

# Israel to integrate with US military, infiltrate Albania

Max Blumenthal joins Judge Andrew Napolitano's Judging Freedom

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Undeclared wars are commonplace. Tragically, our government engages in preemptive war, otherwise known as aggression, with no complaints from the American people. Sadly, we have become accustomed to living with the illegitimate use of force by the government. To develop a truly free society, the issue of initiating force must be understood and rejected.

## #Judge Andrew Napolitano

What if sometimes, to love your country, you had to alter or abolish the government? What if Jefferson was right? What if that government is best which governs least? What if it is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong? What if it is better to perish fighting for freedom than to live as a slave? What if freedom's greatest hour of danger is now?

## #Judge Andrew Napolitano

Hi, everyone. Judge Andrew Napolitano here for Judging Freedom. Today is Thursday, June 11th, 2026. Max Blumenthal joins us now. Max, a pleasure as always. Thank you very much. I want to talk to you about the public revelation of something that everybody in Washington already knew, which is the Mossad, the Israeli spies, spying on the people with whom the president communicates, and thus, of course, on the president himself in Washington, the White House, and Mar-a-Lago. To me, and I've been discussing this almost all week, the story is not the spying. The story is the story — the fact that somebody on the inside went to The New York Times about this. Can you enlighten us a little bit?

## #Max Blumenthal

Well, they went to NBC. They went to The New York Times. We're talking about officials in three-letter agencies like the Defense Intelligence Agency, likely officials inside the White House. Steve Witkoff was targeted with spying, someone who's been ideologically invested in the Zionist movement throughout his adult life and has been essentially a card for Israel at the negotiating table with Iran. Elbridge Colby has been targeted because I assume he's been a force in the administration advising restraint on Iran. And Michael Doran, who's one of the top officials advising the White House on Iran. So I wonder if any of them actually went to the press on background

about this. I mean, clearly it's people who have been targeted. The DIA actually issued a report declaring that Israeli spying on the U.S. is at a critical level.

Why? Well, just a few minutes before we started, Donald Trump took to Truth Social and announced that he's delaying the bombing of Iran. We'll talk about this maybe a little later, so that he can work on a possible memorandum of understanding with the Iranians, maybe a deal. It's like the 38th time he's announced that, so I don't take it that seriously. But this blindsided the Israelis. In Israel, they're going to the press complaining that Trump didn't warn them about this. They're very nervous about Trump actually signing an MOU with Iran and putting an end to the naval blockade and the regime change project. And that would be just devastating to Benjamin Netanyahu and to the overall Israeli project of destroying the Islamic Republic and unfreezing assets.

I mean, I don't think the U.S. will do it, but Israel's freaking out about this. And so they have initiated a massive spying program. And one of the things, Judge, that we learned through this New York Times report is something that I actually reported back in 2025, which I got from a White House source, which was that when Benjamin Netanyahu, on one of his visits, Shin Bet officials from Israel's General Security Service who were accompanying him placed tracking devices on a Secret Service vehicle. And what I reported at the time was it was a Secret Service vehicle that would respond to an incident involving the president, which could be an emergency. Why would they want to be tracking that vehicle? That raises some chilling questions. And now the New York Times has confirmed what I reported a year ago. Wow.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

So, Whitcroft is an Israeli agent. We know that.

### **#Max Blumenthal**

An asset, I would say.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Right, asset. Mossad is spying on him when he communicates with the president, which is all over the place — Air Force One, the White House, Mar-a-Lago, wherever they happen to be together. And Elbridge Colby was another person named as somebody they're spying on. He's number two or three — I think three — in the Defense Department. Do you think this was a surprise to Trump, that his buddy Netanyahu is listening to his phone calls?

### **#Max Blumenthal**

No, absolutely not. And as I reported back in 2025, Donald Trump fears the fallout from defying Israel. Just as Charlie Kirk, say, feared Netanyahu and his wrath as he began to turn against the

Israeli programming of TPUSA and move towards a more independent, critical position. I'm not saying Israel iced Charlie Kirk — there's no evidence for that — but these are the attitudes of these figures based on my conversations with people who've spent extensive amounts of time with them. And you know, once again, what I said, which a lot of people said was crazy, has been confirmed about the tracking devices on the Secret Service vehicle. There's also the report from the first Trump term, which appeared in Politico — three former senior U.S. officials revealing that Israel placed Stingray surveillance devices inside the White House. They were listening to the phone calls of Donald Trump and his immediate advisors. How did they get into the White House? Who got into the White House?

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Is it Bibi? I was just going to ask you. Is it Bibi himself who put these devices behind a toilet in the White House?

### **#Max Blumenthal**

I'm going to say that is highly likely. Anyone who's watching this right now, if you think I'm crazy and I'm a conspiracy theorist, then just go read the memoirs of former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who stated explicitly that Benjamin Netanyahu was caught placing surveillance devices in his personal bathroom at 10 Downing Street. Okay, that's what we're dealing with here. That's the level of infiltration, subterfuge, deception, deceit, and malignancy we're dealing with in the special relationship.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

He should have been arrested.

### **#Max Blumenthal**

Yes. Well, for that — for genocide.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Right.

### **#Max Blumenthal**

Nuremberg, you know, he deserves Nuremberg along with half the Biden administration. But, you know, if they want to get him on surveillance, fine.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Right. I want to talk to you about the National Defense Authorization Act and these two issues — disgraceful, even despicable sections 224, which weds the military, and 622, which is a sharing of all intel. Yeah, this, of course, in my view, is evading the treaty clause of the Constitution because this is the moral and legal equivalent of a treaty, but they can't get two-thirds of the Senate to confirm it. But what are they trying to do here? Tie the hands of a future president?

## **#Max Blumenthal**

It's more dangerous and invidious than that. It's about preventing any alteration or change in U.S. policy toward Israel and completely consolidating Israeli control over Congress. I'll explain why. Section 224 of the NDAA is called the U.S.-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative, and it mandates cooperation on quantum, on AI, on cyber, on the future of the U.S. defense tech sector. And this will be more consequential than the \$200 billion of aid which the U.S. has provided to Israel since 1948 because it will, first of all, require sharing of all data between military data and data that is obtained by military intelligence — I would assume the NSA as well — with Israel. So our data becomes their data. And we just were talking about how much Israel spies on the U.S. It's very clear that there are two separate agendas here and that Israel is a massive liability to U.S. national security.

But then there's the defense production aspect, in which if Israel becomes such a central component to U.S. defense tech — joint funding of projects that are developed by Israel and the U.S. and are then manufactured inside the U.S. in places like Mississippi and Arkansas, poor red states that are heavily dependent on Israeli industries like military production as well as prisons and are desperate for jobs — then you have members of Congress who are completely in the pocket of Israel because their factories in their districts are producing these parts and weapons systems for Israel's genocide machine, and they are going to vote with Israel no matter what or risk losing thousands of jobs in their districts, which are otherwise very poor.

And you can go back and look at AIPAC conferences and the messages that are delivered by members of Congress. I remember the old Texas Congresswoman Kay Bailey Hutchison. She had an Elbit Systems plant in her district in Texas, and she would always just say, Israel has given me thousands of jobs, so I support Israel. You're going to be seeing that 20-fold, 50-fold if this passes. And then, as you mentioned, there's Section 622 on intelligence sharing, which mandates that the U.S. share all intelligence with Israel, a country which is, according to the NSA, the country that spies on the United States more than China and Russia.

## **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Let me just stop you for a second. Is this bilateral? Does Israel have to share its intelligence with the United States, or is it just one way?

## **#Max Blumenthal**

It's bilateral, presumably, but Israel doesn't have a constitution with clauses about privacy. Israel is a much weaker country. This is unprecedented. The United States does not mandate intelligence sharing with any other country. So why Israel, a country that is waging an eight-front war, in which the eighth front is the United States? Sections 224 and 622 will consolidate Israeli control and Israel's merger with the United States government in a way that's more powerful than all of the influencers that it's paying and the entire Israel lobby's power combined. This is the most dangerous bill ever currently in Congress. Anyone who's concerned about the role that Israel's playing in completely invalidating the opinion of the American public, which opposes this economically destructive, murderous Iran war across partisan lines, has to intervene, call Congress, and do something to stop this bill because the Israel First factions in Congress have already stopped a resolution to block it.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Yeah, they stopped it in the House. I don't think it has reached the floor of the Senate yet, although the proponent of this is the chair of the committee in the Senate, Tom Cotton of Arkansas, who's chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee that would be reviewing this. So for sure it's going to get through the Senate committee. Whether it can get the 60 votes on the floor of the Senate will depend on whether there's anybody with an ounce of courage there. But all of this, as I understand it, Max—and please correct me if I have a misunderstanding—allows a less visible relationship between the United States and Israel, one that will be nearly impossible to reverse without legislation from another Congress.

### **#Max Blumenthal**

Yeah, it strips away all of the diplomatic oversight mechanisms, the political oversight mechanisms, and it moves the U.S.-Israeli special relationship outside of those channels into the murky, much more opaque world of the Pentagon and the defense sector. And everything can be hidden on the basis of national security.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Wow. Let me switch gears for a minute. The president, of course, made this crazy announcement about Kharg Island at 8:30 this morning. We talked about it. And then just as you were coming on, he made this announcement that, no, I'm not going to attack Kharg Island and I'm not going to bomb them. And you talked about how disruptive this is in Israel. What is Netanyahu going to do about it? Is he on the phone with Donald Trump right now saying you can't back down at this point or the following will happen?

### **#Max Blumenthal**

I would assume so. I was right last week when I predicted that Netanyahu would seek to literally blow up any potential deal between the U.S. and Iran by bombing Beirut's Dahiya district. I think like 48 hours after I said that, Israel bombed Beirut's Dahiya district, which Iran had said is a red line. What did they bomb? They didn't bomb it, they didn't carry out any assassination. They just hit some building and said it's a message. They killed some bystanders. And then Iran proceeds to retaliate. Israel will continue to use Lebanon, which is the red line, to instigate conflict with Iran and to drag Trump back to his handlers. Anytime Trump requests time off from his handlers, Tel Aviv tells him, no, you've got to keep working for us. And he does what they want.

So I assume that Israel will continue to escalate in Lebanon, where they are carrying out an actual project of ethnic cleansing in the south, ethnically cleansing one million Shia citizens of Lebanon, and continue to attack Dahiya, where there are no military targets, in order to inflame this conflict. And it's also possible that Israel could attack Iran unilaterally at some point. Israel's holding a—you know, Netanyahu's holding a security cabinet meeting, I think he held one today. And they're very upset with Donald Trump's announcement. I should just say, I don't believe Donald Trump is serious about a deal. He may just be delaying it because the World Cup opening ceremony is now, and ICE needs to detain more officials and soccer players. I don't know what he's waiting for, but I don't believe he's serious about a deal.

## **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

What do you think Smotrich and Ben-Gvir and that crowd are suggesting to Netanyahu as we speak?

## **#Max Blumenthal**

Well, there's actually a split between Ben-Gvir and Smotrich. Over what? Smotrich is more focused on the West Bank and annexation, and he wants to tone down. From what I've read, he wants to roll back the presence in Lebanon somewhat, and Ben-Gvir wants to escalate. But Smotrich has also made statements calling for the destruction of like 10 buildings in Beirut for every FPV drone that hits an Israeli troop. So what can they do? I mean, they are a factor in the coalition. They could threaten to pull out. And Netanyahu had a very intense security meeting with Ben-Gvir last week in which Netanyahu was actually pleading the case against him in leaked comments.

He said, let's not alienate Trump. He's pretty much done whatever we wanted. And Ben-Gvir said, no, we have to completely ignore the U.S. We can't allow them to make this deal. So there's at least this facade of a split. I don't know who leaked those comments. But then the others in the coalition are the ultra-Orthodox parties. And this is what I think will ultimately threaten to bring down Netanyahu's coalition over the Haredi, or ultra-Orthodox, draft bill, which would force men who are religiously opposed to serving in the Israeli military because they believe it will take them away from Torah study, will force them into uniform.

And there have been riots and opposition. And, you know, it's not just the ultra-Orthodox party. It's the Shas party, which represents the religious sector of the Mizrahi public, a big party in Israel, that opposes this. So Netanyahu, to hold his coalition together, has to let that sector of the Israeli public that lives off basically state welfare and doesn't participate in the military continue to just study Torah all day. And at the same time, he's emboldening and empowering representatives of the more secular, still kind of fascist Israeli public, like Gabi Ashkenazi, who is the former Israeli chief of staff. He is of the military.

He is the author of the so-called Dahiya doctrine of disproportionate force/terrorism against Lebanese and Gaza civilians. But he's Netanyahu's key emerging opponent, and he's representing the center-left. And one of the things that just infuriates that sector of Jewish-Israeli society, who are in Tel Aviv and west and south Jerusalem, Haifa, and they work in the tech sector and they're more secular, is the fact that there are so many men who won't do military service like they did and suffer in the field with them. This is what really threatens to blow up Netanyahu. And it's leading him into these wars because as long as there's this seven-front war going on, he can continue to keep the public somewhat united.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Didn't the Israeli Supreme Court rule that they are subject to the draft like everybody else?

### **#Max Blumenthal**

It doesn't mean that's going to be implemented. Netanyahu has been dragging his feet on this for as long as he can because of how narrow his coalition is.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

What is Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law and part of the duo of negotiators, attempting to accomplish in Albania, and how has that been received there?

### **#Max Blumenthal**

Yeah, this is amazing. I mean, it's an amazing story. Jared Kushner, in July 2021, was on a yacht that belonged to a friend outside Sazan Island in this ecologically protected area that's rich with beautiful flamingos. And he was with Ivanka Trump. And they supposedly, according to Ivanka Trump, swam to this uninhabited island and were completely charmed by what they saw and decided to launch a mega resort — like a \$4.5 billion mega resort with 10,000 hotel rooms and luxury villas in this uninhabited, pristine natural preserve. It so happens that the yacht they were on belonged to Nathaniel Rothschild from the Rothschild family, who were clients of Jeffrey Epstein and are notorious throughout history for funding wars and all sorts of other nefarious activities.

Nathaniel Rothschild is a major supporter of the Iran war. And Jared Kushner has since engaged in a sort of secret deal with Albania's leader, Prime Minister Edi Rama, who is a bought-off tool of Western empire, as Albanian leadership has been since the end of the Cold War, through his affinity partners, to build this resort. The Albanian public did not know about this until this spring or this May, and they launched what they're calling the Flamingo Revolution in defense not just of this beautiful natural preserve, but of their national sovereignty. And it's a rare moment where Albanians are rising up against not just the U.S., but they're also starting to notice Israeli influence.

This project will be funded through Kushner's Affinity Partners, which is basically a vehicle for foreign influence from countries like Saudi Arabia, which is funding it, as well as Qatar, where a Qatari company will be the co-owner. And Albanians are correctly pointing the finger at these Gulf monarchies as well as at Israel because of Jared Kushner's deep, abiding ties to Israel. It's also important to mention that Sazan Island is a former Soviet military base in a very strategically located waterway that's filled with nuclear bunkers. And it's very much in vogue right now for members of the Epstein class, the billionaire class, to get their own bunkers in expectation of a war or a massive backlash for their activities.

That would mean that if Jared Kushner establishes this luxury resort exclusively on this island, it would also become a potential bulwark for Israeli power projection in the region. And we've seen Israelis buying up large tracts of land in Cyprus, Israel establishing a military intelligence footprint throughout Greece. And so Albanians are starting to draw these connections. And what has Prime Minister Edi Rama said about these protests, which are right now taking over the streets of Tirana, the Albanian capital, as we speak? Thousands and thousands of people are in the streets.

He's saying that Israel's enemies are behind these protests and that he is facing an anti-Israel hybrid war. Well, why would he say that? Because he has invested his government and his country so deeply into its own special relationship with Israel, buying enormous amounts of weapons from Israel, integrating their intelligence services with Israel. And this appears to be part of that same Sazan Island Jared Kushner Affinity Partners project. The Affinity Partners project appears to be of a part with the Greater Israel Project, and many Albanians are starting to notice that.

## **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Wow. Man, I don't know how any of this ends, my friend.

## **#Max Blumenthal**

Well, you know how it should end? It should end with a foreign agent investigation of Jared Kushner, who founded Affinity Partners just after leaving the first Trump administration and then was wired \$2 billion by Saudi Arabia, never delivered a single penny of return on the Saudi investment. It was purely an avenue for the Saudis to pay into Trump Incorporated. And that's the same thing that's happening in Albania. They're giving Jared Kushner a little island in order to pay

into Trump Incorporated and the emerging Western empire, which is integrated into the project of Greater Israel via Donald Trump and his family.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Wow. Max, thank you very much. I wish I didn't have to run because we could keep talking about this. I deeply appreciate, as always, all of your analysis, my friend. All my best to you. We'll look forward to seeing you next week.

### **#Max Blumenthal**

Thanks a lot, Judge. Thank you.

### **#Judge Andrew Napolitano**

Coming up at 3:15 today, if you're watching us live in 14 minutes, on all of this, Colonel Douglas Macgregor, Judge Napolitano for Judging Freedom.