Avi Melamed

Intro

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my distinct privilege to introduce a man who has gained a truly unique perspective on Middle East affairs.

He is a strategic intelligence analyst and the Founder and CEO of Inside the Middle East: Intelligence Perspectives (ITME), an organization providing apolitical non-partisan education about the contemporary Middle East using Intelligence Methodology to teach critical thinking and media literacy.

He is a former Israeli intelligence official on Arab affairs and has held government, counterterrorism, intelligence, and senior advisory positions while operating in Arab cities and communities on behalf of Israel's government.

He is also a widely published author and his newest book, *Inside the Middle East: Making Sense of the Most Dangerous and Complicated Region on Earth*, provides us with a "GPS" to help navigate this dramatically changing region.

Friends, will you please join me in welcoming a man who is expertly placed to help us understand the ever-complicated Middle East, Avi Melamed.

100 word bio

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