

## ICT'S 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SUMMIT ON COUNTER-TERRORISM

### "TALKING HEADS"

On the evening of the opening session of ICT's 10<sup>th</sup> World Summit on Counter-Terrorism and on Tuesday September 14, the ICT will host a special four-part speaker series titled "Talking Heads," featuring the former heads of the Israeli security and intelligence services.

Speakers will discuss their perspectives on Israel's national and homeland security challenges, dilemmas and viable solutions, including the threat of multi-dimensional warfare and recommended modus operandi to deal with these threats and challenges. The former heads of the Mossad and Shabak, the IDF Chiefs of Staff, Israel Police Commissioners, Ministers of Defense, and Ministers of Internal Security will each present their worldview, stressing the issues that, in their opinion, should be considered by decision-makers and incorporated into Israel's short-term, mid-term and long-term policies. Within this framework, the speakers will address some of the following questions:

- **Is Israel facing an existential security threat, and if yes – what is the threat?** Does the main threat emanate from the Palestinian arena, a local terror group or a global one? Is the threat from the social and demographic changes in Israel and their ramifications on the security sphere? The change in the United States' stance towards Israel? The Ayatollahs' policies in Iran? Nuclear proliferation? The process of Islamic radicalization in Turkey? The escalation of the northern axis (Iran-Syria-Hizbollah-Turkey)? And more.
- **What is the nature of the multi-dimensional threat facing Israel and how can it be dealt with?** Does Israel identify and understand the evolution of the development of the security threats against it in the various spheres – military, media-information and legal? – What policies should it adopt in order to secure Israel's position in the Middle-East and worldwide?
- **Are the security and political decision-making processes that currently exist in Israel capable of providing an answer** to these traditional and new threats, or will we need a change of system? If such a change is required, what would it entail?

**The "Talking Heads" series will be divided into the following four sessions:**

1. Former Heads of Mossad and ISA (Shabak)
2. Former Ministers of Defense and IDF Chiefs of Staff
3. Former Ministers of Internal Security and Commissioners of Police
4. Former Chairpersons of the National Security Council and Counter-Terrorism Bureau and Heads of the Military Intelligence Directorate

## **Session 1: Former Heads of Mossad and Shabak**

**Sunday, September 12, 15:00 – 17:00**

**Session Moderator:** **Maj. Gen. (res.) Daniel Rothschild**, Director of the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, former Co-coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories

### **Participants:**

**Mr. Shabtai Shavit**, Former Head of the Mossad (1989 – 1995), present Chairperson of the Board of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism and Chairperson of Athena GS3

**Maj. Gen. (res.) Ami Ayalon**, Former Head of the Shabak (1996-2000), present Chairperson of the Akim Organization

**Mr. Carmi Gillon**, Former Head of the Shabak (1995-1996), present Vice-President for External Affairs, Hebrew University

**Mr. Yaacov Peri**, Former Head of the Shabak (1988 – 1995), present Chairperson, Bank Mizrahi Tefachot

**Maj. Gen. (res.) Danny Yatom**, Former Head of the Mossad (1996 – 1998)

**M.K. Avi Dichter**, Former Head of the Shabak (2000 - 2005), present Member of the Knesset

## **Session 2: Former Minister of Defense and IDF Chiefs of Staff**

**Sunday, September 12, 17:00-19:00**

**Session Moderator:** **Dr. Boaz Ganor**, Founder and Executive Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism and Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

### **Participants:**

**Prof. Moshe Arens**, Former Minister of Defense (1983-1984) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1988-1990)

**Deputy Minister, Maj. Gen. (res.) Matan Vilnai**, Deputy Minister of Defense, former Deputy Chief of Staff (1994-1998)

**Lt. Gen. (res.) Dan Halutz**, Former Chief of Staff (2005-2007), present General Manager of Kumar Motors

**Lt. Gen. (res.) Shaul Mofaz**, Former Chief of Staff (1998-2002), Minister of Defense (2002-2005), present Opposition Kadima Party MK

**Respondent: Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Gilad**, Head of the Political, Military and Policy Bureau, Ministry of Defense, Israel

### **Session 3: Former Ministers of Internal Security and Commissioners of Police**

**Tuesday, September 14, 17:00-19:00**

**Session Moderator:** Col. (Res.) Yoni Fighel, Senior Researcher, ICT, IDC Herzliya, Israel

**Participants:**

**Commissioner (ret.) Shlomo Aharonishky**, Former Commissioner of Israeli Police (2001 – 2004), present owner of the NSP Company

**Commissioner David Cohen**, Commissioner of Israeli Police

**Commissioner (ret.) Assaf Hefetz**, Former Commissioner of Israeli Police (1994 – 1997), present Chairperson of the Israeli Tennis Association

**Minister – Dr. Uzi Landau**, Former Minister of Internal Security (2001 – 2003), Minister of National Infrastructure

**Brig. Gen. (ret.) Avigdor Kahalani**, Former Minister of Internal Security (1996 – 1999)

**Mr. Moshe Shahal**, Former Minister of Internal Security (1992 – 1996)

### **Session 4: Former Chairpersons of the National Security Council and Counter-Terrorism Bureau and Heads of the Military Intelligence Directorate**

**Tuesday, September 14, 19:00-21:00**

**Session Moderator:** Prof. Alex Mintz, Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

**Participants:**

**Maj. Gen. (ret.) Giora Eiland**, Former Head of the National Security Council (2003-2006)

**Maj. Gen. (ret.) Uzi Dayan**, Former Head of the National Security Council (2000-2002) and Deputy Chief of Staff, present President of the Shderot Conference for Society – Sapir Academic College

**Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Aharon Ze'evi-Farkash**, Former Head of Military Intelligence (2002-2006).

**Maj. Gen. (ret.) David Ivri**, Former Head of the National Security Council (1999-2000), present President of Boeing Israel

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