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MK Lt. Gen. (res.) **Ehud Barak** Israel's Minister of Defense, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Atzma'ut (Independence) Faction. Former Prime Minister and also a Minister of the Interior and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Before turning to politics, served in the Israel Defense Forces where he held a variety of positions including Head of IDF Intelligence, Commanding General, Central Command, as well as Chief of Staff. During his military service, received the highest number of decorations in the history of the IDF. The recipient of one Distinguished Service Medal and four additional Chief of Staff citations for courage and excellence in battle. Holds an MA in Systems Analysis from Stanford University.

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