

Israeli Startups Deepen Commercial Links With Gulf States, Study Finds

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Asher Fredman: In the wake of Hamas' October 7 massacre, trade continued, in some cases, to grow in 2024 and 2025, whereas in other cases it returned to 2023 levels. Sectors which have seen sustained growth include water, agri-food, cybersecurity, fintech, and defense.

Successful Gulf-Israel business relationships combine strategic priorities with genuine competitive advantages. While in Israel most deals have involved private companies and investors, in the GCC they have often included sovereign wealth funds or other entities with ties to the government. The most successful ventures, are those in which Israeli entities have shown a willingness to locate certain operations in the GCC country.

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Navigating Israel's Interests in a Chaotic Syria

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Prof. Kobi Michael assesses the volatile situation in Syria, highlighting the threats to the Kurdish minority and explaining how Turkish intervention negatively impacts Israeli security interests. He further addresses Israel's strategic position in the Golan Heights, noting that geographical distance necessitates providing support to the Kurds through diplomatic pressure and U.S. coordination rather than direct military aid.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on January 20, 2026.

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Trump's Vision: A New Regional Architecture and Global Hegemony

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Prof. Kobi Michael analyzes President Trump's vision for a new regional architecture, asserting that the Iranian regime must be toppled as it serves as the ultimate barrier to international stability and American hegemony.

He further argues that there is a direct connection between Iran and its proxies, emphasizing that the IDF must disarm Hamas before any international force or technocratic government can successfully operate in Gaza.

The full interview took place on ILTV on January 20, 2026.

Trump floats 'Board of Peace' to replace UN, signals major global power shift

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claimed the proposal already signaled a break with the international order that has defined global politics for decades. The norms, international institutions and organizations and liberalism are out, and real politics, interests and power are in. Still, alliances are out, whereas allies and regional structures are in. The EU is much less important. We are talking about something which is much bigger than the Gaza Strip.

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Reconstruction Without Disarmament Is a Dead End

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Asher Fredman: Without disarmament, reconstruction can be, unfortunately, quite dangerous. I know that there are many people on the board and on the executive committee and advisors who understand this, who want to see Hamas disarmed, but because of all the details and this complex structure, it's very unclear how that's going to happen and how we're going to prevent Hamas from taking over all this reconstruction material... unless and until Hamas disarms, we are only going to be heading down the path of disaster.

The full interview took place on Channel 124, on January 18, 2026.

Preventing the Next October 7

written by Dr. Adi Schwartz | 21.01.2026

Dr. Adi Schwartz: What is that worldview? It is the continued refusal to accept the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state in any border whatsoever. As long as this remains the ideology of Palestinian society, then no matter who governs the Strip, we will face another October 7th—next year, in two years, or in five years.

If we don't tackle these issues, if we leave them somehow to the future and hoping just to, you know, put a technocratic government, then we'll have the same problem. As long as the intention, as long as the motivation of the Palestinian society is to undo the state of Israel as a Jewish state, the next 7th of October is only waiting.

The full interview took place in Al Arabiya, on January 15, 2026.

Gaza's Stabilization: Challenges and Risks

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 21.01.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: Turkey is the only country which is willing, under the current circumstances, to send troops to the ISF (International Stabilization Force).

Nobody intends to fight Hamas, nobody intends to dismantle Hamas, and nobody intends to be perceived as a collaborator with Israel or with the Americans against the Palestinians. As long as Hamas exists as an organized military force, nothing good will come out of.

The full interview takes place on NewsX World on January 16, 2026.

<https://youtu.be/6kmKnmJKycE>

Is Trump's Iran rhetoric a prelude for a strike?

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Ruth Wasserman Lande talk about President Donald Trump's intentions regarding Iran and says she believes he is planning to act and will not back down, describing him as astute and not naive and saying he understands very well that the murderous regime in the Islamic Republic of Iran is doing things it should not do, especially when the internet is shut down and the country is dark, adding that she thinks he has something up his sleeve, is planning a move in response to what is happening in Iran, and that when asked whether all of this could be a ruse, she answers that this is indeed what she feels.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on January 15, 2026.

“Israel understands it’s not right to intervene in Iran”

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Prof. Kobi Michael: There are several scenarios at the moment. I don’t know what is ‘likely’ because we don’t know what is going on in President Trump’s head or what is going on in Supreme Leader Khamenei’s head. But given that, the first scenario, which is perhaps the most likely one right now, is that the regime will succeed in suppressing these demonstrations. That doesn’t mean that it will succeed in suppressing the motivation or will succeed in eliminating the infrastructure for a renewed outbreak of protests because the situation in Iran is very difficult and there doesn’t seem to be a positive horizon. But as we see things right now, with the level of violence and murder by which they are handling the protest, and there was probably a decrease in the scale of the protests yesterday, it is a likely scenario that they will succeed in suppressing it.

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US launching second phase of Gaza peace plan, expects Hamas to 'fully comply'

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Prof. Kobi Michael: The main problem, which actually overlaps all the dimensions - political, security - is the idea that Hamas must be disarmed, dismantled and the Gaza Strip must be demilitarized. If these things will not happen, then nothing will happen.

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