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Australian News Channel Was Invited "Accidentally" to Very Open Dialogue

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After ordering a cameraman to turn off his camera, Israeli Ambassador to Australia Yuval Rotem engaged in a very frank discussion about the recent Israeli war in the Gaza Strip, [calling it "a preintroduction" to an attack on Iran that Israel apparently expects within the year.](#)

Before the camera was turned off, Ambassador Rotem said "the best thing to do is to have a very open dialogue if there are no reporters or journalists here," adding "I am far more reserved in the way I am saying my things (on camera)." Unbeknownst to him however [Sarah Cummings](#), a reporter for Australia's Seven News service, was actually in attendance at the meeting after having been "accidentally" invited.

Israel has [repeatedly threatened to attack Iran](#), and while [its officials have repeatedly attempted to tie the Iranian government to its war on the Gaza Strip](#) this is the first time one of their officials has publicly (if inadvertently so) suggested that the attack on the strip was a warm-up to its long talked about attack on Iran.

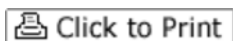
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