Questioning the Feasibility of a Regional Peace Architecture

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Prof. Kobi Michael acknowledged the American optimism and good will driving efforts to establish a “new regional architecture,” but emphasized that the idea of achieving peace with Hamas “does not necessarily correspond with reality.” He argued that Israelis “cannot” feel secure relying on the proposed International Stabilization Force (ISF), since “most peacekeeping operations have failed” worldwide and “not even a single peacekeeping operation here” has succeeded since the 1950s. Moreover, he described the ISF’s composition as “very problematic,” highlighting “an inherent tension between two axes”—the Turkish-Qatarian axis and the Egyptian-Saudi-American axis—which undermines cohesion and raises doubts about whether the force “might [not] be too effective.”

The full interview took place on Channel I24 on October 22, 2025.