioning.

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Iran Tried To Drive Wedge Between Israel, Muslim World – It May Be Doing The Exact Opposite

written by Asher Fredman | 25.03.2026

Asher Fredman: If you look at the numbers, trade between Israel and Morocco, the UAE, Bahrain — even Egypt and Jordan — is up across the board.

Instability in the Strait of Hormuz has renewed interest in the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), a proposed overland trade route connecting India to Europe through Gulf states, Jordan, and Israel. As maritime

insurance goes up and uncertainty grows, the economic case for this overland route grows as well.

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How Israel Is Helping Iran's Opposition

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 25.03.2026

Meir Ben Shabbat: The idea is that the internal struggle that is supposed to bring about regime change will occur when the regime has been battered and destabilized, its command-and-control system reduced to only partial functioning, its mechanisms of repression damaged, its legitimacy at a low point, its proxies

weak, and its economic hole deep. These are conditions that would enable citizens who oppose the regime to finish the job and take advantage of the rare opportunity. It is true that the outcome cannot be guaranteed, but it is clear that without these prior steps, there is no chance of it happening.

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