



Israel at War – MDC Media update

November 23, 2023

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Early this week, there were reports of a [breakthrough](#) for a deal to release approximately 50 of the Israeli hostages, primarily children and their mothers, in exchange for Palestinians minors for females held in Israeli prisons. This exchange is expected to unfold over the course of a four-day cease-fire, with 10-12 Israeli hostages released each day. Humanitarian aid is also expected to be delivered into Gaza during the four-day cease-fire. The deal follows a week of fierce fighting in northern Gaza, escalation on Israel's northern border, an Extraordinary Arab-Islamic summit in Riyadh, and international pressure for a post-war plan for Gaza.

In our continued effort to keep you well-informed, please see the list below 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:

Dr. Michael Milshtein examined in [Haaretz](#) (November 8, 2023) how the Palestinian historical narrative swings from aggression to victimization.

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed by [Globes](#) (November 9, 2023) and explained how Captagon became popular in the Middle East.

Dr. Michael Milshtein argues in [Ynet](#) (November 14, 2023) that there is a new "Iron Curtain" dividing the world between different perceptions of truth and morality.

Prof. Itamar Rabinovich was interviewed by [Maariv](#) (November 15, 2023) about the history of Hizballah and its goals.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [Haaretz](#) (November 15, 2023) analyzing the discourse in Arab media towards the October 7 attack and the war in Gaza.

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke to [N12](#) (November 16, 2023) about the shooting attack at Israeli checkpoint south of Jerusalem.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [N12](#) (November 16, 2023) and discussed the role played by UNRWA in the Gaza Strip.

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed for the N12 podcast [One A Day](#) (November 19, 2023), discussed the history of Hizballah and tried to answer the question – what does Nasrallah want? (the second part of the podcast – [here](#))

Prof. Eyal Zisser wrote in [Israel Hayom](#) (November 19, 2023) about the common interests between Israel and Arab states in fighting Hamas.

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke to [N12](#) (November 20, 2023) about the use of Shifa hospital by Hamas.

English:

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed by [Globes](#) (November 12, 2023) and explained how Captagon became popular in the Middle East.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [Italy24](#) (November 12) arguing that the Hamas' military equipment resembles that of a "state armies".

Prof. Uzi Rabi explained on [I24 News](#) (November 13, 2023) how attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq and Syria by "the arms of the Iranian octopus" can drag Israel and the U.S. into a regional war.

Dr. Michael Milshtein spoke on the [TLVI podcast](#) (November 13, 2023) about Hamas and post-war Gaza.

Dr. Brandon Friedman spoke to [BBC News](#) (November 13, 2023) about the long-term implications of the war and the danger of regional escalation.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [Globes](#) (November 14, 2023) regarding the Palestinian Authority's inability to control Gaza.

Dr. Harel Chorev was quoted in [Indo&NY](#) (November 16, 2023) regarding IDF ground offensive and the use of Hamas in tunnels to hide or to escape.

Dr. Paul Rivlin was quoted in [The Washington Post](#) (November 16, 2023) regarding the collapse of the economy in Gaza.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [Newsweek](#) (November 17, 2023) regarding the next stages in Israel's ground offensive.

Dr. Michael Milshtein examined in [Haaretz](#) (November 17, 2023) how the Palestinian historical narrative swings from aggression to victimization.

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed by [Breitbart](#) (November 19, 2023) about Antisemitism on university campuses in the U.S.

Dr. Brandon Friedman spoke to [BBC News](#) (November 20, 2023) and discussed the steady attacks by Hizballah and Houthis on Israel and what would be required for the "day after" in Gaza.

Arabic:

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke to [BBC News al-Arabi](#) (November 15, 2023) about Hamas's use of Shifa hospital and other hospitals in the Gaza Strip.

Turkish:

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed by [Oksijen](#) (November 13, 2023) and discussed Gaza's future.

German:

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke on [Spiegel](#) (November 14, 2023) about the tunnels beneath Gaza and how they endanger Israeli soldiers.

Dr. Harel Chorev was interviewed by [Juedische Allgemeine](#) (November 16, 2023) regarding the question – who can control Gaza?

Dr. Harel Chorev was quoted in [Zeit Online](#) (November 17, 2023) regarding the IDF ground offensive and the use of Hamas in tunnels to hide or to escape.

French:

Prof. Bruce Maddy-Weitzman analyzed in [Le360](#) (November 14, 2023) the future of the region and of the Abraham Accords.

Italian:

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [La Repubblica](#) (November 12) arguing that the Hamas's military equipment resembles that of a "state armies".

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

Best,

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