**Kobi Marom Introduction**

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to one of Israel’s top defense experts…

He is ***a decorated veteran,*** who commanded an rescue operation of Ethiopian Jews in the Sudanese desert in 1984, and who was the IDF’s brigade commander for the Eastern Front in South Lebanon as well as head of the Hermon Brigade, where he supervised complex and varied combat units under conditions of duress and uncertainty…

He is ***a respected scholar****,* who is a research associate at The International Institute for Counter Terrorism of the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, where he specializes in analysis of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terror groups in the Middle East…

And he is ***a popular commentator,*** who is frequently quoted in media reports, and who often speaks to audiences such as Jewish communities as well as diplomatic, political, and philanthropic delegations.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome a treasure trove of knowledge on Israel’s security landscape, Kobi Marom.