A Slow but Steady Implosion

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 28.08.2026
Ruth Wasserman Lande strongly supports economic sanctions against Iran, noting they are causing a steady internal implosion despite the regime's attempts to export conflict through regional proxies like the Houthis.

Furthermore, she rejects any possibility of negotiating a peace deal with the deceptive Iranian regime, condemning its horrendous and public assassination threats against senior American and Israeli figures.

The full interview took place on NEWSMAX2 on August 28, 2026.

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Take the Weapons and Get Them Out

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 28.08.2026
Ruth Wasserman Lande expresses deep skepticism about the vetting process for Palestinians to carry weapons or police Gaza, arguing that widespread indoctrination makes true neutrality toward Israelis and Jews nearly impossible.

She also critiques current demilitarisation proposals, arguing that weapons should be completely removed from the region rather than simply transferred between different Palestinian groups.

The full interview took place on Channel I24 on August 27, 2026.

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Iran is suffocating from within, but that could backfire on Israel

written by Dr. Yossi Mansharof | 28.08.2026

Dr. Yossi Mansharof: I see a lot of videos that Iranian citizens smuggle out to opposition channels. What you see in these videos is growing pressure on people's daily lives, manifested in the cost of living, and many complaints from citizens saying, 'The money that used to be enough for me to buy this much now buys far less.

As reflected in the videos described above, Iran's economic distress is not confined to food and basic goods. There are also fuel and electricity shortages and even water disruptions. According to the state-owned Water Resources Management Company, roughly 30% of Iran's reservoir capacity is empty. The company says the continuing drought is making it difficult to supply water to heavily populated provinces, including Tehran, Razavi Khorasan, Qom and Hamadan. The Iranian regime is failing to provide its citizens with even the most basic services.

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How Hamas plans to win the Palestinian elections

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 28.08.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: I don't believe the P.A. will hold elections unless something happens in Gaza and Hamas is out.

Fatah may have won 'on paper,' but the reality is more complex. In many municipalities, clan-based lists came out on top. In cities such as Hebron and Tulkarm, local lists unaffiliated with the P.A. prevailed. In others, lists may have bore Fatah's name, but the candidates themselves were not "publicly recognized as active Fatah members or genuine supporters of the movement.

Most important, Hamas boycotted the elections, unwilling to agree to the precondition that it recognize the PLO's sole legitimate authority.

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'An organization like Mossad must think big'

written by Yossi Amrusi | 28.08.2026

Yossi Amrusi: What I can say from my experience is that the Mossad's activity in Iran in recent years, and especially leading up to and during the recent rounds of fighting, was astonishing. Mossad personnel, the organization's employees and operatives, managed to obtain quality, deep and precise intelligence that assisted the air force and the defense establishment in the most impressive way. In certain respects, these are intelligence achievements the likes of which we haven't seen before.

The current discussion must not create the impression that the entire intelligence campaign against Iran was a failure. To the contrary. There were extraordinary achievements here, any lessons to be drawn belong at the level of decision-making, risk assessment and strategic planning, not operational execution.

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Israel-Turkey Rivalry Moves Into Syria as Washington Tries To Prevent a Wider Clash

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 28.08.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael: First of all, unfortunately, this is a direct friction or collision between Israel and Turkey. Both sides do not wish to have such direct friction between them, certainly not currently.

From the Israeli perspective, the central concern is not simply Turkish political

influence in Damascus but the possibility of Turkish military infrastructure eventually restricting Israeli operations in Syrian airspace.

Israel cannot accept Turkish military deployment in Syria because Israel must preserve full freedom of action, particularly aerial freedom of movement over Syria. We have not finished with Iran yet.

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Preempting the Ottoman Shadow

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 28.08.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael explained that Turkey's military presence in Syria limits Israel's freedom of action, which ultimately forced Israel to take preemptive

military action after diplomatic signaling failed.

He stressed that Israel must work to convince the United States to adopt a more realistic approach toward radical regional actors, while remaining fully prepared to stand and act alone if the Americans are not convinced.

The full interview took place on ILTV on August 23, 2026.

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Kushner, Netanyahu make little progress on advancing Gaza deal after meeting

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 28.08.2026
Prof. Kobi Michael: American pressure may not yield results except for a limited Israeli redeployment along the Yellow Line, the boundary separating areas in Gaza under Israeli military control.

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Iran’s Internal Implosion and Growing Aggression

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 28.08.2026

Ruth Wasserman Lande argues that Iran will never make a serious effort to stop handling uranium or disarm its proxies, meaning any deal with the current Ayatollah regime is unsustainable because they simply will not respect it.

She highlights that Iran’s growing aggression is actually driven by mounting economic pressure and an internal leadership implosion, leaving the US and Israel to navigate the critical timing of their potential responses.

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Iran, the Head of the Octopus: The Ultimate Generator of Middle East Instability

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 28.08.2026

Prof. Kobi Michael discusses the intensifying friction between the United States and Iran over control of the Strait of Hormuz, pointing to Iran as the primary generator of regional instability that supports various proxy groups.

He also analyzes the delicate negotiations between Israel and Lebanon, noting that while Hezbollah acts as an Iranian-backed spoiler capable of military retaliation, both nations share a mutual interest in disarming the group to allow the Lebanese government to regain its sovereignty.

The full interview took place on NewsX World on August 16, 2026.

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