



## **Israel at War – MDC Media update**

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

A month has passed since the October 7 terrorist attacks and Israel observed a national day of mourning to commemorate the victims this past week. The IDF's ground offensive has progressed methodically into Gaza City, and there are reports that Israeli forces are closing in on Hamas's command headquarters beneath al-Shifa Hospital. There are reports of Egyptian and Qatari mediation for a return of the hostages in Gaza, but there have been no results thus far. An "extraordinary" joint Arab-Islamic summit was held in Riyadh on Saturday to discuss the war, and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad both attended among others, but few concrete steps emerged from it. Hizballah leader, Hassan Nasrallah, made his second public speech in a little more than a week, as Israel continues to face steady, low-level cross-border attacks at its northern and southern borders.

In our continued effort to keep you well-informed, please see the following list of media and public appearances by MDC researchers during the past week. We are continuing our efforts to analyze and explain the fluid developments in this conflict for the general public and our community of subscribers.

### **Hebrew:**

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed by [Globes](#) (November 5, 2023) analyzing Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah's speech on November 3 and explaining why he believes Nasrallah has lost his trump card against Israel.

Dr. Hay Eytan Cohen Yanarocak was interviewed for the podcast [The Headline](#) (November 6, 2023) and discussed the U-turn in Israel-Turkey relations as a result of the war in Gaza.

Dr. Harel Chorev explained in [Maariv](#) (November 7, 2023) why it is so difficult to fathom Hamas' brutality in the October 7 Attack.

Dr. Michael Milshtein wrote in [Ynet](#) (November 7, 2023) that the success of Hamas's October 7 attacks was due to a failure to understand Hamas's ideology and intentions.

Dr. Arik Rudnitzky was interviewed by [Davar](#) (November 8, 2023) analyzing the Israeli Arabs' response to the events of October 7.

Prof. Uzi Rabi spoke on [Channel 13](#) (November 8, 2023) about the damage to Hamas' chain of command.

Prof. Uzi Rabi spoke on [Channel 13](#) (November 9, 2023) about the American response to the Iranian militias' activity against American military bases in Iraq.

### **English:**

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [Get to Text](#)'s profile (November 4, 2023) of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar.

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed by [Globes](#) (November 5, 2023) analyzing Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah's speech on November 3 and explaining why he believes Nasrallah has lost his trump card against Israel.

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke on [I24 News](#) (November 6, 2023) about the relations between Palestinians in the West Bank and Palestinians in Gaza.

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke on [\*Radio Kan English\*](#) (November 6, 2023) about the Palestinian Authority's aspirations for the day after.

Dr. Brandon Friedman and Ilan Zalayat were interviewed by [\*Haaretz\*](#) (November 6, 2023) about the Houthi attacks on Israel and the possible eventualities for the Yemeni front.

Dr. Harel Chorev was quoted in [\*The Highland County Press\*](#) (November 6, 2023) regarding Israel's ground offensive into Gaza Strip.

Prof. Uzi Rabi spoke on [\*I24 News\*](#) (November 7, 2023) about joint regional ventures, by Israel, Arab countries, and the U.S, to improve the lives of Palestinians citizens.

Dr. Michael Milshtein wrote in [\*Ynet News\*](#) (November 7, 2023) that the success of Hamas's October 7 attacks was due to a failure to understand Hamas's ideology and intentions.

MDC intern Inbar Brand wrote in [\*Jewish Journal\*](#) (November 8, 2023) about anti-Israel sentiment on US campuses during Israel-Hamas war.

### **German:**

Dr. Harel Chorev was quoted in [\*Frankfurter Rundschau\*](#) (November 5, 2023) regarding the tunnels beneath Gaza.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [\*NTV\*](#)'s profile (November 4, 2023) about Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar.

### **French:**

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [\*BBC News Afrique\*](#) (November 3, 2023) discussing Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [\*News Day FR\*](#) (November 7, 2023) analyzing Israel's ground offensive into Gaza Strip.

**Italian:**

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [\*Il Fatto Quotidiano\*](#) (November 5, 2023) discussing Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

**Dutch:**

Dr. Harel Chorev and Dr. Michael Milshtein were interviewed by [\*De Volkskrant\*](#) (November 4, 2023) regarding the origins and ideology of Hamas and the kind of entity Hamas is running in Gaza Strip.

**Kurdish:**

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [\*Rojeva Kurd\*](#) (November 4, 2023) regarding the connections between Iran and the Qassam Brigades of Hamas.

Thank you for your time, attention, and continued support.

Best,

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