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**Tzachi Hanegbi**, member of the Knesset, Likud

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**Anwar E. El Sadat**, president, Reform and Development Party

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**Alexander Shumilin**, director, Center for the Analysis of Middle East Conflicts, Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences; *Fikra Forum* (<http://fikraforum.com/>) contributor

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**Sir Michael Leigh**, consultant and senior advisor, German Marshall Fund, former director-general, European Commission

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