

Lebanonization of Gaza

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Prof. Kobi Michael: The parallels with Lebanon continue: the proposed U.S.-backed International Stabilization Force (ISF) in Gaza would mirror the “mechanism” that monitors the ceasefire in Lebanon. In the ideal U.S. scenario, Hamas would be dismantled and disarmed, a technocratic government formed, and an international stabilization force and “peace council” established. This would require full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and coordination with that force to prevent Hamas from rearming. If the force fails – as in Lebanon – the Israeli army would re-enter and strike Hamas, something we’ve become accustomed to doing in Lebanon.

For Israel the preferred outcome is a two-zone Gaza, separated by the yellow line: “Since Hamas is unlikely to disarm – just like Hezbollah – Israel should proceed gradually and in parallel: begin implementing the plan in the east, while continuing to fight in the west until Hamas is dismantled.

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