

# Former Israeli premier Barak joins biometric start-up

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In this Monday, Nov. 26, 2012 file photo, former Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak speaks to the media in Tel Aviv. Barak has joined the board of a local startup that specializes in biometric identification technology. FST Biometrics

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FST says it uses a combination of [facial recognition](#) and behavioral analytics in its products, and that its clients include governments and corporations. Its founder and [chief executive](#) is Aharon Zeevi Farkash, a former head of Israeli military intelligence.

Barak, a former Israeli military chief, served as [prime minister](#) from 1999 to 2001. More recently, he served as defense minister before retiring from politics in 2013.

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