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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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ISSUES

This week's attack on the Golan Heights is a reminder that regardless of which entity is winning the war in Syria, they all have a common goal: destroying the Jewish state.

Most Democrats consider Israel to be a burden to the United States, according to the published findings of a poll released by the Brookings Institution on Friday.

"Israeli Arabs are enlisting in Israel's army" by Rinat Harash: "A battalion of soldiers crawls across the desert sand with assault rifles cocked. It's a routine exercise, but these are no ordinary troops - they are Arabs who have chosen to fight for the Jewish state."

Anti-Semitic Bigotry of the Vatican is Alive - The Vatican is organizing and promoting tours of Christian sites in Jerusalem, Israel's capital city, as part of tours to 'Palestine,' erasing Israel from the picture basically - a sinister reiteration of Catholic replacement theology!



IAF STRIKES

- ❖ Israel's Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman acknowledged in a meeting with European Union ambassadors on Wednesday that Israel has previously targeted sites in Syria in order to thwart the transfer of advanced weaponry and weapons of mass destruction to the Hezbollah terrorist group.
- ❖ "We are working, first and foremost, to defend the safety of our citizens and to protect our sovereignty," said Liberman. "We are trying to prevent the smuggling of advanced weapons, military equipment and weapons of mass destruction from Syria to Hezbollah."
- ❖ The defense minister made his remarks after SANA (Syrian Arab News Agency) and Hezbollah's Al-Mayadeen channel reported on alleged Israeli strikes early this morning, west of Damascus nearby al-Mezzeh Airport.
- ❖ "We will not agree to the supply of advanced weaponry to Hezbollah from Syria and Lebanon," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in April of this year.



FATAH VOTES IN TERRORIST

- ❖ Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday lashed out at the Palestinian Authority's ruling party, Fatah, for electing a jailed terrorist to a senior role within the movement. A Palestinian popular leader jailed for life by Israel for orchestrating a string of murders during the Second Intifada, Marwan Barghouti emerged victorious in Fatah's Central Committee leadership vote, held in the West Bank and Gaza last week.
- ❖ "This is the leader of a terrorist organization who encouraged and led terror attacks that killed and wounded dozens of innocent Israelis," Netanyahu said in a statement Monday. "The election of Barghouti in the Fatah movement radicalizes the culture of incitement and terrorism."
- ❖ Netanyahu, further said Barghouti's election amplified "the culture of hate and only serves to alienate prospects of peace." "As if it weren't enough that they continue to incite by naming streets, schools and squares after murderers, now they're in top leadership roles," he said.



IRANIAN AMUSEMENT PARK



- ❖ Iran recently opened a unique source of education and amusement for children - The City of Games for Revolutionary Children in Mashhad, Iran. Attendance is free of charge to children aged 8 through 13. The park's objective is to instill the messages of Iran's Islamic Revolution and of the revolutionary Shi'a, according to Hamid Sadeghi, the park's director. At the park, the children wear military uniforms and undertake activities simulating fighting the enemies of the Islamic Revolution, accompanied by a guide who takes on the role of a military commander and whose orders they must obey. At 12 stations, children can launch plastic missiles and fire plastic bullets at targets such as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, US and Israeli flags, and members of the Saudi royal family, Iran's arch rivals in the region.



PMW REPORT

US Senator Lindsey Graham (Chairman Senate's Foreign Operations Subcommittee), has introduced legislation to cut all funding to the Palestinian Authority, according to yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*. This action follows other international outrage in response to PMW's report *The PA's Billion Dollar Fraud*, released earlier this year. PMW exposed that the PA tried to deceive international donors by making public statements that it had stopped paying salaries to terrorist prisoners, whereas in fact the PA continues to do so through the PLO.

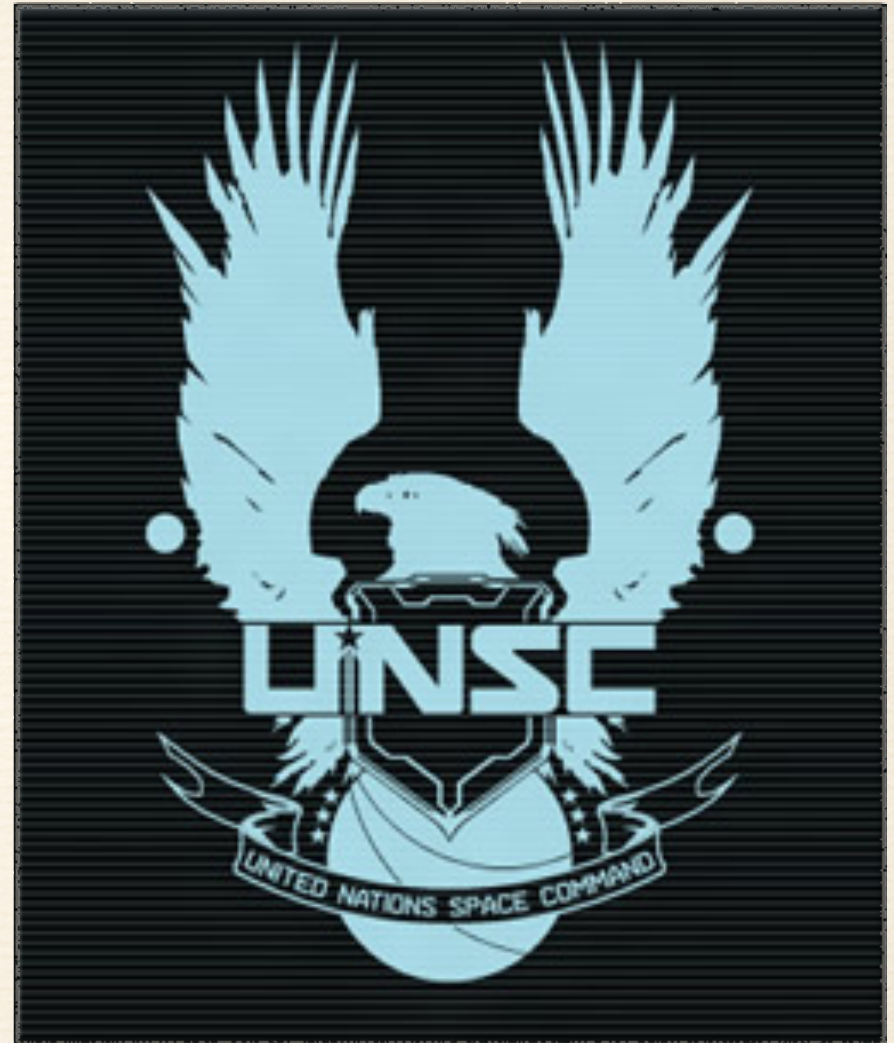


OBAMA - UNSC

This week's OBAMA Watch

On supporting a United Nations Security Counsel (UNSC) resolution on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:

"There's been no decision made about any kind of step that may or may not be taken in that regard... If it's a biased and unfair and a resolution calculated to delegitimize Israel, we'll oppose it. Obviously, we will. We always have. But it's getting more complicated now because there is a building sense of what I've been saying to you today, which some people can shake their heads, say, well, it's unfair." [\[Transcript\]](#)



TURKEY ???

'Normalisation' with Turkey is Fake and PC Pretense Game

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called on all Muslims to "defend the Palestinian cause" and protect Jerusalem. He accused Israel of "policies of repression and discrimination against our Palestinian brothers" and condemned the so-called Israeli "Muezzin Law", which would prohibit houses of worship from using loudspeakers, specifically mosques, which disturb the sleep of nearby residents when the Muezzin calls worshipers to prayer in the early hours of the morning.



TRUMP & JERUSALEM

Will President Trump Keep His Promise?

Amid promises from President-elect Donald Trump to relocate the US embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, President Barack Obama signed the traditional waiver preventing such a move again. Every six months, each president since Bill Clinton has signed such a waiver to suspend the limitations of the Jerusalem Embassy Act. Congress passed that bill in 1995, pledging to relocate the embassy to Jerusalem, acknowledging it as Israel's "undivided" capital.



CURRENT ISRAELI POLLS

- ❖ Peace Index: Nearly 50% of Israelis believe the Left is 'disloyal'
- ❖ Israel Democracy Institute survey says 46% of Israelis favor overturning High Court's decision to remove Amona
Some 39% say U.S. President-elect Trump won't curb settlement construction, while 18% think he will try to limit the settlement enterprise.
- ❖ The majority of Israelis believe the new U.S. administration will be more pro-Israeli than pro-Palestinian and will not try to impose restrictions on settlement construction, a new Israel Democracy Institute survey shows. According to the survey, Israelis largely support controversial legislation and a plurality suspect the Left may not be loyal to the state.
- ❖ The Institute's Peace Index, a monthly survey that "monitors trends in Israeli public opinion regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and relations between Jews and Arabs," was conducted against the backdrop of intense deliberations on the outpost regulation bill, which originally included an article aimed at bypassing a High Court of Justice decision to evict the residents of the illegal outpost of Amona.



TORAH PORTION

In regards to Jacob's dream in Bethel ... we know that JESUS is THE Stairway to Heaven!

49 Natan'el said, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Isra'el!" 50 Yeshua answered him, "you believe all this just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than that!" 51 Then he said to him, "Yes indeed! I tell you that you will see heaven opened and the angels of God going up and coming down on the Son of Man!" **John 1:51**

Lessons from the life of Jacob

That was his heritage from Jacob, as it is ours. Though we may fall, we fall into the arms of G d. Though others may lose faith in us, and though we may even lose faith in ourselves, G d never loses faith in us. And though we may feel utterly alone, we are not. G d is there, beside us, within us, urging us to stand and move on, for there is a task to do that we have not yet done and that we were created to fulfill. A singer of our time wrote, "There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." The broken heart lets in the light of G d, and becomes the gate of heaven.



QUOTABLE'S - SELAH



**“Be kind,
for everyone
you meet
is fighting a
great battle.”**

Gloria Vanderbilt

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