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ICT EXPERTS ON OPERATION GUARDIAN OF THE WALLS

Operation "Guardian of the Walls"

The riots that erupted in Sheikh Jarrah over the course of the previous month are only the tip of the iceberg of significant root causes within the Palestinian and Arab-Israeli society. Those who identified the volatile situation and leveraged it to fan the flames was Hamas that simultaneously launched an incitement and propaganda campaign and a military campaign from Gaza.

Hamas military campaign focused on rockets barrages against the cities and settlements close to the border and it expanded it to the cities of southern Israel, Jerusalem and the cities of central Israel – including Tel-Aviv. The above was coupled with riots in eastern Jerusalem that spread to the Arab Israeli population and the West Bank. Israel, responded by launching Operation Guardian of the Walls during which Israel Defense Forces (IDF) destroyed multiple high value Hamas targets in Gaza including a significant hit on the "Metro", Hamas underground array, the rocket launching and manufacturing apparatus, the navy apparatus as well as eliminating senior Hamas members in Gaza.

The military achievements coupled with an international pressure to end Operation Guardian of the Walls brought to a cease fire. The end of the round of violence does not necessarily provide a political solution to the Israel-Hamas conflict or the gaps and problems within the Arab Israeli society.

Read about ICT activities during the operation "Guardian of the Walls", articles, interviews, special activities and more [□](#)

ICT experts briefings during Operation "Guardian of the Walls"



Through a unique collaboration between the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and Act.IL (Abba Eben Institute for International Diplomacy at IDC Herzliya), ICT experts provided insights on the incitement carried out by Hamas, its psychological warfare, main narratives and fake news. In addition, ICT experts provided knowledge on Hamas' strategy, motivations and modus operandi.

ICT in the Media during operation "Guardian of the Walls"



New round for Israel, Hamas - how it happened, how will it end?

New round for Israel, Hamas - how it happened, how will it end? Prof. Boaz Ganor, Founder & Executive Director, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), in an article for the Jerusalem Post on operation "Guardian of the Walls" how did we get here? How is this round different from previous rounds? What is Hamas trying to achieve in the current conflict? What are the main lessons?

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Hamas has been TikToking during Operation "Guardian of the Walls"

For many years, Hamas has been systematically inciting Palestinian youths on every possible platform (preaching in mosques, electronic and written media and social networks) to join the organization and carry out attacks. Hamas has been using TikTok for promoting its "ownership" over the issues of Jerusalem and inciting during Operation "Guardian of the Walls".

A special ICT report reviewed in the Jerusalem Post.

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"Israel has failed in its national public diplomacy, in the non-identification of the platforms that currently shape world public opinion."

Prof. Gabriel Weimann senior researcher at ICT, in an opinion column for Ynet on Israeli public diplomacy efforts during Operation "Guardian of the Walls".



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Prof. Gabriel Weimann was interviewed on this topic

Interview to the Jerusalem Post

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" Hamas has not come to surrender, so the prisoners and the missing held by Hamas are an asset that they will not give up ... We must break free from the equation that returning prisoners necessarily involves the release of terrorists."

Col. (Res.) Lior Lotan, Former Executive Director and Senior Researcher at ICT in an interview with Makor Rishon on negotiations to return Israel's captured soldiers and civilians.



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"In order to create a victory picture for Israel, Public diplomacy efforts must be upgraded, even on social networks."

Dr. Liram Koblenz-Stenzler, Senior Researcher at ICT was interviewed on Channel 13 on the asymmetric war, Israel is facing against Hamas.

[For the interview \(Hebrew\) >>](#)

Was Hamas "surprised" by the intensity of the Israeli response during Operation "Guardian of the Walls"?

Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Research Scholar at ICT, in an interview to i24News (in French).



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"Hamas' artillery capabilities have greatly improved, mainly due to knowledge and training from Iran"

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Nitzan Nuriel, Fellow at ICT & former Director of the Israeli Counter-Terrorism Bureau, in an interview with Media Line about the Hamas' artillery capabilities during Operation "Guardian of the Walls".



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During Operation "Guardian of the Walls", "Hamas adapted its tactics to the Iron Dome system and fired heavy barrages at several places within minutes."

Col. (Res.) Miri Eisen, Fellow at ICT in an interview with the Washington Post about the recent military round between Israel and Hamas.

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" Hamas is inspired by Hezbollah, and is supported and funded by the Iranians"... "If there will not be any strategic change, Israel will find itself in another round with Hamas"

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Gal Hirsch, Fellow at ICT, provided a number of interviews (in Hebrew) to the Israeli media about the confrontation with Hamas and the Iranian connection.

[Interview with Udi Segal](#)
[Interview with Tamar Ish-Shalom](#)
[Interview with Avri Gilad and Rotem Israel](#)

"Over time, Hamas has used its mandate to make the Gaza Strip into a base for terrorism. The money that it gets from Israel and Qatar is not used for the welfare of its citizens, but to increase its military capability"

Dr. Liram Koblenz-Stenzler, Senior Researcher at ICT and Bradley Martin in an article in the Washington Times on the need for a Marshall Plan in the Gaza Strip.

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" Hamas and Hezbollah use means available to everyone such as skimmers and they use them militarily to attack Israel"

Dr. Hillel Avichai, fellow at ICT in an interview with Channel 11 Kan on Hamas' capabilities during Operation "Guardian of the Walls"

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"The military campaign in the Gaza Strip that began with the Hamas initiative does not speak of victory, occupation or elimination" "The campaign speaks to hearts and minds, and of profit and losses"

Mr. Adi Carmi, Fellow at ICT and former ISA Senior Fellow, in an interview with 103FM Radio about the Operation "Guardian of the Walls".

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Why were the police not prepared for civil riots? What can be done to prepare the police for similar incidents?

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Oren Avman, Fellow at ICT, in an opinion column for Ynet under the title: Such riots will return (referring to the Israeli Arab riots), so "National Guard" is needed.



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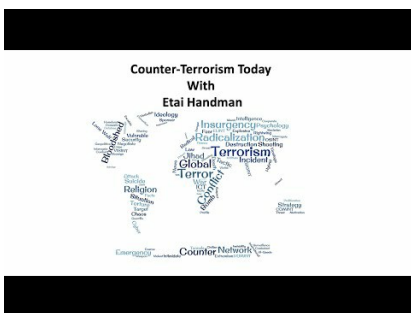
Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Researcher at ICT, provided a briefing to foreign media correspondents from 20 countries (among them VOA, Daily Express, CBN, TAZ, Die Welt, Frankfurter Rundschau, La Repubblica, Yomiuri Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, .(Mainichi, Der Standard, Kan .English



The briefing was organized by Media Central.

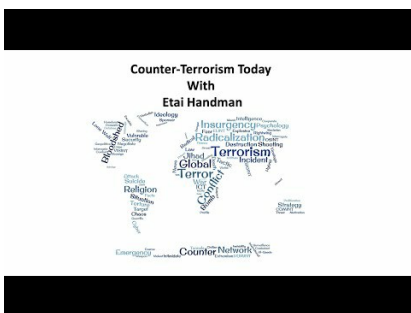
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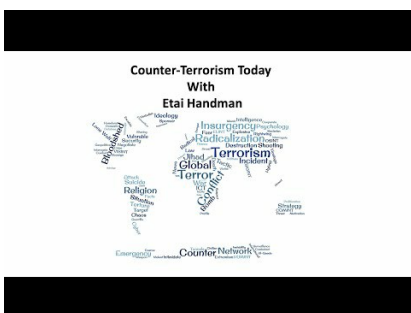
Dr. Michael Barak, Senior Researcher at ICT, joined Etai Handman on the Counter-Terrorism Today Podcast to discuss the current issues facing the Palestinian Authority.

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Col (Ret.) Miri Eisin, ICT Fellow joined Etai Handman on the Counter-Terrorism Today Podcast to discuss Iran & Middle East.

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Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Research Scholar, and Dr. Michael Barak, Senior Researcher, ICT joined Etai Handman on the Counter-Terrorism Today Podcast to discuss Operation Guardian of the Walls.

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