

Ep. 19: Benny Gantz Speaks Out: Gaza, the Palestinians, Politics - and Securing Israel's Future

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Former Israeli Chief of Staff, Defense Minister and Alternate Prime Minister **Benny Gantz** joins *Mideast Horizons* for one of his most candid and comprehensive interviews since October 7. In this wide-ranging conversation with **Asher Fredman**, Gantz lays out his **new security doctrine**, insists that Hamas will be disarmed, and discusses Israel's evolving strategy toward **Iran**, **the Palestinian Authority**, and the **Abraham Accords**.

Gantz breaks down:

- Why Israel cannot return to the **pre-October 7 security paradigm**.
- Whether an **international force** can really demilitarize Gaza.
- What happens if Hamas refuses to disarm.
- The day after **Mahmoud Abbas** and the looming crisis in the West Bank.
- How Israel should prepare for a **regional defense alliance** with Saudi Arabia and its Abraham Accords partners.
- The strategic lessons from past Gaza wars — and why Israel must adopt a new **"strategic initiative" pillar**.
- The future of U.S.-Israel military cooperation and debates over American aid.
- Israeli politics and the need for a State Commission of Inquiry into the events that led to October 7.

Direct, thoughtful, and at times blunt, Gantz offers a rare inside look into his thinking about **the next five years**, the risks ahead, and what it will take to secure Israel's future.



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