

ANALYSIS:

Mossad's Emblem



Mossad, also known as the Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations, is the national intelligence agency of the State of Israel. It is one of the main bodies that defend Israel along with Aman and Shin Bet (or Shabak). On the emblem of Mossad one can read the following words that come from the Book of Proverbs, traditionally attributed to King Solomon, son of King David. These words are: "Where no advice is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." It can also be interpreted as: "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors."

There is a reason why one of the mightiest intelligence agencies in the world Mossad have this philosophical axiom on their emblem. It is because the very importance and necessity of wise advice in both defence and intelligence operations cannot be overstated. This piece of wisdom is timeless and universal. It is so not only because it is stated in one of the holy books but also because it has always been this way historically and for many empires and major powers around the world. Moreover, today it is well known that governments, military institutions and officials, intelligence agents both give advice to and receive advice from other friendly states behind the scenes.

In order to improve his advisory services, strategic consultant Tofig Husein-zadeh, applied this principle and has received advice from a network of senior or high-profile advisors from various countries and sectors. This was achieved thanks to an initiative of his - a project called *The Intelligentsia*. In addition to that, he later published an espionage novel about elites' advisors and éminence grise called *Their Advisors*, which is available worldwide on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).