

The Iranian Upper Hand: Deterring American Power

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Prof. Kobi Michael argues that Iran is successfully deterring the United States because it perceives President Trump's military threats as "empty words" and a sign of American weakness.

He explains that by leveraging strategic assets like the Strait of Hormuz, Iran believes it holds the upper hand and can influence the global economy without fear of a real American escalation.

The full interview took place on Channel I24 on August 2, 2026.

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