



## BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

ISRAEL  
Colonel Aviam SELLA  
20 May 1987

(U) NAME: Colonel Aviam Sella (SAY-LAH), Air Force.

(U) POSITION: Current position unknown.



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SIGNIFICANCE: Colonel Aviam Sella's recent involvement in covert activities against the U.S. had prompted protest from the American government, requesting his dismissal from one of the most "plum" assignments in the IAF as Officer Commanding (or Commander) of Tel Nov Airbase.

Colonel Sella officially resigned as Commander on 27 March 1987 upon learning of the American protest.

PERSONAL DATA: Aviam Sella was born in 1946 in Haifa, Israel. Colonel Sella has brown hair and eyes. He is a cigarette smoker. An energetic individual, he is a scuba diving enthusiast and avid tennis player.

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Sella possesses a good sense of humour, and is considered highly creative. He is married and has two sons. Mrs. Sella is an attorney who spent 2 years as a member of a large New York City law firm. Colonel Sella speaks native Hebrew and excellent English.

**CAREER:** Colonel Sella entered the IAF in 1964, completing flight training in 1966. From 1965 to 1966 he was a pilot with an Ouragan jet squadron. From 1963 to 1969 he flew Mystere aircraft, participating in combat during the 1967 Six Day War. During and after the 1967 War he was an instructor at the IAF Flight School. He attended the Instrument Flying School in Yeovilton, UK, in 1968. From 1969 to 1971 he flew as junior deputy to an F-4 Phantom squadron commander, again participating in numerous combat missions during the 1970 War of Attrition against Egypt. In 1971 he earned a B.A. in economics from Jerusalem University. Sella made the transition to Mirage aircraft, flying with the 61st Squadron from Ramat David Airbase circa 1972. From 1972 to 1974 he was First Deputy to a Phantom squadron commander, and engaged in many combat missions during the October 1973 War. From 1974 to 1976 he served at Air Force Headquarters as a staff officer in charge of developing advanced air combat methods. In 1976 he assumed command of the 201st Fighter-Bomber (F-4E) Squadron at Hatzor Airbase, remaining commander for an unusually long period of time. During his tenure, the 201st was the only squadron in the IAF not to lose an aircraft through accidents. He left in 1979 to pursue graduate studies, earning an M.A. in business administration from Tel Aviv University. From 1980 to 1983 he was Chief of Air Force Operations. By 1984, he had almost completed requirements for a Ph.D. in computer science from New York University. He was appointed Commander of the Ramon Airbase in September 1984.