

U.S. enthusiasm for a hostage deal encourages Hamas recalcitrance

written by Col. (res.) Prof. Gabi Siboni | 19.08.2024

Col. (res.) Prof. Gabi Siboni: it's clear the Americans only want a cease-fire...The more they pressure Israel, the more the decision-makers in Hamas think that they can wait because the Americans will just pressure Israel more. I imagine the Americans know this, but it's like an instinct. If Hamas says no, then they ask for more from Israel.

The hostages are the last thing that interests the Americans. They take advantage of the hostages as a lever of pressure on Israel.

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UNRWA=HAMAS

written by Dr. Adi Schwartz | 19.08.2024

Dr Adi Schwartz is take a look at the possibilities of the elimination of UNRWA on The Israel Connexion.

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Green-lighting Starlink in Gaza could be start of strategic move

written by Moshe Fuzaylov | 19.08.2024

Moshe Fuzaylov: Hamas, as Israel's central adversary in Gaza, relies heavily on communication infrastructure to transmit information, issue commands and coordinate military actions.

By connecting to an uncontrolled internet network, external actors might attempt to support Hamas or provide assistance through digital means, such as transferring funds, coordinating operations or sharing classified information.

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The Day after Hamas and Israel-Saudi Peace

written by Asher Fredman | 19.08.2024

Asher Fredman: Unless and until Israel goes all the way in destroying Hamas, no other international, regional or Palestinian actor will be able to exercise real power in Gaza.

The interview took place on the I24 channel on August 14, 2024.

Arab states will likely cooperate with the U.S., Israel, if Iran attacks

written by Asher Fredman | 19.08.2024

Asher Fredman: Arab states such as Jordan and Saudi Arabia will likely take part in U.S.-led efforts to counter an Iranian missile attack against Israel, not in order to defend Israel, but because they strongly oppose Iranian threats to their sovereignty and stability.

Looking forward, regional cooperation in countering Iran's attacks highlights the potential utility and mutual benefit of an enhanced Middle East security architecture, encompassing air and missile defense, maritime and cyber security, R&D and more.

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Iran is much more vulnerable than Israel

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 19.08.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: Iran can do what it already did on April 13, maybe more intensified, but more of the same. On the other hand Iran is much more vulnerable than Israel. Its offensive and defensive capabilities are much lower in comparison to the Israeli ones and if it retaliates aggressively and in an irresponsible manner, the Israeli retaliation will be much more aggressive and harming. Therefore, I warmly recommend the Iranian leaders to rethink about their thoughts in this regard.

The interview took place on the ILTV channel on August 4, 2024.

Israelis brace for a thousand-rocket, multi-proxy attack

written by Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser | 19.08.2024

Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser: Iran has a wide range of options for their retaliation. All the sides understand that the chances of this conflict to deteriorate into a full-scale regional war are not small, despite everyone saying they have no interest in this.

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Mohammed Deif, Hamas military leader who eluded Israel for decades, is claimed to be dead

written by Moshe Fuzaylov | 19.08.2024

Moshe Fuzaylov: It's a morale hit and a very strong operational hit, and it changes this organization from something that has two legs to lean on to one that is limping,

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Iran-led axis likely to launch joint attack, but can't reverse Israeli gains in Gaza

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 19.08.2024

Meir Ben Shabbat: Iran could well be planning for an assassination as “an eye for an eye, but such an attack would take time to prepare.

I estimate that they will respond directly from the territory of Iran and Iraq, in addition to the expected response from Lebanon and the account that the Houthis in Yemen have not yet settled.

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Dissecting the Haniyeh, Shukr assassinations and their impact

written by Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai | 19.08.2024

Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai: Such an operation is an expression of the political echelon in the Israeli army. Also, credit must be given to the political echelon who made the brave decision to approve the operation. Should it have failed, the blame would be put on Netanyahu and not on the army.

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