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# Headlines

- \* The UN General Assembly on Tuesday adopted a resolution demanding Israel give back territories it captured nearly 50 years ago – as well as the people residing in them – to Syria.
- \* Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday expressed solidarity with the Palestinians by encouraging them to keep fighting Israel while Iran pledges to “defend [their] movement in any way” they can.
- \* Iran is “closer than ever” to the bomb, and completing it would be “easier than putting in a contact lens,” a senior Iranian official was quoted saying on Thursday.
- \* A Qatar-based Al Jazeera anchorwoman recently posted a video on Facebook of a stabbing attack in Israel, lauding the Palestinian assailant, Israeli news website nrg reported on Sunday. “Bless you, my hero,” wrote Khadija Benguenna alongside uploaded security-camera footage of a young Arab stabbing an Israeli Border Policeman in Nahariya on Friday, referred to by Benguenna as “northern Palestine.” By Saturday night, Benguenna, who is of French-Algerian origin, had deleted her comment but not the video, which garnered close to 70,000 “likes.”
- \* Israel ‘keeping an eye out’ for chemical weapons in Syria - Defense minister Moshe Ya’alon says IDF working on keeping Hezbollah from getting its hands on WMDs



# Hezbollah

- ❖ The Israeli Air Force struck a weapons convoy and munitions storage facilities in the Qalamoun region near Syria's Northern border with Lebanon on Saturday night, Lebanon's Almustaqbal television station reported on Sunday.
- ❖ According to the report, the targeted storage facilities housed long-range surface-to-surface missiles that Syria had transferred to Hezbollah. A number of Hezbollah fighters and Syrian military soldiers were reportedly killed in Saturday's strike and members of Iran's Revolutionary Guard were reportedly among the wounded.



# CNN - Palestina

- ❖ When displaying a map of the Middle East, CNN used a map in which Israel was replaced with "Palestina," a Spanish or Portuguese translation of Palestine, a non-existing state. The image was taken from Getty Images' iStock and is not a creation of CNN's graphics team.
- ❖ "Clearly, however, somebody at CNN selected this image out of all the potential images that could have been chosen to illustrate the Middle East," Honest Reporting, a media watchdog which publicized the offensive error, stated on Wednesday.
- ❖ "Whether it was an oversight or something more sinister, CNN's illustration of the Middle East without Israel is completely unacceptable," Honest Reporting Managing Editor Simon Plosker added. "At a time when the state's very legitimacy is being called into question by vicious anti-Israel extremists, any message that Israel does not belong in the Middle East plays into this false narrative and feeds those like the Iranian ayatollahs who wish to see Israel erased from the map."



# Iranian Nuclear Deal

## **Nuclear Deal with Iran is anti-Israel Scam!**

The Obama administration has disclosed to Congress that this summer's controversial nuclear arms agreement with Iran was never signed and is not legally binding. The agreement, as submitted to Congress in July, does not bear the signature of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. Congress took a series of votes in September on the deal, but never formally approved it - a step that was ultimately considered unnecessary by the White House since President Obama could have vetoed any attempt to strike it down. ([IAEA head Yukiya Amano warns he cannot guarantee that all of Iran's nuclear material is dedicated solely to peaceful activities.](#))



# IDF Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon

- ❖ Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon said on Friday that defense officials were unsure whether the current wave of Palestinian terrorist attacks convulsing Israel would end any time soon. "We have a wave of terrorism that's going to be with us for the coming days and probably the coming weeks, and we don't know if it's going to end anytime soon, or when," Ya'alon told an audience at the annual Manufacturers Association of Israel conference in Eilat.
- ❖ In addition to the indefinite timeline, Ya'alon warned against "taking shortcuts" to solve the spate in stabbings, car-rammings, and shootings of Israelis in cities around the country.
- ❖ "There isn't a solution to every problem," said Ya'alon, according to The Marker. "Perhaps the Holy One Blessed be God has an answer to everything we don't, we have to be humble. So we should avoid taking shortcuts to the solution. Our War of Independence hasn't ended, there are those who don't recognize our right to a Jewish home, neither the Palestinian leadership, but we don't need to despair."



# PA Chairman Abbas


A statement by PA Chairman Abbas explains why he has not yet condemned even one of the 22 murders of Israelis during the past two months of terror, even though he tells the international community he is against terror. Referring to the current Palestinian terror uprising, which at the time of Abbas' statement had already murdered 14 Israelis and wounded 167 in 65 stabbings and 8 shootings, Abbas announced on PA TV that it is a "peaceful uprising." [Figures from <http://mfa.gov.il>]

**Abbas:** "No one called for this uprising and no one asked for it. It stemmed from the hearts of the young... We said to everyone that we want peaceful popular uprising, and that's what this is. That's what this is. However, the aggression of firing bullets has come from the Israelis." [Official PA TV, Nov. 16, 2015]

According to Abbas, when Palestinians kill young Israeli parents in front of their children, kill Israeli teens, or kill Israeli fathers with their sons, it is not to be condemned as terror because it is an expression of "peace." And therefore, when Israelis kill the stabbers and shooters who are trying to peacefully kill Israelis - it is the Israelis who are the "aggressors."





A large crowd of people, mostly men and women, are gathered at night for a wedding. Many are wearing white shirts and dresses. In the foreground, a young man in a white shirt is laughing heartily with his eyes closed. To his left, a young woman in a white dress is smiling. In the background, a woman in a white headscarf is clapping and laughing. The scene is filled with joy and celebration.

**Thousands from Israel, overseas at wedding of terror victim's daughter  
'These people are very brave to go from a murderous catastrophe to  
something so happy. Israel L'CHAIM**

**That's the power of faith!**



# Hezekiah!

- ❖ Archaeologists deciphered a seal impression bearing the name of the 8th century BCE biblical King Hezekiah recently found during excavations next to the Old City of Jerusalem, the Hebrew University announced Wednesday.
- ❖ The bulla, a stamp seal impression, was one of dozens found in recent years in a royal building in the Ophel, excavation leader Dr. Eilat Mazar said at a press conference held at the Mount Scopus campus, and bears the name "Hezekiah [son of] Ahaz, king of Judah," an 8th century Judean ruler.
- ❖ Mazar called the artifact "the closest as ever that we can get to something that was most likely held by King Hezekiah himself." She said that the bulla "strengthens what we know already from the Bible about [Hezekiah]."

