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## **United States Establishes Military ‘Living Facility’ in Israel**

On Sept. 18, the United States opened a ‘living facility’ for American soldiers in Israel, located within the Israeli Air Force’s (IAF) Mashabim Air Base in the heart of the Negev Desert (in southern Israel). The U.S. military’s European Command (EUCOM) will operate the living facility, which includes barracks, offices, and support services. “As part of the United States’ continued commitment to Israel, on September 18, senior leaders from the US military participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony... to commemorate the opening of a new building on an Israeli Air Force base,” said Meghan Henderson, deputy director of EUCOM’s Media Operations Division. “The buildings are facilities on the existing Israeli Air Force Base to support our US service personnel who are working there.” Maj. Gen. John Gronski, deputy commander of US Army National Guard in Europe, added that the facility “symbolizes the strong bond that exists between the United States and Israel... The United States and Israel have long planned together, exercised together, and trained together. And now, these crucial interactions will happen every day.