

Rebels in Syria take advantage of Israel's successes against a weakened Iran axis

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 01.12.2024

Meir Ben-Shabbat: From Israel's perspective, the most urgent thing is to ensure that Tehran does not exploit the renewal of the civil war for its own needs, to smuggle weapons, to consolidate forces and capabilities. Beyond that, Israel must ensure that the renewal of fighting in the southern Syrian Golan Heights does not spill over into our territory," he continued, adding that Israel's core interest is that Hezbollah, the Shiite militias, and Iranian elements be eliminated from the civil war in Syria.

Israel needs to take advantage of the new reality in Syria to act more decisively and firmly than before to push Iran and its proxies out of this country.

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Confronting Antisemitism in Academic Institutions

written by Arsen Ostrovsky | 01.12.2024

Armen Ostrovsky discussing the horrific scenes from the Oxford University debate on Israel, his views on Canada following his recent visit there, where he met with Parliamentarians, Jewish community leaders and students, as well as views on state of antisemitism in the U.S., following the election of Donald Trump.

The interview took place on I24 on December 1, 2024.

Is the Lebanon ceasefire bad for Israel?

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 01.12.2024

Ruth Wasserman Lande: This is not a good deal; it's a very, very bad deal. The question is, how does one choose between two bad options? Are we going to receive more weapons and much-needed ammunition from the United States of America because of the deal or as a result of the deal? The answer is yes. Will our army get some respite, as the Prime Minister suggested? In a manner of speaking, one could say so, although our military still maintains a very strong presence in southern Lebanon for the next 60 days to ensure that everything proceeds as planned.

The full interview took place on Channel 124 on November 27, 2024.

Iranian ideology is a global threat

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 01.12.2024

Ruth Wasserman Lande: Iran has expanded its influence by destabilizing countries such as Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen—breaking them down economically, militarily, and socially before asserting control. This ideology is not limited to Israel or the Jewish people; it is a global threat. Iran supports Hezbollah as its Shia arm in Lebanon and Hamas as its Sunni radical Islamist counterpart in Gaza and the West Bank. Both are fueled by radicalism, often supported by Qatar and Turkey under President Erdogan's leadership.

Iran's actions threaten regional and global stability, as well as Israel's security. Addressing this expansionist threat is critical to ensuring stability and countering

the radical Islamist agenda.

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The Israeli public is highly skeptical of the ceasefire

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Ruth Wasserman Lande: There is significant skepticism among the Israeli public regarding the ceasefire because it involves a de facto agreement with a designated terrorist organization like Hamas. Many doubt that Hamas will adhere to the terms of the ceasefire. The IDF has uncovered a massive stockpile of weapons and extensive preparations by Hamas in Gaza, clearly indicating their readiness for the October 7th attacks. This has created widespread fear, particularly among civilians who are hesitant to return to their homes.

The interview took place on Times Radio on November 26, 2024.

There is concern that Hezbollah will rearm and escalate

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 01.12.2024

Ruth Wasserman Lande: There is a significant concern that Hezbollah will use this time to rearm and escalate tensions once more. The central issue is how to prevent them from rearming, particularly through the smuggling of weapons by

Iran, the Islamic Republic, which continues to be a key supporter of Hezbollah. The Prime Minister is likely to explain that the IDF needs to temporarily close one front in order to focus resources and efforts elsewhere—particularly on rescuing hostages and addressing the root causes of the conflict.

The interview took place on Fox News on November 26, 2024.

A ‘Tolerable Compromise’: Experts Assess Emerging Hezbollah Ceasefire

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 01.12.2024

Meir Ben Shabbat: Reliance on the Lebanese army or other forces has not proven effective in the past, and there's no reason to believe it will in the future. Israel would have been better served by insisting on a demilitarized zone that remains empty and can be controlled through intelligence and firepower.”

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Death of Israeli archaeologist highlights ‘strange phenomenon’ of IDF battlefield tours

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 01.12.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: The IDF headquarters and supreme command must regain control over such violations sooner rather than later,” he said, attributing the incidents to “erosion of discipline” in the army ranks and a lack of oversight from senior commanders.

I hoped that with the formation of the new investigation committee “everyone will be much more cautious from now on.

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The tragic murder of Rabbi Kogan in the UAE

written by Asher Fredman | 01.12.2024

Asher Fredman on I24 on the tragic murder of Rabbi Kogan in the UAE: We've had statements from leading Emirati diplomatic figures reaffirming the UAE's commitment to tolerance and to being a place where people from all different countries and religions can live together in peace. I am confident that the investigations will proceed quickly and thoroughly.

The interview took place on Channel I24 on 24 November, 2024.

Why this was a dark day for the rule of law and an antisemitic blood libel?

written by Arsen Ostrovsky | 01.12.2024

Arsen Ostrovsky on LBC (London) discussing the ICC arrest warrants and why this was a dark day for the rule of law and an antisemitic blood libel masquerading as a quest for justice.

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