No potential daylight on Iran between Israel and the US

written by Dr. Raphael BenLevi | 09.03.2026



Dr. Raphael BenLevi: Having now openly called for an end to the nuclear and ballistic programmes and the support for proxies, it would be very difficult for him to accept a situation where those remain in place.

Theoretically, Israel might desire regime change more than the US, but at this point, I don't see much potential daylight between the two. If you look at Trump's policy on Iran over the years, including in his first term, he's actually been remarkably consistent, in contrast to the way he talks to journalists about it.

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‘Hezbollah is isolated, weak and vulnerable’

written by Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai | 09.03.2026

Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai: Hezbollah found itself disconnected from its Iranian patron, which itself is fighting for its existence after severe blows in the war with Israel and the United States.

Thus, a situation was created in which the borders of Lebanon were essentially sealed from all sides: from the north and east by Syria, and from the south and west by Israel. In this reality, Lebanon becomes a closed arena—and Hezbollah finds itself isolated, weak and much more vulnerable than it was in the past.

The enemy, due to its mistakes that Israel exploits, is trapped in the arena it chose for himself. The destruction of homes used as military infrastructure by Hezbollah creates an irreversible reality of prolonged displacement for many evacuees.

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War could reshape the ‘architecture’ of Middle East

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Prof. Kobi Michael:It will not be Iran that we used to know, and it will not be a capable Iran. I believe a redefined landscape in the region was the intended “endgame” of the strikes. either way we will have a different Middle East.

I dnot foresee the current conflict becoming an endless war, but it could last some weeks.

I believe it is possible that Israel and the U.S. would “finish destroying the main assets of the current regime within weeks and weaken Iran in a way that Iran will

not be able to reconstitute itself militarily.

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Iran's senior clerics 'exposed' after building strike in Qom, succession choice looms

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 09.03.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael: This second strike would be another embarrassment to what has been left of the regime. It indicates intelligence dominance and superiority because any movement is detected, meaning they would feel exposed.

We need strategic patience and determination, and in several weeks most of the job will be accomplished. Even if the regime does not collapse, Iran will not be like we used to know.

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Reshaping the Middle East: The Joint Israel-US Strategy Against

Iran

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 09.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael discusses the unprecedented military cooperation between Israel and the United States aimed at degrading Iran’s military capabilities and preventing it from remaining an existential threat . He further explores how exposing Iranian vulnerabilities could facilitate a change in the regime and lead to a new regional architecture, potentially expanding the Abraham Accords to include Saudi Arabia.

The full interview took place on CHAI FM on March 3, 2026.

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A New Middle East: The Strategic Decline of Iran and its Proxies

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 09.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael discusses the strategic weakening of Iran and its proxies, such as Hezbollah and the Houthis, following intensive military strikes on Iranian infrastructure and command centers,,. He also highlights the resilience of the Israeli public and anticipates a “new Middle East” where regional shifts, like Qatar’s distancing from Tehran, could lead to the expansion of the Abraham Accords. The full interview took place on ILTV on March 3, 2026. *The opinions expressed in Misgav publications are the authors’ alone.https://youtu.be/bwSDsMp5bWg

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A ‘Biblical’ Shift: Iran’s Collapse

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 09.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael describes the unprecedented strategic and military synergy between Israel and the United States as a “biblical event” that has effectively targeted Iran’s top leadership.

He asserts that the Iranian regime is facing a potential collapse or fundamental transformation because its ability to strike back is being crippled by a critical shortage of missile launchers, which are being systematically destroyed by Israeli and American forces. To prevent the threat from re-emerging, he emphasizes the necessity of a joint Israel-U.S. control mechanism to ensure the regime cannot reconstitute its nuclear program, ballistic missile arsenal, or regional proxy networks.

The full interview airs on Fox News on March 2, 2026.

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Iran ‘won’t recover’

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 09.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: We are facing a biblical event — nothing less. Trump is the only one who can make the change — and that change will impact the entire region and the international order for years to come.

“We enter our shelter once the siren is heard and stay there until the Home Front Command announces that we can leave. Usually, it is about 20 to 30 minutes — unless there are further sirens during our stay. Since yesterday morning, it has happened around 30 times.

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Global Shifts: US-Iran Dynamics and the Israel-India Strategic Alliance

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 09.03.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael suggests that while President Trump prefers diplomacy, the unbridgeable gaps between the U.S. and Iran may soon force a military decision, which would require a combination of kinetic strikes, cyber warfare, and an organized internal opposition to achieve a regime collapse. He expresses concern that Trump might independently "create realities of his own" by accepting a deal that is merely a perceived improvement over the 2015 JCPOA but fails to meet Israel's core security needs. Finally, he highlights the alliance with India as a significant geostrategic move that provides Israel with a crucial alternative military supply chain and strengthens its position among global superpowers.

The full interview took place on ILTV on February 25, 2026.