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“Bridging Insights: The Israel-Hamas Conflict: Consequences and Outcomes”

WITH

ABDULLA AL-JUNAID (Bahrain)

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The Co-Founder and Executive Director of MENA2050

ADNAN MJALLI (Palestine)

A Pharmaceutical entrepreneur, founder of TransTech Pharma and High Point Pharmaceuticals.

GHAITH AL-OMARI (Jordan/ USA)

A Senior Fellow in The Washington Institute's Program in the U.S.-Israel Strategic Relationship.

Moderator: **SARAH AWAIDAH**

WEDNESDAY, 01 NOVEMBER 2023

16:00 - 17:30 (ISRAEL STANDARD TIME)

9:00 - 10:30 (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

VENUE: ZOOM

PROGRAM:

This meeting will be conducted in English.

16:00-16:05 **Opening remarks and brief introduction from Dr. Brandon Friedman, Moshe Dayan Center.**

16:05-16:10 **Sarah Awaidah** introduces discussion and speakers.

16:10-16:50 **Discussion** between moderator and speakers.

16:50-17:30 **Q&A** from audience to speakers.

[Please RSVP here](#)

The link to the event will be sent to the email used to register.

The Israel-Hamas conflict has entered a new and deeply concerning phase, marked by unprecedented levels of violence and a sharp escalation in hostilities. The situation has not been confined solely to these actors, as we witness escalating tensions and demonstrations in the West Bank and concerns over Palestinian leadership, reflecting a complex and volatile landscape. This period of conflict has garnered worldwide attention, with global demonstrations and widespread media coverage. As the situation rapidly evolves, we pose a series of questions to assess the current state of affairs and explore the potential future outcomes of this multifaceted and challenging crisis.

PANELISTS:

Abdulla Al-Junaid is a geopolitical columnist and current affairs commentator, providing insightful analysis on national, regional, and international issues through various media outlets. He is a founding member of the National Unity Assembly, a political party in Bahrain, and has held key roles, including Head of Policies and Analysis, Deputy Head of the Political Department, and Personal Advisor on International and Geopolitical matters to the President of the National Unity Media Association. Abdullah's expertise extends to his role as a columnist in prominent newspapers, including Alayam (Bahrain), Al-Ittihad (UAE), Makkah (KSA), Okaz (KSA), and online platforms such as Security and Defence Arabia, Skynews Arabia, Middle East Online, Smt Center for Strategic Studies, and the Washington Institute for Near East Studies. He also serves as a Non-Resident Fellow at Trends Research & Advisory in the UAE and is actively engaged in national reconciliation efforts.

Eli Bar-On is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of MENA2050. He served in various senior legal positions in the Israeli government. He was also a professor at the Israel National Defense College, with a focus on matters of national security, strategy, and international relations. Eli has provided

expert presentations to high-level delegations throughout the world. He also led strategic international dialogues and lectured at preeminent academic institutions around the world. Eli has a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree and an Executive Master of Business Administration (E.M.B.A.) degree (cum laude) from Tel Aviv University and a master's degree in political science (M.A.) (cum laude) from Haifa University.

Dr. Adnan Mjalli is an internationally recognized entrepreneur in the business of drug discovery and development of new medicines in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. Dr. Mjalli is the founder of TransTech Pharma, LLC and High Point Pharmaceuticals, both of which are drug discovery, development and commercialization companies now under vTv Therapeutics, LLC, High Point Clinical Trials Center (HPCTC) Inc., a clinical trials research and development center that conducts human clinical trials and PharmaCore Inc., a drug manufacturing company. Dr. Mjalli served as Chairman and CEO of TransTech Pharma from December 1998-April 2014. He currently serves as CEO of High Point Clinical Trials Center and Chairman of PharmaCore. Dr. Mjalli obtained his Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry in 1989 from the University of Exeter, UK. His postdoctoral work was carried out at the University of Rochester. Dr. Mjalli has held various positions of increasing responsibility in research and senior management at several pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies including Merck & Co., Inc. and Ontogen Corporation. He is the author of more than 40 scientific papers, four book chapters and an inventor on more than 700 patents and patent applications. Dr. Mjalli served on the Board of Directors of Siga Technologies, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, the Guilford Technology Community College (GTCC) Board, and the High Point Economic Development Corporation. Currently, Dr. Mjalli serves on the High Point University Board, The Foundation Board of GTCC, High Point Chamber of Commerce, the Arab American University, the American Task Force on Palestine, the America-Mideast Educational and Training Service, Inc. (AMIDEAST), a member of the American Chemical Society, an honorary fellow of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences, and an honorary member of the Palestine Academy of Science and Technology. Dr. Mjalli has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for his companies listed above. He has also structured, negotiated, and concluded an excess of a dozen multibillion dollar worth deals with major global pharmaceutical companies.

Ghaith Al-Omari is a Senior Fellow in The Washington Institute's Program in the U.S.-Israel Strategic Relationship. The former executive director of the American Task Force on Palestine. Between 1999-2006, served as an advisor to the Palestinian negotiating team where he participated in numerous negotiation rounds including the Camp David summit. Additionally, he held various other positions within the Palestinian Authority including an advisor to the president and prime minister. A lawyer by training, Ghaith was born and raised in Jordan and studied at Georgetown and Oxford universities.

Moderator: **Sarah Awaidah** is the co-founder of the MENA Aid Humanitarian regional cross-border Coalition initiative and actively serves as a member of the Executive Committee of MENA2050, a regional partnership and development organization spanning 20 countries in the MENA region. Sarah also serves as the coordinator of the Hiwar Intra-Regional Dialogue Forum at the Moshe Dayan Center. Drawing from her passion for education and conflict resolution, Sarah has over a decade of experience in the Palestine-Israeli peacebuilding field and is the Founder of the Takadm Languages Center. Currently, Sarah holds the position of Chief Operation Director at MENA2050, where her diverse expertise contributes to the organization's goals and the progress of the MENA region.

PLEASE NOTE

We cordially invite the audience to participate in thirty minutes of Q&A with the speakers following a round of opening remarks.