Israel’s Role in Countering Iran: Strategy, Pressure, and Geopolitical Realities

written by Dr. Raphael BenLevi | 27.02.2025

Dr. Raphael Ben Levi: A new nuclear deal between Iran and the United States seems unlikely because the US will demand a true rollback of Iran’s capabilities to ensure that it cannot develop a weapon, whereas Iran would only accept a deal that would leave open the possibility of attaining a weapon in the future while removing the economic pressure. Israel remains the only country willing to take direct action against Iran’s nuclear ambitions. While the U.S., Europe, and even Russia oppose a nuclear Iran, none are prepared to intervene militarily. This places the burden on Israel, which must maintain a credible military threat.

The interview took place on TV7 Israel News on February 25, 2025.

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Hamas’ Inhumanity and Israel’s Struggle for Justice

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 27.02.2025

Ruth Wasserman Lande: Hamas, a designated terrorist organization, profits from the bodies of the dead and kidnapped civilians. This is not just an Israeli or Jewish tragedy—it is a human tragedy, incomprehensible to anyone who values life, freedom, equality, and democracy. Israel sanctifies life and the duty of giving a proper burial to those murdered by its enemies. Yet, in exchange, Israel is forced to release not just prisoners, but convicted terrorists—murderers who have carried out attacks against civilians. These terrorists, some serving life sentences, will be released near Israel’s borders—Gaza, Judea and Samaria, and East

Jerusalem. It is surreal.

The interview took place on Fox News, February 26, 2025.

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509 Days in Captivity: Israel’s Fight Against Hamas

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 27.02.2025
Ruth Wasserman Lande: For 509 days, Hamas has held hostages in Gaza, with 63 still trapped in inhumane conditions. Today, Israel mourns the brutal murder of the Bibas babies and their mother, while their father, recently released after 500 days in captivity, returns to a devastating reality. The tragedy is not just Israeli or Jewish but a human one, exposing Hamas’ true nature as a ruthless terrorist organization. They openly prepare for more war, exploiting ceasefires to regroup, rearm, and use humanitarian aid to further their goals. Hamas leaders have made it clear they will never disarm or abandon their fight, ensuring ongoing violence and radicalization.

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Like a ‘pack of bloodthirsty hyenas!

written by Arsen Ostrovsky | 27.02.2025
Arsen Ostrovsky on Sky News (Australia), underscoring the deep-seated complicity of ‘ordinary’ Gazans in both the Oct 7th attacks and the sickening

scenes of them jeering the coffins of Kfir & Ariel Bibas, and the emaciated hostages. Ostrovsky also called on the international community, especially the Arab and Muslim world, to condemn this ongoing obscenity.

The interview took place on Sky News Australia on February 24, 2025.

Only another intelligence failure away from disaster

written by Meir Ben Shabbat | 27.02.2025

Meir Ben Shabbat: Israel's immediate goal is to prevent these attacks from becoming a trend, through a combination of measures. The tools should not be applied gradually, but rather start immediately with force, including house demolitions, deportation, asset seizure, and punishing accomplices who employ or transport illegal residents. Citizens have a key role both in maintaining vigilance and in armed rapid response.

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As Russia’s influence in Syria wanes, Turkey steps in

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 27.02.2025

Prof. Kobi Michael: Russia’s interest in Syria is really crucial, and in exchange for that interest they would be willing to invest quite a bit of effort and maybe bend.

The new Syrian regime also has an interest in cooperating with Russia, since it is still under intense scrutiny from the international community, especially the United States. It needs, so to speak, to think about all the security guarantees it can generate for itself, and it can dictate certain conditions to the Russians from a position of strength.

Sharaa could extract economic carrots from Russia, and more importantly, military supplies, because the new Syrian army does not have a functioning force,

and the Americans or Europeans would not sell them weapons. I'm not sure the Chinese would agree to sell them much. As a result, the new Syrian regime could demand military supplies from the Russians in exchange for letting them stay.

Turkey, too, looks set to equip the new Syrian military, but its capabilities still fall short of Russia's in this respect.

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Hamas's Sadistic Psychological Warfare

written by Arsen Ostrovsky | 27.02.2025

Arsen Ostrovsky: There are truly no limits to Hamas's depravity, cruelty, and sheer evil. They spare no one—from Holocaust survivor Shlomo Mansour, whom

they kidnapped and murdered, to the youngest victims, including a nine-month-old baby, as well as women and the elderly. No one is spared from their barbarity.

We should take President Trump at his word. Even before his election, he was very clear that if Hamas does not release all the hostages—not just the American ones, but all of them—there will be consequences.

The interview took place on Sky News Australia, on February 11, 2025.

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U.S. Influence on Jordan, Egypt's Stance on Gaza, and Saudi Priorities

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Asher Fredman: "The United States has many levers over Jordan. The United States is Jordan's largest export market. Jordan greatly benefits from the Jordan-U.S. free trade agreement, whereas the U.S. benefits much less. Jordan benefits very greatly from economic support and military support. If President Trump does want to put significant pressure on the King, he can do that."

"Egypt could be an important midpoint for Gazans who are then departing to other Arab or Muslim countries, or even Western countries that are willing to accept them. Ideally, you would have a number of countries, not just one or two, but a number of countries each taking a number of Gazans—of course, those who are voluntarily willing to leave."

"Egypt has taken in over 400,000 Sudanese refugees over the last several years. So, they're willing to take in 400,000 Sudanese but want to take zero Gazans. That also says something about how Egypt views Gazans, unfortunately."

"What Saudi Arabia truly wants is what it can get from the United

States—whether in the security and defense realm or the civilian nuclear realm. There is strong, authentic support for the Palestinian people among both the Saudi leadership and the Saudi people. On the other hand, they know much better than most—maybe not better than President Trump, but much better than people in Europe or the West—how corrupt and inefficient the Palestinian Authority is, and that Hamas is a Muslim Brotherhood arm."

The interview took place on Channel I24 on February 11, 2025.

Israel slams Palestinian 'deception scheme' over claim it halted terror rewards program

written by Asher Fredman | 27.02.2025

Asher Fredman in Fox News on PA President Abbas' Claim that Palestinian 'Pay for Slay' Payments have Stopped: Abbas' announcement seems to be a ruse aimed at pulling the wool over President Trump's eyes.

It appears that the terrorists and families of terrorists who received payments under the PA's 'Pay for Slay' program will continue to receive the same payments, simply via a 'foundation' under the control of Abbas, rather than via a ministry under the control of Abbas.

It remains to be seen whether Abbas truly ends the Pay to Slay payments, as well as the virulent terror incitement and antisemitism in PA media, schools and summer camps.

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Egypt’s large military presence in Sinai continues to raise questions

written by Moshe Fuzaylov | 27.02.2025
Moshe Fuzaylov: Israel approved for Egypt on different occasions to bring forces into Sinai [in excess of those permitted in the peace treaty], and we are today with a massive order of battle of the Egyptian Army in Sinai.

They built in Sinai three airfields; at least one airfield is for fighter jets. They built huge reserves of gasoline and diesel. Egypt also built large storage tunnels in Sinai for strategic storage of military gear, and transport links that could enable large formations to arrive in Sinai within a few hours.

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