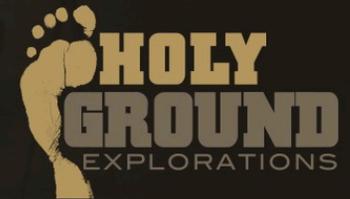


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# MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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# THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

## **Netanyahu: I will oppose any Iranian foothold in Syria**

Netanyahu says his meeting Thursday with Putin will focus on Syria "The effort to formulate an agreement there will be at the center of our conversation. In the context of this agreement, or without it, Iran is trying to establish itself permanently in Syria, with a military presence on the ground and at sea, and also a gradual attempt to open a front against us on the Golan Heights," Netanyahu said.

## **Netanyahu: 80% of security threats against Israel emanate from Iran**

All members of the US Senate are asking for Trump to help, "enhance security measures and improve preparedness" for the Jewish community in light of a number of bomb threats against Jewish community centers. All 100 members of the United States Senate have signed a letter requesting that the White House actively address the recent waves of bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) nationwide.



# EMBASSY MOVEMENT?

- ❖ An unofficial US delegation is in Israel to examine the moving of the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Israel Radio reported Sunday.
- ❖ The delegation, led by Congressman Ron DeSantis (R-FL), chairman of the subcommittee for National Security for the US House Oversight Committee, landed in Israel on Saturday. The group is expected to convene a press conference on Sunday.
- ❖ “The delegation is in Jerusalem to learn first hand what it will mean to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem,” said Ruth Lieberman, a friend of DeSantis and a political advisor in Israel, according to the Jerusalem Post.



# US STATE DEPT - ANTI-SEMITIC?

Donald Trump's nominee to be his ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, accused the State Department during a speech last October of having been anti-Semitic since Israel's founding. "In 1995, Congress enacted a law that required the embassy of the United States to move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem," Friedman told a crowd at a Jerusalem rally for the Trump campaign. "That's 21 years ago. Hasn't happened! Why? Because the law provides that the obligation to move the embassy to Jerusalem can be waived at the desire of the State Department, the same State Department that has been anti-Israel and anti-Semitic for the past 70 years."



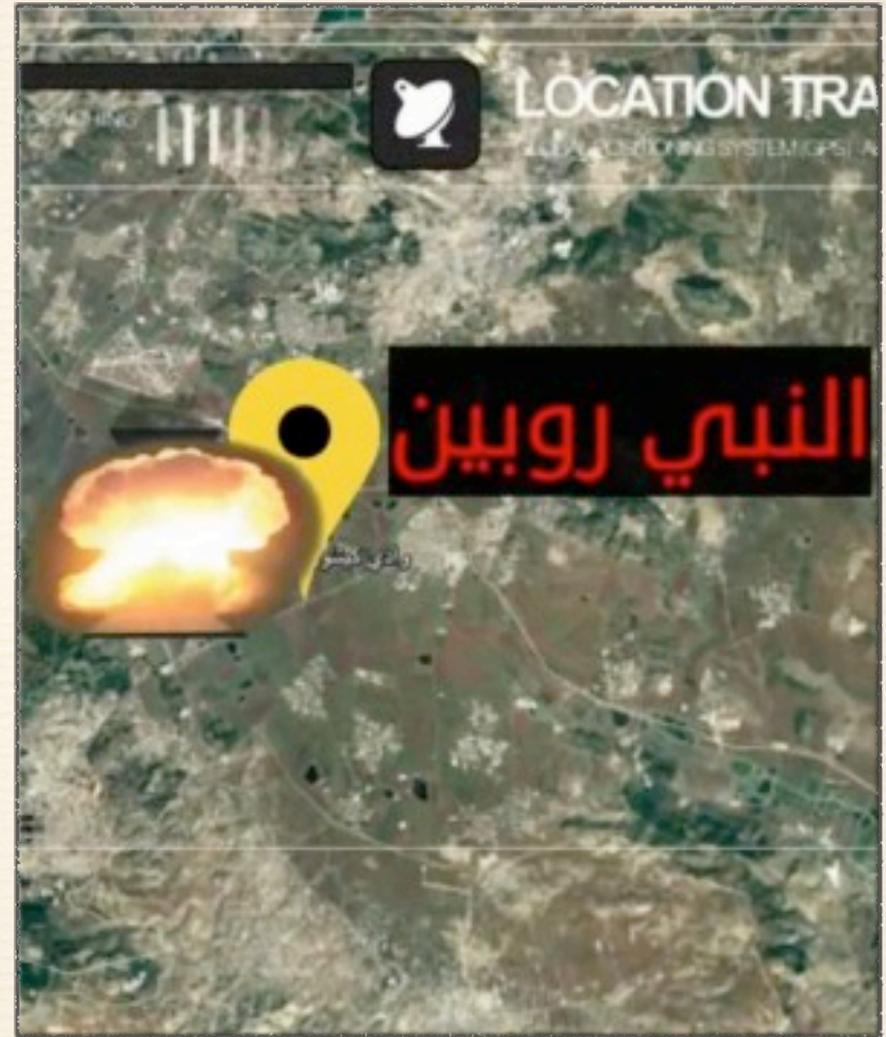
# FACEBOOK

This week Facebook enabled Fatah's terror promotion by reopening their terror promoting pages. This is the kind of terror-promotion that Facebook reinstated by reopening the account:



# HEZBOLLAH

- ❖ A propaganda video released by an outlet affiliated with the Hezbollah terror group threatens missile strikes on nine highly sensitive chemical and nuclear sites in Israel.
- ❖ The video published by the al-Ahed news website comes on the heels of increased saber-rattling by Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah threatening to strike Israel's nuclear reactor in the southern city of Dimona and an ammonia storage tank in the northern city of Haifa.
- ❖ The video, published on February 22, not only lists the nine sites and shows satellite images of the locations, but in some instances adds information such as how many people work there, how many buildings it's comprised of and what dangerous materials are being handled in it.
- ❖ The video begins with what appears to be Russian S-300 missiles being fired and striking the Dimona nuclear reactor and the sound of alarms.



# SEA OF GALILEE

- ❖ Israel's most important natural water source — also known as Lake Kinneret — received just 10 percent of its average rainfall for February, rising by just 22 centimeters (8.5 inches), far below the average for that month of 60 centimeters (23.5 inches).
- ❖ “The situation is grave,” Amir Givati of Israel's Water Authority told Army Radio. “The lake has fallen to its lowest level for a century.”
- ❖ The level is 20 centimeters below what experts consider acceptable, the so-called “red line,” he added, noting that the “regional drought affects the whole of the Middle East.”
- ❖ The shortage of rainfall is affecting agriculture, the environment and animal life in the area, Givati added.



# POLITICAL FALLOUT

**HEARD IN DC: "Anti-Trump sentiment may turn against Israel, Ya'alon warns" by Eric Cortellessa:**

"I'm afraid of the fact that Israel is identified nowadays more with the Republicans," [former Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon] said Monday during a lecture at American University's Center for Israel Studies. "Anti-Trump sentiments are becoming anti-Israel sentiments. This is my fear."



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Glick's 30-states solution as an alternative to the two-state solution:** "You implement Israeli sovereignty all over Judea and Samaria and you give the Palestinians all human rights, full political rights, and you do it in a smart way that prevents them from becoming a majority. I believe that the whole Israeli system should change to a federal system. Just like you have 50 states in America, Israel should have 30 states - 20 of them Jewish and 10 of them non-Jewish (1 Beduin, 1 Druze, 3 Arab Israelis and 5 Palestinian Israelis) - and each regional state should be able to develop its uniqueness on its own. The Palestinians will be able to have their own state and together they will be part of Israel's federal government. That way we preserve the Jewish majority and you give them to live their own life, just like New York, Texas and Utah."



# MORE US ANTI-SEMITISM

- ❖ Yet another act of anti-Semitic vandalism has occurred in the US.
- ❖ The Agudath B'nai Israel Synagogue in Lorain, Ohio, was defaced with swastikas and anti-Semitic scrawling, the media reported earlier this week.
- ❖ The vandalism at the more than 100-year-old synagogue occurred on Thursday, though it was first reported on Saturday.
- ❖ The words, "we will rise and gas you" followed by an expletive were etched into the door under the Nazi symbol.



# UNBELIEVABLE!



- ❖ Spokesman Mohammed Momani said Tuesday that Ahmed Daqamseh is to be freed next week, possibly Monday, after completing his term.
- ❖ Daqamseh killed the girls in a 1997 shooting rampage at the “Island of Peace” border post at Naharayim.
- ❖ A military court deemed him mentally unstable and sentenced him to life in prison, which in Jordan typically means 25 years. Jordanian lawmakers lobbied in the past for his early release.



# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Abu Mazen (Mahmoud Abbas) is an illegitimate leader. The PA does not exist. Hamas-stan is in the Gaza Strip, and in Judea and Samaria you find Fatah. Who will sign an agreement? I do not believe that it is possible to reach an agreement with the Palestinians without a comprehensive regional settlement with the moderate Sunni world." - Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman -

He gave a generous compliment to Sunni Arabs. Only transfer of the enemies from Judea, Samaria and Gaza will bring peace to Israel!





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