Israeli occupation forces presence in Gaza corridor threatens ceasefire deal with Hamas

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Prof. Kobi Michael: Israel's idea is to use Morag as a screening zone for Palestinians being moved south, to prevent Hamas from infiltrating the area. That would allow Israeli troops to operate further north without Palestinian civilians getting caught in the crossfire.

The move might allow Israel to ramp up the pressure on — and possibly defeat — Hamas in northern Gaza, where guerilla-style fighting continues to dog Israeli troops. And that, he added, could lay the groundwork for an end to the war, which Israel has vowed to continue until Hamas is destroyed.

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Iran-Backed Hamas Targets Europe

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Prof. Kobi Michael discusses foiled terror plots, identified as a trial by Hamas heavily backed by Iran, aimed at opening new global fronts to harm Jews and Israelis outside of Israel. He argues that this growing violent extremism, seen in Europe and beyond, necessitates that European governments seek crucial assistance and intelligence from Israel given their lack of experience in dealing with this strategic threat.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on November 6, 2025.

Hamas: Refusing to Dismantle and Earning Time

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 07.11.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael discusses the manipulative tactics of Hamas regarding the return of deceased hostages, asserting that the group is intentionally wasting and earning time to reconstitute its military and governmental strength because it believes it holds the upper hand. He critically examines the inherent problems of the proposed plan, arguing that Hamas does not intend to dismantle itself and noting the adversarial role of mediators like Turkey and Qatar, who cooperate with Hamas and whose involvement complicates the stabilization and demilitarization efforts.

The full interview took place on CHAI Fm on November 6, 2025.

The Post-Gaza War Challenges: Disarmament, Turkey, and Border Security

written by Asher Fredman | 07.11.2025

Asher Fredman discussed the challenge of disarming Hamas, stating that the proposed International Stabilization Force and Palestinian police are highly unlikely to succeed in disarming Hamas, requiring Israel to set a firm deadline (one to three months) for progress before taking unilateral action. Additionally, he asserted that

Turkey's current leadership opposes Hamas' disarmament and will likely support the group under the guise of reconstruction.

He also praised Israel's move to redefine weapons smuggling via drones across the Egyptian border as a national security and terrorist threat.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on November 6, 2025.

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Lebanonization of Gaza

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Prof. Kobi Michael: The parallels with Lebanon continue: the proposed U.S.-backed International Stabilization Force (ISF) in Gaza would mirror the "mechanism" that monitors the ceasefire in Lebanon. In the ideal U.S. scenario. Hamas would be dismantled and disarmed, a technocratic government formed, and an international stabilization force and "peace council" established. This

would require full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and coordination with that force to prevent Hamas from rearming. If the force fails – as in Lebanon – the Israeli army would re-enter and strike Hamas, something we've become accustomed to doing in Lebanon.

For Israel the preferred outcome is a two-zone Gaza, separated by the yellow line: "Since Hamas is unlikely to disarm – just like Hezbollah – Israel should proceed gradually and in parallel: begin implementing the plan in the east, while continuing to fight in the west until Hamas is dismantled.

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Gaza's Day After: Dealing with

Hamas Delay and Demilitarization

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Prof. Kobi Michael arguing three main points in his interview. First, he asserts that Hamas is intentionally playing games and manipulating the process concerning the bodies of the dead hostages to waste time, allowing them to reconstitute themselves militarily and politically since they do not intend to leave the Gaza Strip. Second, he insists that the idea of exchanging 200 militants for the body of Adar Goldin is a “red line” that Israel must not tolerate, as it would violate existing agreements and set a dangerous precedent; he stressed that terrorists must only be given the option to surrender or be killed. Finally, he suggests that the IDF must resume military fighting in western Gaza until full demilitarization is achieved, as Hamas will not dismantle itself voluntarily, while a gradual governance mechanism begins operating in the eastern part.

The full interview took place on ILTV on November 5, 2025.

https://youtu.be/TLdrSY3cZVQ

Reclaiming Israel’s Offensive Doctrine

written by Dr. Raphael BenLevi | 07.11.2025

Dr. Raphael Ben-Levy argues that Israel is making a fatal mistake in calling for peace with undefeated enemies and must return to its earlier, successful realist security doctrine, which was largely abandoned starting in the late 1980s. This doctrine, which led to great successes for the first four decades of the state, rests on three core pillars: achieving decisive victory in every round of war fighting as a prerequisite for peace, adopting a tactically offensive approach (including preemption and taking territory), and maintaining complete self-reliance rather than depending on foreign forces like UNIFIL. While Israel appears to have returned to this offensive approach in the northern sector by maintaining buffer

zones and acting preemptively, Ben Levy warns that a decisive victory has not yet been achieved against Hamas in Gaza, and Israel should be skeptical of relying on any international force to disarm the organization.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on November 3, 2025.

An international force in Gaza? Israelis struggle with outsourcing security

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 07.11.2025
Prof. Kobi Michael:Israel does not favor the idea of internationalization of its security needs. In this case, Israel will benefit from the outcome of internationalization of the Gaza Strip.

Hamas intransigence might lead to Israel returning to war in the sections of Gaza still under its control.

The full interview appears in The Christian Science Monitor on November 3, 2025.



The Missing Leader

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 07.11.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: Although this appointment is temporary – lasting 90 days with the option of extension – everyone understands that free elections are unlikely anytime soon. Once Hussein al-Sheikh stays beyond the 90 days, he will remain there for a long time. So, I'm not sure Barghouti's release would ultimately change much on the Palestinian scene. After so many years of glorifying his image, it would be politically difficult for any Israeli government to justify releasing him.

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‘This Is a Clear Violation’: Israel Hits Gaza as Remains Dispute Boils Over

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Prof. Kobi Michael: This move is in line with Hamas’ DNA. They will do whatever it takes to buy time to reestablish their hold on Gaza and exhaust Trump and Israel.

Whoever believes that Hamas will in any way cooperate with Trump’s plan and will voluntarily disarm while giving up its influence on reshaping Gaza is not reading the reality correctly. He added that the longer the first phase drags, the more Hamas gains time to reinsert operatives and reassert control.

We are nearing the point where Trump will also lose patience. Everyone will then understand that only the IDF can disarm Hamas. Once Trump realizes Hamas is disrupting his larger regional plans, he will allow Israel to operate militarily. The US president has threatened Hamas with obliteration if it fails to adhere to the deal, a warning echoed by Israeli leaders after the latest breach.

Israel will now try to make its case and gain legitimacy by getting the support of all those who backed the plan, in order to allow Israeli forces to operate militarily to completely disarm Gaza, at least in the northern part of the territory.

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