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The Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs
cordially invites you to

**The Official Launch and Symposium:
“Regime Collapse and Sectarian War: Where Is the
Middle East Headed?”**

Sunday, March 15th, 2015, at 9:30am

Mivtach Shamir Holdings LTD. Hall (A316-317), Arison-Lauder building,
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

9:30 | Opening remarks

Prof. Uriel Reichman, President and Founder, IDC Herzliya.

Prof. Boaz Ganor, Dean of Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy,
IDC Herzliya.

Judith Colp Rubin, Honorary President, Rubin Center for Research in International
Affairs, IDC Herzliya.

Dr. Jonathan Spyer, Director, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs,
IDC Herzliya.

Symposium on “Regime Collapse and Sectarian War: Where Is the Middle East Headed?”

Panel Chair: Dr. Jonathan Spyer, Director, Rubin Center for Research in International
Affairs, IDC Herzliya.

10:00 | Session 1: “The New Middle East: Fragmentation, Sectarianism, & New Power Blocs”

Ambassador Dore Gold, President, Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.
"The Iranian nuclear threat"

Dr. Martin Kramer, President, Shalem College.
"U.S. policy & its implications for the region"

Hon. Fiamma Nirenstein, Author, Columnist, and Former Italian MP.
"Europe & the changing Middle East"

Prof. Efraim Inbar, Director, Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
"Implications for Israel in a transformed Middle East"

11:40 | Break

12:00 | Session 2: “Islamism against the State”

Aymenn Jawad Al-Tamimi, Rubin Fellow, Rubin Center for Research in International Affairs, IDC Herzliya.
"Shi'a militias in Iraq & Syria"

Dr. Ely Karmon, Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) & Senior Research Fellow at Institute for Policy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya.
"Hizballah & the conflict in Lebanon, Syria, & Iraq"

Prof. Amatzia Baram, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Middle Eastern History, and Director, the Center for Iraq Studies, University of Haifa.
"ISIS, Iraq & the Sunnis, Jabhat al-Nusra"

The event will be conducted in English

To ensure a place, please RSVP to info@rubincenter.org