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ISRAELI ISSUES

[PA Spends \\$300 Million per Year Fostering Terrorism](#)

Lawmakers and experts assembled at a Capitol Hill hearing expressed outrage over the Palestinian Authority's policy of financially rewarding terrorist attacks against Israelis. The PA provides paychecks for Palestinian terrorists who are imprisoned in Israel, as well as money for their families and the families of those killed while committing acts of terror.

[Hezbollah's Missile Arsenal](#)

Lebanon-based terror group Hezbollah has amassed a larger arsenal of hidden rockets and missiles than all European NATO allies combined, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations warned on Tuesday. In addition, Danon stated, vast areas of southern Lebanon have been transformed by Hezbollah into "terror outposts."

[Suing Facebook](#)

Relatives of Palestinian terror victims sue Facebook for \$1B
Lawsuit says Facebook "knowingly provided material support and resources to Hamas". "Facebook must be held accountable for its role in promoting the terrorist activities of Hamas," Shurat Hadin Director Nitsana Darshan-Leitner





- ❖ The notoriously bloodthirsty terror group ISIS has released a new “kill list” naming over 1,700 targets – specifically members of synagogues and churches – for attack across the US, the International Business Times reported on Wednesday.
- ❖ The list was released online by ISIS’s cyber hacking arm the United Cyber Caliphate (UCC) and first uncovered by intelligence analyst group SITE. The terror group called on its supporters to carry out lone-wolf terror attacks, and urged: “kill them all,” “slay them.”



US Helped Fund Anti-Netanyahu Campaign

- ❖ In damning report, senators say State Department grant for peace advocacy was used to set up infrastructure that was later transferred to group running anti-Netanyahu campaign in 2015 election • Subcommittee chairman: "It is completely unacceptable."
- ❖ A bipartisan subcommittee in the U.S. Senate has confirmed what Israel Hayom reported more than a year ago: The Obama administration meddled in the Israeli general election in 2015 with the help of a group called Victory 15 ("V15") in an effort to defeat Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.
- ❖ "This is a very damning report; it is plainly obvious that the State Department brazenly pried into Israel's domestic affairs," Kisch said. "This is a scandalous and flagrant attempt to replace the government in Israel using American taxpayers' money. The report's findings underscore the importance of passing the 'V15 bill' I introduced as quickly as possible. I will lobby the party leaders to have this bill pass its first reading in the current session."



Temple Mount

The UN cultural body's World Heritage Committee is set to vote on a controversial draft resolution challenging Jewish historical ties to the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount and calling of a return to the "historic status quo" on the holy site.

The site has been the focal point of violence wracking Israel and the Palestinian territories – including dozens of Palestinian stabbing attacks on Israelis – over the past several months, amid claims by Palestinian leaders that Israel plans to change the status quo on the Temple Mount. Israel has vehemently denied those charges.

In the UN document, Israel is repeatedly referred to as the "occupying power" while being accused of causing damage to the site, conducting illegal excavations and preventing the Jordanian Waqf, which administers the site, from conducting repairs and renovations.



CNN Anti-Israel as Always



CNN on Tuesday published an updated map showing places in the world in which terrorist attacks had taken place during the Muslim month of Ramadan - but deliberately omitted terror attacks committed by Arabs in Judea and Samaria. The map does not, however, point out the two attacks last week against Israeli citizens of Judea and Samaria in which 13-year-old Hallel Yaffa Ariel and Rabbi Michael Mark were murdered.





PMW Report

Last week, Palestinian Media Watch exposed that a Palestinian Authority TV program named *Giants of Endurance* had honored the terrorist who brutally stabbed Kay Wilson and murdered Kristine Luken in a forest near Jerusalem. PMW's story was reported in the international media, including Fox News and the *Daily Mail* in Britain.

Following its condemnation of PMW, PA TV then interviewed the mother of four brothers, all terrorists, who between them are serving 18 life sentences in prison. After interviewing the mother, PA TV honored these terrorist murderers as well, saying:

"...each one in his own right. We are proud of them, and we are proud of every Palestinian fighter."

PMW has documented that the Palestinian Authority claims the murder of Israeli civilians is a protected Palestinian right according to international law, and therefore presents the murderers of Israeli civilians as Palestinian heroes. As PMW has exposed, the PA honors Palestinian terrorist murderers, by naming sporting events, schools, and streets after them.



Defiant Iran

- ❖ Iran said Saturday it would continue its ballistic missile program after UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said the missile tests were not in the spirit of the country's landmark nuclear deal with world powers.
- ❖ In comments published on Iran's foreign ministry website Saturday, spokesman Bahram Ghasemi said that "Iran will strongly continue its missile program based on its own defense and national security calculations."
- ❖ He said that Iran's missile program was not linked to the nuclear deal and did not conflict with the UN Security Council resolution endorsing the agreement.
- ❖ Iran seeking illegal nuke, missile technology: German intelligence. Tehran believed to have made at least nine 'clandestine' attempts to acquire materiel that could be used for nuclear arms development



Anti-Semitism is on the Rise Again



As the world becomes more hostile toward the Jewish people, we must stand strong on their behalf.

We must **LEARN** to recognize anti-Semitism, **SPEAK-UP** when we encounter it, and **PRAY** that our churches and nation will remember the painful lessons of the Holocaust so that it never happens again.

But turning the hearts of the nations toward Israel also requires **ACTION!**



QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Twelve million Muslims have been killed by other Muslims since 1948. The number of people killed during the Arab-Israeli conflict is 0.3 percent of this. However, still, the UN, international organizations and the world continue to unhaltingly condemn Israel and are extra careful about any condemnation of Islamic violence." - Yair Lapid, Yesh Atid leader

Message to Christian Friends of Jews

*Jews welcome moral and political support for Israel from the non-Jewish friends. But it must be given without any ulterior motives. The good Christian friends must not be frustrated when Jews criticize the anti-Semitic behaviour of the Church. Most often, the Church practice and religion have very little in common! If you follow the Bible's message of love, you are on the right side and have nothing to be concerned about. The bottom line is - your teacher was a Jew and it is difficult to distort his message of love! - by **Steven Shamrak***



TORAH GLEANINGS

The Red Heifer

The red heifer had to be a perfect specimen that was completely red, “without blemish, in which there is no defect.” Unlike other sacrifices offered at the altar at the Tabernacle, the red heifer was taken outside the camp to be slaughtered before the priest, who then took some of its blood and sprinkled it seven times before the Tabernacle.

Everyone involved in handling the Red Cow at any stage of the ceremony - from its sacrifice to the application of the waters in the cleansing ceremony - became unclean themselves. To become clean again, they had to wait for a day, immerse themselves in a mikvah, and wash their clothes. It is ironic because the offering cleanses those who are impure but makes the offerer unclean. In that regard, it is a picture of a wounded healer.

“He who knew no sin BECAME sin.” Once again we find the footprints of our Messiah in the Old Testament!





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