The Arab Israeli conflict has been going on for three centuries. In the last two decades, after six major wars and ongoing outbursts of low intensity clashes, attempts have been made to negotiate a political settlement of the issues in contention. However, whenever a breakthrough seemed imminent there soon followed an escalation of counterproductive rhetoric and actions that derailed the process, taking it back to square one. What are the obstacles to promote and finalize peace in the Middle East? What are the barriers that impede the advance of conflict termination and who might be interested in hindering reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians?

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