‘A sign of how much Israel has grown in strength’

written by Dr. Raphael BenLevi | 12.10.2026

Maj. (res.) Raphael BenLevi: The deal marks a milestone in Israel’s defense-export relationship with Europe. This is a very positive development and there is potential for additional deals of this kind.

The deal deepens security cooperation with Germany, which is a central partner of Israel in Europe, but it also opens the door to sales with additional European countries in the field of missile defense.

From a historical perspective, 50 years ago many Jews sought to boycott the Volkswagen company as a German national company, and today Volkswagen is selling its plant to the Israeli Rafael company to manufacture weaponry. This is a sign of how much Israel has grown in strength since then.

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Hamas backing Palestinian election delay to rebuild support, fuel attacks on Abbas

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 12.10.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: Hamas quickly endorsed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's decision to postpone the Palestinian Legislative Council elections, originally scheduled for November 28, until September 11, 2027. The delay would give the terror group time to rebuild its support base and strengthen its political position while fueling criticism of its main rival, Fatah.

The elections would be postponed, said Hamas's endorsement of the decision was unsurprising, as the group understood that the delay would give it time to rebuild its legitimacy and support base in Gaza.

Hamas needed to rebuild its support base if it hoped to make gains in the PLC elections. Its alliance with Democratic Reform's current leader, Mohammed Dahlan, was still in its early stages, meaning the group could use the additional time to better organize their political position with and in the national front party led by Dahlan.

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Israel's Strategic Horizon Post-October 7

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 12.10.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael analyzes Israel's strategic landscape three years after October

7th, noting that while Israel faces diplomatic and domestic challenges, key adversaries like Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran are significantly weakened.

He further explores shifts in Palestinian public opinion toward pragmatism, arguing that fully demilitarizing Gaza and political developments after upcoming elections could pave the way for broader regional normalization

The full interview took place on The Israel Connexion on October 7, 2026.

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Israel must prepare for copycat aviation attacks

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 12.10.2026
Meir Ben-Shabbat: Security operations must continue during the election period without being affected in any way. The State of Israel does not have the luxury of stopping or even slowing down until the elections are completed and a government is formed, and who knows how long that will take?"

Hamas is in distress. Israel's counterterrorism apparatus is operating relentlessly. Every day, the sword hangs over the heads of its senior officials and operatives. Under these conditions, the organization is struggling to stabilize itself.

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Israel’s Post–Oct 7 Paradox

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 12.10.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael analyzes recent security lapses—including an airline threat linked to FlyDubai-critiquing systemic government deflection of responsibility and emphasizing the need to preserve ties with the UAE without compromising safety standards.

He also assesses Israel’s post–October 7 strategic realities, highlighting that while military deterrence has dramatically improved, the country faces growing international isolation, social fragmentation, and an urgent need for an official state inquiry to rebuild public trust.

The full interview took place on ILTV on October 6, 2026.

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Eliminate Radicals, Don’t Negotiate

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 12.10.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael asserts that the airplane incident was an unequivocal terror attack and hijacking attempt, likely executed by a lone radical, a Salafi-jihadi group, or Iranian intelligence.

He criticizes media political correctness surrounding Islamic extremism, arguing that Israel must actively eliminate radical entities like Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran rather than attempting to negotiate peace with them.

The full interview took place on NewsX World on October 1, 2026.

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From Crisis to Regional Opportunity

written by Asher Fredman | 12.10.2026

Asher Fredman discusses how terror attacks targeting connections between Israel and the UAE reflect attempts by extremist groups to undermine the Abraham Accords and regional stability.

He argues that these crises can ultimately strengthen regional integration by pushing covert security ties with partners like the UAE and Saudi Arabia into public cooperation across trade, innovation, and diplomacy.

The full interview took place on Channel I24, on October 1, 2026.

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Failure in the System

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 12.10.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael analyzed the Flydubai incident as a severe security and vetting failure, highlighting the danger of insider threats and how terror organizations continuously seek to bypass regulatory barriers on Israel-bound flights.

He also addressed the potential involvement of Iran or its proxies in targeting Israelis abroad, emphasizing the critical need for constant vigilance and international intelligence cooperation.

The full interview took place on ILTV on October 1, 2026.

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Hamas, PIJ, Mohammed Dahlan form electoral coalition despite Hamas pledge to cede Gaza rule

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 12.10.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael: Forming a list with Dahlan, and creating a new coalition outside of the official Hamas movement, would allow the group to accept the Palestinian Authority's terms for running in the election, without giving up the resistance ideology at the core of its belief system.

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Exploiting Vulnerability: Foreign Threats to Israel's Elections

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 12.10.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael warns that hostile foreign powers – primarily Iran through cyberattacks and disinformation, alongside Russia and China – are attempting to disrupt Israel's upcoming general elections.

He urges political leadership to move past domestic skepticism and prepare for potential direct or proxy physical attacks during this vulnerable period.

The full interview took place on NewsX World on September 29, 2026.

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