Hamas recruits the world to retain its power

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 26.01.2026

Meir Ben Shabbat: Hamas is no longer in a position where it feels its very existence is under threat; it remains the primary power in the Gaza Strip, deeply embedded in the population and in Gaza's civilian systems. It skillfully exploits humanitarian aid and supplies entering the Strip for its own purposes.

Past vows by Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to disarm Hamas must be translated into a timetable and a clear, binding definition of what "disarmament" entails. We must show determination and complete the mission in Gaza until all the [war] objectives we defined are fully achieved.

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Trump’s Board of Peace may test power more than it delivers peace

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Prof. Kobi Michael: The board could help expand the Abraham Accords, which he believes would benefit Israel. He said one of the board’s primary strategic goals is to draw countries such as Indonesia, Pakistan, and Malaysia closer to the accords while weakening their ties to China. This effort reflects close coordination behind the scenes between Trump and Netanyahu.

The board’s long-term impact is likely to be limited. However, the next few years could bring meaningful shifts in the international order if Trump succeeds in advancing the initiative while still in office. Trump has the political will to push parts of the plan through, at least in the short term.

As long as Trump is in power, he might succeed in doing some parts of the plan, although I am not sure after his term as president.

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Security Outlook: Hamas Disarmament and Iranian Regime Change

written by Asher Fredman | 26.01.2026

Asher Fredman expresses skepticism regarding international efforts to disarm Hamas and establish a terror-free Gaza, noting that the specific details of how oversight committees will succeed remain unclear.

He also highlights the goal of regime change in Iran fueled by severe economic instability, envisioning a future where a liberalized Iran integrates into the region through the Abraham Accords.

The full interview took place on ILTV on January 21, 2026.

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

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 26.01.2026

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

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 26.01.2026

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 I24, on January 18, 2026.

Preventing the Next October 7

written by Dr. Adi Schwartz | 26.01.2026

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 | 26.01.2026

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.

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