

NEWS ADVISORY

Professor Uzi Rabi of Tel Aviv University Talks About the Perception of U.S. Policy in the Middle East and Israel

Rabi Spoke at a Virtual Press Briefing Wednesday Hosted by the American Middle East Press Association (AMEPA)

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22 February 2024: The American Middle East Press Association (AMEPA), a new non-partisan, non-profit organization, hosted a virtual press briefing on the perception of current US policy in the Middle East and Israel on Wednesday.

Wednesday's event featured Professor Uzi Rabi, Director of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies and a Senior Researcher at the Center for Iranian Studies, both at Tel Aviv University.

"When you ask me about how the U.S. Is being perceived by many Arab states, you know, many of them would hope that the U.S. is coming back to the region. No boots on the ground, that's okay. But stand behind those Arab states plus Israel, which (I) do think that the Middle East is going to experience a disaster if Iran cannot be stopped," said Rabi.

Professor Rabi provided many other key insights into critical issues such as containing Iran and the evolving dynamics in the region.

Professor Rabi's academic research focuses on the modern history and evolution of states and societies in the Middle East, Iranian-Arab relations, oil and politics in the region, and Sunni-Shi'a dynamics. He is regularly invited by the Israeli Knesset to deliver updates and briefs on current developments in the Middle East.

If you would like a transcript or to watch a video of the full event, please email us at info@amepress.org.

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