

Israel Signals Escalation as U.S. Pressure Mounts

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 13.05.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: If the military pressure that Israel now increases in the Gaza Strip will bring Hamas to comply to Whitcoff's proposal, then Israel will stop the military pressure. If not, and Israel is not intends to wait too long for that, it is a matter of days, Israel will intensify the military operation until the full occupation of the Gaza Strip in order to assure... Hamas will not remain and will not be there in the Gaza Strip, and the hostages will be released.

The full interview took place on ILTV on May 13, 2025.

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Increased Israel-Greek defense ties opening options for Israeli firms

written by Lahav Harkov | 13.05.2025

Lahav Harkov: Israel and Greece have had especially close ties for the past decade, but ties have only improved as Israel's relations with Turkey have been on the rocks. Still this is more than 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend.' The countries [Greece and Israel] have done military exercises together and share intelligence.

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The dilemma Israel now faces

written by Asher Fredman | 13.05.2025

Asher Fredman discusses on I24 the dilemma Israel now faces as to whether to proceed with the operation to dismantle Hamas, and argues that Saudi-Israeli normalization is still on the table.

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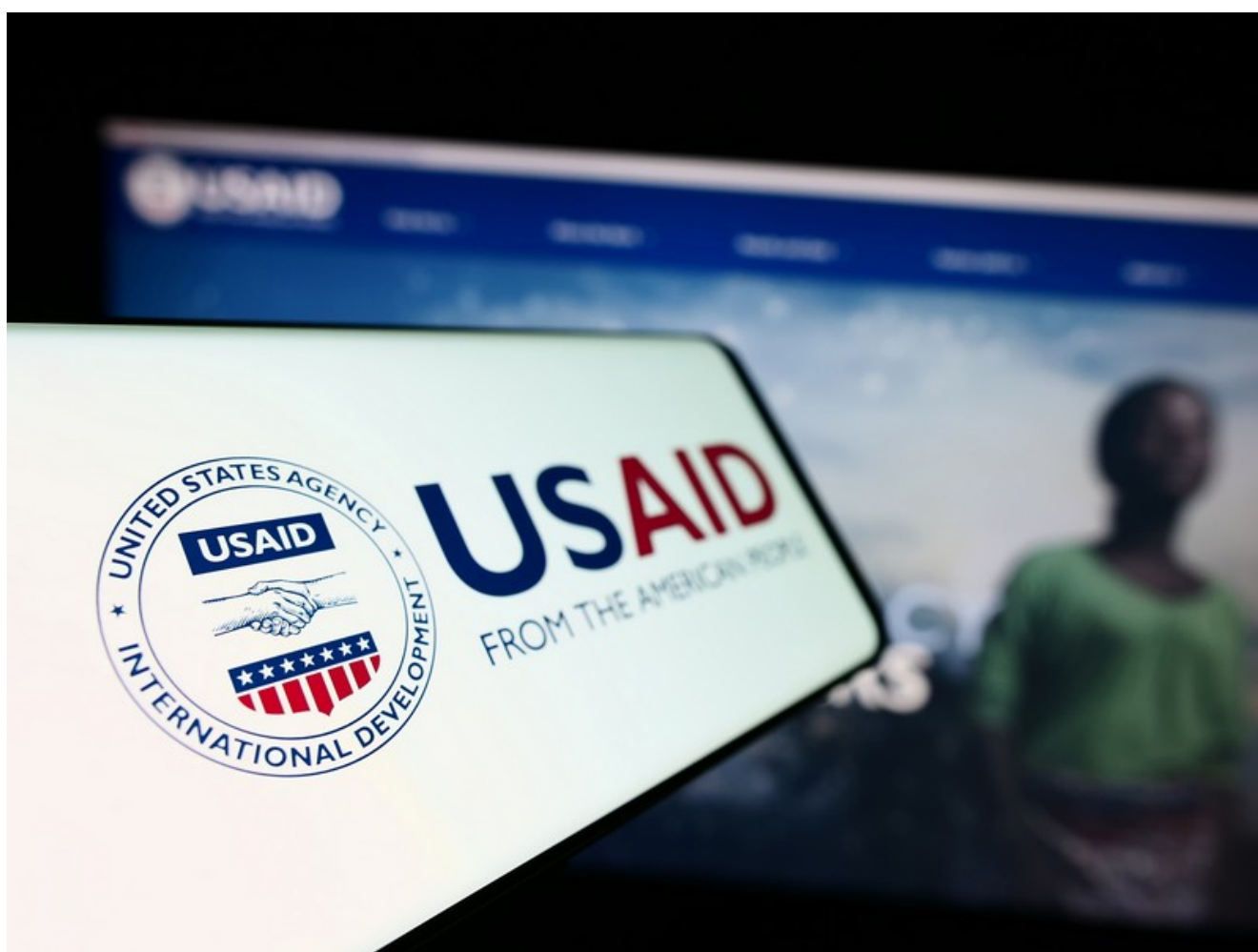
Israel Moving to Replace U.S. Aid with 'Win-Win' Investment Model

written by Dr. Raphael BenLevi | 13.05.2025

Dr. Raphael BenLevi: Since the 1970s, many Israeli territorial concessions were indirectly facilitated by aid packages — aid that was meant to 'sweeten' politically risky moves. We called it 'land for peace,' but it was often 'land for aid.'

We became addicted to Washington's credits. Then came the war on October 7, and suddenly we needed ammunition we couldn't manufacture fast enough at home.

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The Iranian Strategy in the Nuclear Talks and the Options Facing Israel

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 13.05.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: Any agreement must include the following components — elimination of enriched uranium stockpiles and destruction of Iran's centrifuges and conversion and enrichment facilities. In the context of weapon systems, Iran must cease all planning and development activities related to the weapons system [nuclear warheads], fully expose past activities, and dismantle research centers engaged in warhead technologies, which operate under academic and civilian cover.

Iran must stop its ballistic missile program, intended for nuclear warheads.

The full interview was published on Alma, 5 May, 2025.



No safe place left in Gaza as Israel's 'humanitarian zones' shrink

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 13.05.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: Israel's latest measures are aimed at pressuring Hamas — not to reduce the size of the Gaza Strip for the sake of annexation or something like that.

Still, it was likely that Israel would maintain control of buffer zones and seized territory indefinitely, or at least until Hamas' rule in Gaza is brought to an end, with a new system of authority ushered in.

We are still in a war against Hamas. And this is part of the war.

No safe place left in Gaza as Israel's 'humanitarian zones' shrink.

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Turkey's expansionist Middle East aspirations don't bother the Trump administration

written by Noa Lazimi | 13.05.2025

Noa Lazimi: Israel's efforts to protect its border with Syria are motivated by legitimate security needs, not expansionism.

It is a vital key interest for Israel to ensure that southern Syria remains demilitarized, so the Golan and Galilee aren't endangered. And by having

operational freedom over Syrian airspace, Israel can prevent weapons from falling into the wrong hands and thwart attempts by pro-Turkish militia groups from attacking Israel's border,

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Massive Attack from Houthis - Is US Policy Working?

written by Noa Lazimi | 13.05.2025

Noa Lazimi reviews the recent developments with the Houthi terror group in Yemen. She discusses the impact that the US airstrikes have had on their infrastructure and the possibility of a ground incursion led by the Yemeni Government to combat the massive strike executed by the Houthis. Noa explains what the general policy has been towards the Houthis and whether things need to change moving forward. She also addresses the other regional threats and how they connect to the terror group in Yemen and the interests of the United States and Israel.

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Macron's Middle East 'grandstanding' will backfire

written by David M. Weinberg | 13.05.2025

David M. Weinberg: After all, the insistence on Palestinian statehood—after 30 years of Oslo process failures and the Oct. 7 attacks—flies in the face of logic, justice, history, and basic security realities.

The Palestinian national movement, Fatah and Hamas wings alike, largely have shown themselves to be committed to Israel's debilitation and destruction, not to a peaceful two-state solution.

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Lebanon claims it is replacing Hezbollah in the south

written by Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai | 13.05.2025

Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai: Statements by Lebanese officials and the activities of the Lebanese army are unequivocally an achievement for Israel.

The weakness of the Lebanese army, the IDF cannot rely on it and must back it up with its own parallel defense— mainly through detailed intelligence monitoring and targeted thwarting of any violation not only in Southern Lebanon but also [deep] within it, including at sea and air ports.

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