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Jonathan has written hundreds of articles on the Middle East, along with more than a dozen monographs and chapters for edited volumes. His new book, [*Gaza Conflict 2021: Hamas, Israel and Eleven Days of War*](#) (FDD Press 2021), challenges

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