

Trump's Iran Strategy: Diplomacy, Legitimacy, and the Path to Military Action

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Prof. Kobi Michael explains that President Trump is leveraging diplomacy to build domestic and international legitimacy for potential military action intended to weaken the Iranian regime and its regional proxies.

He also highlights the limitations of the current security buffer in Lebanon, asserting that a more aggressive military doctrine will be required to effectively eliminate threats north of the Litani river.

The full interview took place on ILTV on May 20, 2026.

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