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## **Revealed: The Israeli-American Academic Gal Luft's Efforts to Help China Establish a Foothold in Israel**

Republicans claim Gal Luft is a potential whistleblower against U.S President Joe Biden and his son Hunter. Democrats labeled him a 'villain.' But the saga of the academic star turned fugitive isn't only about him. It also sheds light on Chinese tactics being used to meddle in other countries' affairs

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WASHINGTON – Israeli-American dual citizen Gal Luft has become the subject of numerous conspiracy theories after being indicted for aiding the Chinese government without registering as a foreign agent. The Haifa-born academic was arrested in Cyprus last February on U.S. charges of weapons trafficking, but went on the run the following month.

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“It’s supposedly an energy company, but it has subcompanies who do influence operations. They have a center dedicated to unification of China and Taiwan, which is understandably very unusual,” says **Ofir Dayan, a research assistant in the Israel-China Policy Center at INSS.**

McFarlane, who died in May 2022, had told The New York Times that his encounters with CEFC were related to research on American dependence on foreign oil, saying: “I have never had any organic or contractual relationship with CEFC.”

After 2015, Luft would accompany Ho to Tel Aviv’s annual Fuel Choices Smart Mobility Summit, a confab aimed at Israeli and international startups, financiers and policymakers in the field of alternative fuels and smart transportation.

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