

The Missing Leader

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Prof. Kobi Michael: Although this appointment is temporary – lasting 90 days with the option of extension – everyone understands that free elections are unlikely anytime soon. Once Hussein al-Sheikh stays beyond the 90 days, he will remain there for a long time. So, I'm not sure Barghouti's release would ultimately change much on the Palestinian scene. After so many years of glorifying his image, it would be politically difficult for any Israeli government to justify releasing him.

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