The Release of Shifa’s Director: A Tactical Error

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 01.07.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: Prof. Kobi Michael: I think that those who are very frustrated [From the release of the hospital’s director] are very right. It was a mistake, first of all because Shifa hospital became to be a symbol, and it was introduced as the ultimate symbol, or if you want the ultimate manifestation of the brutal use of Hamas of civilian facilities, mainly hospitals. We sieged the hospitals in the first phase of the war [for] several days, and in the second phase three weeks, and in the third phase we entered and surprised Hamas there in the compound. Everybody understands that the main principal [director] of this hospital was fully aware to the idea that Hamas compound was built just beneath the hospital.

The interview took place on the ILTV channel on July 1, 2024.

The Middle East is safer and peace is more likely when the US is seen as strong on the world stage

written by Asher Fredman | 01.07.2024

Asher Fredman: The Middle East is safer and peace is more likely when the US is seen as strong on the world stage. Even before the debate, the US did not appear to be strong on the world stage. Because of Biden’s lackluster performance, it’s unlikely that China, Iran or Russia will feel that the US has the resolve to counter their designs in the Middle East.

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The Americans are always ready to help Israel in defense

written by Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser | 01.07.2024

Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser: The policy of aiding Israel in defense only is not new; the Americans are always ready to help Israel in defense.

At the same time, the United States has largely steered clear of offensive operations in the region.

I would not trivialize the assistance in defense. It’s important, but of course this leaves Israel the offensive dimension.

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‘This is a message to the terrorists: you are safe nowhere’

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 01.07.2024
Ruth Wasserman-Lande speaks to I24 as the IDF urges residents of Shuja’iyya to evacuate amid strikes.

June 27, 2024.

Hamas pray for a broader war to break out in the northern front

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 01.07.2024
Prof. Kobi Michael: Hamas and other Gazan terrorists ‘still believe that time works in their favor. They pray five times a day for a broader war to break out in the northern front.

The interview took place on channel I24 on June 27, 2024.

Hezbollah is an Army: Israel

Confronts Formidable Enemy on Its Northern Border

written by Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai | 01.07.2024

Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai: In recent years, there has been criticism of the unprepared Israeli soldier. The current war proved otherwise in very well-trained and well-equipped soldiers. However, it is important to remember that Hezbollah will be fighting on its home turf, giving them a huge advantage. Adding to the challenge is the very mountainous terrain in southern Lebanon and the likely existence of tunnels and mines in many areas. It is hard to overestimate the value of US assistance to Israel, and an attack on Hezbollah cannot be done without advance coordination with the US. US support for such an attack will depend on how it assesses Israel's ability to succeed in such an attack.

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This Can't Go On

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 01.07.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: There are significant gaps between the American and Israeli positions on the war in Gaza. Israel has made mistakes, and the prime minister has often publicized issues that should have remained private, but I believe the US has an erroneous understanding of the conflict. The US doesn't understand Hamas and wants to believe a cease-fire will solve everything — the conflict with Hezbollah, with the Houthis, with Iran. They insist on ending the war in Gaza at any price, even to the extent of going against Israeli interests.

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The failure of feminist organizations

written by Ruth Wasserman Lande | 01.07.2024
Ruth Wasserman Lande is a former member of Knesset, advisor to the late President Shimon Peres and Deputy Ambassador at the Israeli embassy in Cairo.

When she was Deputy Ambassador in Egypt she learned a lot about the Arab world, she is telling Maya Zehden. And what she would do if she would be a member of Knesset again.

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Can Israel defeat Hamas?

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 01.07.2024
Prof. Kobi Michael said he was not convinced Hagari meant to directly disparage Israel’s military strategy, but he said he could see how his comments would be taken that way.
He was trying to say the truth. But he said he believed Netanyahu understood that truth — and that Israel’s goal was ultimately to prevent Hamas from being able to regroup and maintain power in Gaza.

The interview took place on NBC NEWS on June 20, 2024.



The problem was about the interpretation and the analysis of the information

written by Prof. Kobi Michael | 01.07.2024

Prof. Kobi Michael: From the very beginning, the problem was not with regard to the information, which was there. The problem was about the interpretation and the analysis of the information.

In the level of the Gaza division, things were known in such a detailed manner. It is very annoying and frustrating that the information was there, and we were not there with the information.

The interview took place at The Media Line on June 19, 2024.