

Beyond Politics: A Fight for Our Lives

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 16.06.2025

Ruth Wasserman Lande: We do not have a choice when it comes to the long-term reality of running to shelters. This is our country. This is our safe haven. As a mother, I have no choice but to do everything to protect my children. That means eliminating the threat posed by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Iran has clearly and openly declared its intention to destroy my country and all of my people. There are proper plans in place for the complete annihilation of my country—using nuclear power, massive rocket barrages, and by weaponizing proxies throughout the region.

We don't enjoy running to safe rooms. No one does. It causes stress and fear. But we must take care of ourselves. This isn't about politics. It doesn't matter if you're left or right. This is about the safety of our country and our lives.

The interview took place on TalkTV on June 16, 2025.

No Choice but to Defend Ourselves

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Ruth Wasserman Lande : The Iranian regime is deliberately targeting Israeli civilians rather than military facilities. Their attacks lack precision and are aimed at densely populated cities, city centers, and blocks of flats. These assaults have already resulted in numerous deaths and many wounded.

The impact is felt by all citizens of Israel—Christians, Muslims, Jews, and foreign workers alike. She specifically mentioned “an entire Muslim family wiped out in Tamra” and “a Christian family killed in Hifur.

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Behind Closed Doors: Regional Support for Israel

written by Asher Fredman | 16.06.2025

Asher Fredman: Messaging regarding Iran is divided between official and private channels. There is a clear distinction between the public statements made by countries in the region—particularly Gulf States—and the private communications received behind the scenes. Officially, these nations express concern about Israel's strikes on Iran. Privately, however, individuals often convey strong support for Israel's actions.

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Long overdue and urgent

written by David M. Weinberg | 16.06.2025

David M. Weinberg: In a short briefing for MIFF, the Scandinavian pro-Israel lobby: Elimination of the Iranian threat to Israel was long overdue and urgent.

Long overdue - given Hamas, Hezbollah, and Houthi assaults on Israel; Iran's two massive missile assaults on Israel over the past year; and Iran's three-decade long ballistic missile and nuclear buildups and its explicit intent to use them to destroy Israel.

Urgent - because over the past year and especially in recent months Iran moved to near nuclear breakout including enrichment of uranium to military bomb levels and actual weaponization. (In this latter regard, note the unprecedented IAEA denouncement of Iran just four days ago.)

Key targets are:

1. Degrading Iran's nuclear weapons program
2. Dismantling Iran's ballistic missile arsenal
3. Eliminating Iran's ground assault capabilities against Israel
4. Establishing conditions for a diplomatic arrangement that prevents Iran from ever developing a military nuclear capability.

A short briefing for MIFF, the Scandanavian pro-Israel lobby. 14 June, 2025.

<https://youtu.be/mfYMOYUF5wk>

Is Saudi-Israel normalization still on track?

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 16.06.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: Saudi Arabia's fundamental interest in establishing relations

with Israel has not changed. It will be difficult for it to do so while a war is ongoing, but that doesn't mean it has backed away from this goal.

Saudi Arabia's strategic calculus is shaped not only by its national interests but also by a shared desire to see Hamas, and by extension the Muslim Brotherhood, eliminated as a regional force. Even if it does not declare it publicly, Saudi Arabia certainly wants Israel to defeat Hamas.

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Iran's Strategic Fragility Revealed

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 16.06.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: Iran is in a very problematic strategic position very

vulnerable, very fragile country. for decades they tried to to shape their image as the hegemonic power here in the Middle East and they u dared to threaten not only Israel but even superpowers like the United States of America. I think that now Everybody finds out that there is a very embarrassing gap between Iran that we thought it is and the Iran that we see now. They will continue making their efforts in order to retaliate. They prepare themselves for a long war or at least of some weeks forward and therefore they want to to keep their capacities to retiliate in each day otherwise they will be in a reimbursing situation.

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Between Airstrikes and Red Lines

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 16.06.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) operation is ongoing and continuous, involving more than just the Israeli Air Force, with other capabilities on the ground in Iranian soil and beyond. The IDF has a bank of targets and clear objectives to accomplish. The operation is described as being at “the beginning of the beginning,” with many targets yet to be hit, after “cleaning and opening the sky above Iran”.

Iran has experienced humiliation in the past, raising a white flag in the 1988 war against Iraq, a moment described as the supreme leader “drinking from the cup of the poison”. It is not “absurd” to assume Iran would raise the white flag again under specific conditions if continuing the war severely threatened the survival of the regime or the country. The decision for Iran to end conflict is viewed as a “strategic calculation” rather than a question of humiliation.

The interview took place on Channel I24, 15 June, 2025.

<https://youtu.be/RHgM6i6Yxrk>

How Iranian retaliation could draw in US forces and set the Middle East on fire

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 16.06.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: Depending on the Iranian retaliation, the conflict could become a war of regime change that could involve a joint US-Israeli invasion of Iran.

If the Iranians will do the mistake of attacking civilian or infrastructure facilities in Israel, then Israel will attack all of the oil facilities and some other national infrastructures in Iran, and it will be a disaster for the Iranians.

And if the Iranians will do the second mistake and attack American assets or American bases or American military compounds in the broader Middle East, then they will find the Americans on the Iranian soil together with the Israelis. And we are in the beginning of the end of the Iranian regime.

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Israel vs. Radical Islam: A Fight for the Free World

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Ruth Wasserman Lande: Iran, in fact, not Iran, the Islamic regime of Iran has made very very clear over years that it wants to destroy the state of Israel. That it has an antagonistic and a very challenging view about what should become of the state of Israel. And that is because it wants hegemony over the Islamic world.

In terms of capability, it's been building its nuclear arsenal for years. We've been warning this the AEI, in other words, the roof organization or the body that has been supervising in inverted commas the capabilities of Iran in the nuclear sphere has only recently come out and unprecedentedly said that Iran has been hiding. We've been saying this for years.

The interview took place on Fox News, on June 13, 2025.

Iran's Rhetoric vs. Reality

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Ruth Wasserman Lande: There is at least one pleasant aspect about the current speech by the leader of the Iranian regime — and it's not the content. The only appealing part is the language he uses. Persian is undeniably a beautiful language. As for the substance of what he's saying — it's utterly absurd.

Interestingly, in this round of talks, Iran has made things unusually easy, which is surprising. They outright rejected the offer made by President Trump — something he certainly didn't appreciate. In fact, their response almost embarrassed him on the international stage.

The interview took place on Channel I24 on June 9, 2025.