Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria Near a Breaking Point

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Prof. Kobi Michael: If Hamas isn't disarmed and the Gaza Strip isn't demilitarized, Israel will have finished the war without achieving its goals. Israel will have trouble coming to terms with that.

In Lebanon, we see the highest chances for a resumption of the war. The Americans have lost their patience, and Israel has a green light to operate.

If Israel will reach an understanding with the Americans through dialogue with the Syrians that all of the territory south of Damascus will remain demilitarized and under a strict enforcement regime, Israel will be willing to reposition itself. But that won't happen so fast.

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