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Yigal Carmon is president and founder of the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). He combines four different areas of expertise – intelligence, counter-terrorism, diplomacy, and research.

Carmon is a colonel (ret) in the Israel Defense Force (IDF) intelligence corps. He was counter-terrorism advisor to two Israeli prime ministers heading governments from both Likud and Labor, overseeing the national deployment against terrorism. He participated in the 1991-1992 peace talks in Madrid and Washington as deputy head of the Israeli delegation negotiating with Syria. In 1998, he founded MEMRI, which bridges the language gap between the Middle East and the West by monitoring, translating, and analyzing the media of the Arab and Muslim world, in Arabic, Farsi, Turkish, Urdu, and Pashtu.

Recently, MEMRI launched a new project to bridge the language gap between the West and Russia, by monitoring, translating, analyzing Russian media as well.

Under Mr. Carmon's leadership, MEMRI is serving the needs of media, academia, legislatures, and governments, and its research is particularly sought out by intelligence agencies in Europe and North America.

Mr. Carmon has briefed Congress, the State Department, the Pentagon, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Justice, in addition to the FBI, the National Security Council, and the Library of Congress. He has briefed the European Union, European Parliament, the UK Parliament, OSCE, NATO, and participated in conferences on counter-terrorism and diplomacy.