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Israeli ***False Flag* (TV series)**

***False Flag*** (original title in [Hebrew](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_language): כפולים [Translit.](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romanization_of_Hebrew%22%20%5Co%20%22Romanization%20of%20Hebrew): *Kfulim* [Translated](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Translation): "Doubled") is an [Israeli television](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_television) [thriller](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thriller_%28genre%29) [drama](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drama_%28genre%29) series.

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| ***False Flagכפולים*** |
| **Also known as** | *Kfulim* |
| **Genre** | [Drama](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drama_%28genre%29), [Thriller](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thriller_%28genre%29) |
| **Created by** | Maria FeldmanAmit Cohen |
| **Based on** | [Mahmoud al-Mabhouh](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud_al-Mabhouh) case |
| **Written by** | Amit Cohen |
| **Directed by** | Oded Raskin |
| **Starring** | [Ishai Golan](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ishai_Golan)[Maggie Azarzar](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Maggie_Azarzar&action=edit&redlink=1)[Ania Bukstein](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ania_Bukstein)[Angel Bonani](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Angel_Bonani&action=edit&redlink=1)Orna SalingerMickey LeonMorris CohenSergey Bukhman |
| **Composer(s)** | Gilad Benamram |
| **Country of origin** | Israel |
| **Original language(s)** | Hebrew |
| **No. of seasons** | 2 |
| **No. of episodes** | 10 |
| **Production** |
| **Producer(s)** | Maria FeldmanLiat Bnasoli |
| **Cinematography** | Nadav Hakselman |
| **Editor(s)** | Or Ben David |
| **Camera setup** | [Single-camera](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single-camera_setup) |
| **Running time** | 45 minutes |
| **Production company(s)** | [Keshet Media](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keshet_Media_Group) |
| **Distributor** | [Fox Broadcasting Company](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_Broadcasting_Company) |
| **Release** |
| **Original network** | [Channel 2](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Channel_2_%28Israel%29) |
| **Picture format** | [576p](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/576p) ([PAL](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/PAL))[1080i](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/1080i) ([16:9](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/16%3A9) [HDTV](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-definition_television)) |
| **Original release** | October 29, 2015 – present |
| **External links** |
| [Official website](http://www.mako.co.il/tv-false-flag) |

The series is directed by Oded Raskin and stars [Ishai Golan](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ishai_Golan%22%20%5Co%20%22Ishai%20Golan), Maggie Azarzar, Angel Bonanni, [Ania Bukstein](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ania_Bukstein%22%20%5Co%20%22Ania%20Bukstein) and Orna Salinger. It was created for [Keshet International](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keshet_International%22%20%5Co%20%22Keshet%20International) by Maria Feldman and Amit Cohen. It involves five ordinary Israelis who wake up one morning and discover that their names, faces, and personal details have been splashed across the world’s media on suspicion of involvement in a high-profile kidnapping.

The series had its world premiere at the [Berlin International Film Festival](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_International_Film_Festival) in February, and won the audience award at France's Series Mania festival in April 2015. In October 2015, during the annual trade show [MIPCOM](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/MIPCOM), it was announced that the series was acquired by [Fox International](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fox_International_Channels) and was its first acquisition of a foreign-language series on a global scale.[[1]](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/False_Flag_%28TV_series%29#cite_note-1) The show will be broadcast in 127 countries.

*False Flag* was made by [Keshet International](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keshet_International%22%20%5Co%20%22Keshet%20International) and originally aired on [Israel](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel)'s [Channel 2](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Channel_2_%28Israel%29) on October 29, 2015.

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The show is loosely based on the story of the [assassination](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_Mahmoud_Al-Mabhouh) in [Dubai](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dubai) of a senior [Hamas](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamas%22%20%5Co%20%22Hamas)official [Mahmoud al-Mabhouh](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahmoud_al-Mabhouh), the co-founder of military wing of the [Islamist](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamist) Palestinian group Hamas on January 19, 2010.[[2]](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/False_Flag_%28TV_series%29#cite_note-2)

**Series synopsis**[**Edit**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=False_Flag_(TV_series)&action=edit&section=2)

The series revolves around five ordinary Israeli citizens who discover one morning via the media that they are the principal suspects of a high-profile kidnapping and are implicated as culprits in the kidnapping. They are involved in a brutal kidnapping of the Iranian minister of defense, Farhead Sulimani, during his visit to [Moscow](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moscow) on 15 April 2015, having arrived in the country earlier that day from [London](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/London) under an alias and using one of several passports. According to [Federal Security Service](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Security_Service), Sulimani was drugged. Widespread speculation, which Russian police allegations support, is that he was killed by Israeli [Mossad](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mossad) in a secret mission.

News channels around the world cover the incident while broadcasting the footage of the kidnapping, the five Israelis soon become wanted and their personal details, including their passports photos, are shown on the media and TV channels around the world.

The unceasing news coverage causes an uproar in the suspects' lives and mixed feelings from their surroundings and the public. Their attempts to deny their involvement are in vain. The [Mossad](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mossad) and the Israeli government leave them to deal with it on their own instead of providing protection. It's not long before they undermine their credibility. Later, even their closest friends begin to distrust them. Although eventually it is discovered that they are not that innocent.

**Cast and characters**[**Edit**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=False_Flag_(TV_series)&action=edit&section=3)

**Main cast**[**Edit**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=False_Flag_(TV_series)&action=edit&section=4)

* [Ishai Golan](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ishai_Golan) as **Ben "Benny" Rephael** - A chemist and a family man, an Israeli with a Greek citizenship.
* [Maggie Azarzar](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Meggie_Azarzer&action=edit&redlink=1) as **Natalie Alfassia** - A bride on her wedding day, an Israeli with a French citizenship.
* [Ania Bukstein](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ania_Bukstein) as **Asia Brindich** - A kindergarten teacher, an Israeli with a Russian citizenship.
* [Angel Bonanni](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Angel_Bonanni&action=edit&redlink=1) as **Sean Tilson** - An Israeli with a Dutch citizenship, came back to Israel after a vacation in India.
* [Orna Salinger](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orna_Salinger) as **Emma Lipman** - New Israeli citizen with a British citizenship.
* [Mickey Leon](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mickey_Leon&action=edit&redlink=1) as **Eithan Kopel** - Head of the [Shin Bet](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shin_Bet) investigation team and a former [Mossad](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mossad) agent.

**Recurring cast**[**Edit**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=False_Flag_(TV_series)&action=edit&section=5)

* Morris Cohen as **Eli Mazor** - Shin Bet investigator
* Sergey Bukhman as **Alex Feldman** - Shin Bet investigator
* Avigail Ariely as **Efrat** - Ben's wife
* Roi Assaf as **Yuval** - Natalie's fiance
* Shalom Shmuelov as the [Israeli Prime Minister](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Prime_Minister)
* [Yigal Naor](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yigal_Naor) as **Gabi**

**Episodes**[**Edit**](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=False_Flag_(TV_series)&action=edit&section=6)

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| **Title** | **Summary** | **Directed** | **Written** | **Original air date** | **Israel viewers** |
| Episode 1 | Russian intelligence uncovers footage of five Israelis kidnapping the Iranian defence minister | Oded Raskin | Amit CohenMaria Feldman | October 29, 2015 | 30.0% |
| Episode 2 | Eitan interrogates four of the suspects whilst Sean avoids capture | Oded Raskin | Amit CohenMaria Feldman | October 29, 2015 | 28.9% |
| Episode 3 | A new video of the Iranian defence minister surfaces claiming to have defected and not been kidnapped | Oded Raskin | Amit CohenMaria Feldman | November 4, 2015 | 26.3% |
| Episode 4 | Natalie admits to having laundered money for anonymous people but didn't know it was for Sean | Oded Raskin | Amit CohenMaria Feldman | November 4, 2015 | 24.4% |
| Episode 5 | Sean suspects Gabi Silvers' motives. He abandons the safe house to collect a memory stick left at Asia's apartment | Oded Raskin | Amit CohenMaria Feldman | November 11, 2015 | N/A |
| Episode 6 | Benny and Emma get help from Yuval in their escape. They warn Asia and escape to an isolated cabin | Oded Raskin | Amit CohenMaria Feldman | November 18, 2015 | N/A |
| Episode 7 | Inside the cabin, Asia argues with everyone and goes to an isolated spot with Sean | Oded Raskin | Amit CohenMaria Feldman | November 25, 2015 | N/A |
| Episode 8 | After a shootout between Sean and Emma, Benny manages to convince Sean to escape. Benny, Emma, Asia and Natalie are arrested and extradited to Russia | Oded Raskin | Amit Cohen MariaFeldman | December 2, 2015 | 29.4% |

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