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## Zvi Magen



### Former Israeli Ambassador to Russia and Ukraine

Zvi Magen joined the **INSS** research staff following a long career in Israel's Foreign Service. From 1993 to 1997 he served as Israel's ambassador to the Ukraine, and from 1998 to 1999 he served as Israel's ambassador to Russia. From 1999 to 2006 he served as head of the "Nativ" organization (the Prime Minister's Office liaison group for the FSU and Jewish diaspora affairs), and from 2006 to 2009 he was head of the Institute for Eurasian Studies at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya. Ambassador Magen served in IDF Military Intelligence, completing his service with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Putin's Endgame" An Interview with [Zvi Magen](#) in the "Octavian Report", Volume 1, Issue 4, September 2015.

#### *Abstract*

*Vladimir Putin remains an enigma to the West, despite its media focus on him and on his policies. In a crucial interview, Israel's former ambassador to Russia and the Ukraine Zvi Magen lays out what drives Putin, what his bigger strategy is, where it's working and where it isn't — Ukraine being a brilliant example of both Putin's success and his failure. Magen also gives the grim odds on an ouster for the man who would restore Russia's national greatness and endanger world order, numbers that should interest any observer of global affairs*

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