

The U.S. Blockade in the Strait of Hormuz

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Prof. Kobi Michael asserts that the ultimate success of the military campaign hinges on the effectiveness and determination of a U.S. blockade in the Strait of Hormuz, which he considers to be the final stage of the conflict.

He suggests that the most probable outcome of this pressure is an aggressive Iranian retaliation against regional targets, which would likely prompt the formation of a broad international coalition—potentially including the U.S., Israel, the UK, Japan, and Gulf countries—to end the war through significant military action.

Regarding the Bab el-Mandeb strait, Michael notes that while the Houthis may target Israeli-bound vessels, a full blockade is improbable because of the Houthis' independent interests and the strong military deterrence maintained by the United States and Israel.

The full interview took place on NewsX World on April 13, 2026.

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