

Gaza's Day After: Dealing with Hamas Delay and Demilitarization

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Prof. Kobi Michael arguing three main points in his interview. First, he asserts that Hamas is intentionally playing games and manipulating the process concerning the bodies of the dead hostages to waste time, allowing them to reconstitute themselves militarily and politically since they do not intend to leave the Gaza Strip. Second, he insists that the idea of exchanging 200 militants for the body of Adar Goldin is a “red line” that Israel must not tolerate, as it would violate existing agreements and set a dangerous precedent; he stressed that terrorists must only be given the option to surrender or be killed. Finally, he suggests that the IDF must resume military fighting in western Gaza until full demilitarization is achieved, as Hamas will not dismantle itself voluntarily, while a gradual governance mechanism begins operating in the eastern part.

The full interview took place on ILTV on November 5, 2025.

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