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# MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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# HEADLINES

Donald Trump dialed up the rhetoric against Iran on Friday, warning the country's president he "better be careful" about his words.

An organization representing French Israelis on Friday criticized far-right French presidential candidate Marine Le Pen for saying she would seek to bar French citizens from holding a dual citizenship with non-European countries such as Israel.

White House: Trump will not insist on two-state solution to Mideast conflict. Peace deal a priority, but US will not 'dictate terms' official says; Netanyahu said set to tell president Palestinian state impossible in current climate;

A senior Fatah leader, Nabil Shaath, said three times in a short interview that the Palestinians have a right to use "armed struggle," the Palestinian euphemism for terror. In fact Shaath said that this right is "indisputable."





# US BACKS ISRAEL IN UN

- ❖ The United States was disappointed to see a letter indicating the intention to appoint the former Palestinian Authority Prime Minister to lead the UN Mission in Libya. For too long the UN has been unfairly biased in favor of the Palestinian Authority to the detriment of our allies in Israel.
- ❖ The United States does not currently recognize a Palestinian state or support the signal this appointment would send within the United Nations, however, we encourage the two sides to come together directly on a solution. Going forward the United States will act, not just talk, in support of our allies.





# EMBASSY WATCH

**Democratic House Members, Eliot Engel on Jerusalem embassy:** "I believe in moving the embassy to Jerusalem because Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. I don't accept the fact that people say, 'Well, you know if you move the embassy, it's going to cause problems.' Too bad. No one is suggesting that the embassy be moved to East Jerusalem. The part of Jerusalem that it would be moved to wouldn't be far from the Knesset and is a part that has always been Israel since its founding in 1948, and will be Israel if and when there will be a peace agreement with the Palestinians. The fact of the matter is, every other country in the world declares where its capital is, except for Israel, and I am tired of it."





# DANNY DANON

- ❖ A lecture by Israel's ambassador to the UN Danny Danon was disrupted Monday as supporters of the anti-Israel Boycott, Divest and Sanctions campaign burst in on the event. The protesters shouted "Palestine will be liberated from the river to the sea," "Israel is a terror state," and "Israel has no right to exist."
- ❖ Danon, who was addressing some 300 students from New York's Columbia University, told the protesters, "Instead of inciting and lying, sit down on the chairs and maybe you'll learn something," the Ynet news site reported. "We won't remain silent in the face of the lies that you are spreading about Israel," he added. "We will continue to make our voices heard and to stand up for our just truth."
- ❖ "This is just the problem with the Palestinians," Danon said. "They lie, incite and do not recognize Israel's right to exist. But I have a message for those students – the Jewish people will never leave the Land of Israel."





# NOTHING HAS CHANGED!

## **Understanding the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

"I want to tell Carter and Begin that when the Arabs set off their volcano there will be only Arabs in this part of the world... Our people will continue to fuel the torch of the revolution with rivers of blood until the whole of the occupied homeland is liberated, the whole of the homeland is liberated, not just a part of it." - Yasser Arafat (Associated Press, March 12, 1979)

"Peace for us means the destruction of Israel. We are preparing for an all-out war, a war which will last for generations... We shall not rest until the day when we return to our home, and until we destroy Israel." - Yasser Arafat





# NEW “PEACENIK” IN GAZA?



- ❖ Hamas elects convicted murderer Yahya Sinwar as Gaza chief; Jailed by Israel for killing collaborators, released in Shalit exchange, and included on US terrorism blacklist, Islamic terror group’s new strongman is seen as violent, unpredictable extremist.





# QUOTE of the WEEK

"We have Jews here who only pretend to be Jews. Their fathers' fathers arrived in Israel because they believed this is their homeland, but today, their grandchildren have reached the conclusion that this is the land of the Palestinian Arabs... The Bible is not just the birthplace of our culture. It's the birthplace of our faith; it's our certificate of ownership; it is G-d's eternal promise to the Jewish people that He will watch over Israel's borders... If they feel that this is not their homeland, let them leave." - Moshe Zar, Zionist pioneer.



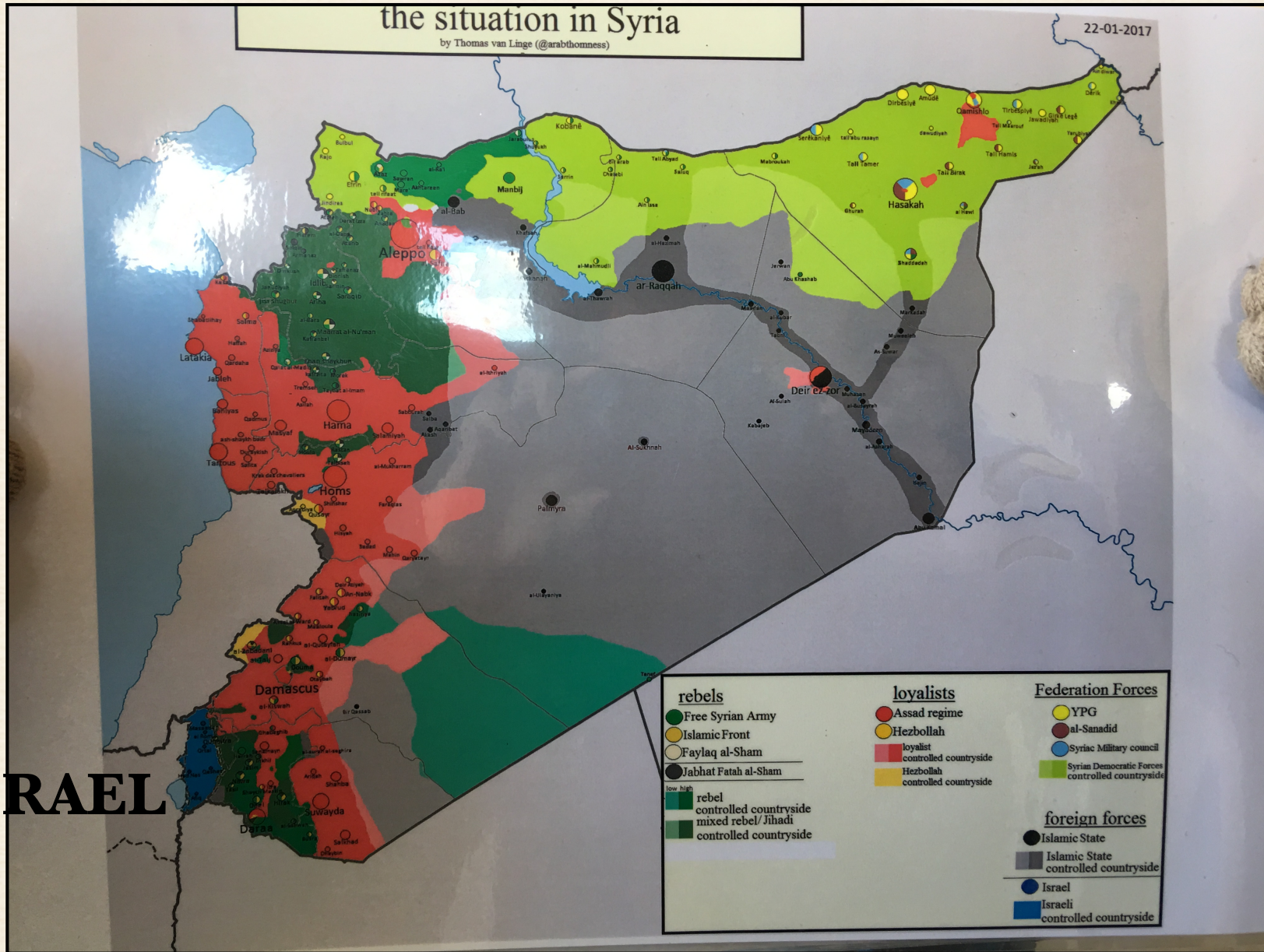


# TODAY'S SYRIA

the situation in Syria

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**A successful marriage requires  
falling in love many times,  
always with the same person.**

**-Mignon McLaughlin**



Happy Valentines Day!





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