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A veteran leader of Israeli politics and a previously high ranking member of the Likud party, now with "Israel beytenu" party, Dr. Uzi Landau held central positions as a member of the Israeli Knesset and Government from 1984. Amongst his many political roles he served as the Minister of Public (Homeland) Security, a member of the Security Cabinet during the peak of the war on terror, a Minister in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for overseeing Israeli intelligence and secret services and the U.S-Israel strategic dialogue, and as Chairman of the Foreign Relations and Defense Committee of the Knesset. Additionally, he served as Chairman and member of several defense, economic, and government operations oversight committees of the Knesset. From 2006 through 2008 he was a Senior Research Fellow in The Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya. From 2009 through 2013 Dr. Landau served as the Minister of Energy and Water Resources. From March 2013 to the present day, Dr. Landau is serving as Israel's Minister of Tourism and a member of the social-economic Cabinet.

Prior to his political career, Dr. Landau served in Israel as an engineer at RAFAEL – Armament Development Authority, a lecturer at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, and as Director General of the Ministry of Transport. He also served on the boards of EL AL Israel Airlines, the Israel Ports Authority, the Israel Airports Authority, Society for the Protection of Nature, "Si'ah Vasig" – Israel debating society, and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dr. Landau has published numerous articles in professional journals and the media on foreign policy, strategic and security affairs, and transportation planning.

Dr. Landau received his Ph.D. in 1976 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and both his M.Sc. and B.Sc. at the Technion in Haifa.

Dr. Landau was born in Haifa, is the father of three children and resides in Ra'anana with his wife, Naomi.