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Samuel M. Katz is the author of more than twenty books and one hundred articles on Middle East security issues, terrorism, and police and military special operations. The founder of *Special Operations Report*, he has appeared as an expert on networks ranging from BBC World News to Fox News to al Jazeera. Coauthor with Fred Burton of the *New York Times* bestseller *Under Fire: The Untold Story of the Attack in Benghazi*, he is also the author of *Relentless Pursuit: The DSS and the Manhunt for the al Qaeda Terrorists; The Hunt for the Engineer: How Israeli Agents Tracked the Hamas Master Bomber*; and many other books on the Arab-Israeli conflict and international counterterrorism.

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