



Israel at War – MDC Media update

November 5, 2023

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

During the past week, Israel's ground offensive into Gaza began. Israeli forces cut Gaza in half, separating north and south and are engaged in combat throughout the greater Gaza City area. Hamas released a video statement from three of the Israeli hostages but the hostage issue has receded from the public spotlight with the beginning of the ground war in Gaza.

Jordan withdrew its Ambassador to Israel late in the week, and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was in Tel Aviv on Friday and then Amman for a summit on Saturday to meet with Arab leaders from Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the PLO about the war. The Arab states demanded an immediate ceasefire and condemned Israel's military operation. Pro-Palestinian protests movements erupted across the West over the weekend, with tens of thousands taking to the streets in Berlin, London, Paris, and Washington. Hizballah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, delivered a speech on Friday explaining Hizballah's view of the war.

In our continued effort to keep you well-informed, we have included below a list of media and public appearances of the MDC researchers during the past week. Our researchers are continuing to make every effort to interpret and explain the fast-moving developments in this conflict for the general public and our community of subscribers.

Hebrew:

Prof. Uzi Rabi wrote in [Maariv](#) (October 29, 2023) about the regional and international aspects of the war.

Dr. Michael milshtein analyzed in [Ynet](#) (October 29, 2023) the various proposals that come up in Israel regarding the future of the Gaza Strip.

Prof. Uzi Rabi spoke in [N12](#) (October 31, 2023) about the history of the Houthis in Yemen and their connection to Iran.

Dr. Harel Chorev was interviewed by [Globes](#) (November 1, 2023) discussing the network of tunnels beneath Gaza.

English:

Prof. Eyal Zisser was interviewed for the podcast [TAU Unbound](#) (October 26, 2023) analyzing the origins of the war in Gaza and the regional perspective with an emphasis on Iran and Syria.

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke on [TVP World](#) (October 28, 2023) about UN General Assembly call for truce.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [BBC](#) (October 29, 2023) discussing Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [The Wall Street Journal](#) (October 30, 2023) regarding Israel aiming to destroy the network of tunnels beneath Gaza.

Prof. Uzi Rabi was interviewed for the podcast [State of Tel Aviv, and Beyond](#) (October 30, 2023) discussing the origins and ideology of Hamas.

Dr. Harel Chorev was interviewed by [Globes](#) (November 1, 2023) discussing the network of tunnels beneath Gaza.

Dr. Michael Milshtein was interviewed by [DW](#) (November 1, 2023) regarding the connections between Iran and the Qassam Brigades of Hamas.

Arabic:

Dr. Harel Chorev spoke on [BBC News al-Arabi](#) (November 4, 2023) about Israel's ground offensive into Gaza Strip.

Spanish:

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [El-Universo](#) (November 1, 2023) regarding Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

Czech:

Dr. Michael Milshtein and Dr. Harel Chorev were quoted in [CT24](#) (October 31, 2023) discussing Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

Danish:

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [Politiken](#) (October 31, 2023) regarding Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

Greek:

Dr. Harel Chorev was quoted in [Philenews](#) (October 29, 2023) about the necessity to eliminate Hamas.

Chinese:

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [Zaobao](#) (November 2, 2023) regarding Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

Indonesian:

Dr. Michael Milshtein was quoted in [BBC Indonesia](#) (October 29, 2023) discussing Gaza's future and the need to make plans for the day after.

Vietnamese:

Dr. Harel Chorev and Dr. Michael Milshtein were quoted in [Dantri](#) (November 2, 2023) regarding the potential risk in completely eliminating Hamas.

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

Best,

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