

Mossad chief expected to be removed, says Dahi

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Dubai: Removing Mossad Chief Meir Dagan from his current post is expected as Israelis will never accept to have "losers" among them, said Lt Gen Dahi Khalfan Tamim, Chief of Dubai Police.

"[Meir] Dagan should have resigned long time ago as his intelligent service have been widely exposed by Dubai Police and the world especially with the recent expulsion of Israelis diplomats from western countries. We recommended him to save face and resign but he didn't," he said.

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"I would want to request for his arrest but there is a time for everything," said Lt Gen Dahi It has been reported in Israeli press that Mossad chief Meir Dagan has been denied another year in his post and will step down in three months' time.

"I request from the Arab countries to learn a lesson for this incident and not to accept having losers among them," said Lt Gen Dahi.

According to the report, Dagan, who has served as Mossad director since 2002, requested another year as head of the intelligence agency, but was refused.

Dagan was appointed eight years ago by former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to head the Mossad, and his term was later extended - twice by former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and, in 2009, current premier Benjamin Netanyahu decided to keep Dagan on for another year.

However, the Dubai police chief has ever since called for Dagan's resignation, and a Mossad official was expelled from Britain, while Ireland and Australia expelled Israeli diplomats over the affair.

A source close to Dagan told Reuters earlier this year that the Mossad chief would not step down before his term is finished because resignation would be tantamount to taking responsibility.

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