

ISRAELI DEFENSIVE BUILDING DESIGN EXPERT JOINS AMU FACULTY *WILL TEACH COMMERCIAL RISK MITIGATION*

Charles Town, W.Va. – A former Israeli Defense Force officer, engineer and founder of an international consulting architect-engineer firm specializing in the design of protective structures and systems capable of withstanding various weapons effects, has joined the faculty of American Military University.

Reuben Eytan, the president and chief engineer of Eytan Building Design of Tel Aviv, will be teaching a new course he has developed for AMU titled Commercial Risk Mitigation.

The course is designed for the non-engineer, corporate or government official who is responsible for controlling loss, whether through the enhancement and/or design of threat resistant facilities, training, or the integration of insurance coverage to complement defensive risk management strategies. The course will begin in February 2003.

Eytan is an internationally recognized expert in evaluating commercial loss, including processes that measure damage to facilities and equipment, and the impact of business interruption, as well as personnel injury and death. He has also designed facilities to meet a wide spectrum of threats -- including bomb/blast, cyber threat, and chemical/biological threats arising from terrorist or military forces.

Eytan's firm has experience with a variety of structures, including important civil structures requiring hardening, structures containing materials that can cause accidental explosions, civil defense shelters, and high-rise buildings, as well as forward and rear-area military facilities.

EBD has completed projects not only in Israel, but also in 18 other nations. Eytan states, "For us in Israel, protective design is not theoretical, as very often our protective structures are subjected to real attacks, and then our work is thoroughly tested. Our satisfaction is great when protective design has actually contributed to saving lives, and reducing the levels of injuries and property damage."

Eytan holds a master of science in engineering from the Israeli Institute of Technology.

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