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MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

- * **Hamas said to meet with Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Tehran.** A high-level delegation from the terror group is in Iran to open a 'new page' with old ally.
- * **Abdullah urges Abbas to work with US to renew peace process. Jordanian king makes first visit to PA in five years** • "The Trump administration is committed to achieving peace," king tells PA president.
- * **A vast majority of Israelis – around 85% (93% of men and 77% of women) – feel safe walking around their neighborhoods alone at night,** according to new data published by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) on Tuesday.



ROCKETS FROM GAZA

A rocket from Gaza aimed in the direction of the southern coastal city of Ashkelon Tuesday evening caused sirens to wail in the southern coastal city.

The rocket landed in an open area in the Hof Ashkelon Regional Council, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit confirmed.

Sirens went off in Ashkelon at 8:55 p.m., indicating an incoming missile, and 20 minutes later in Kibbutz Zikim, near the Gaza border.

Israel holds Hamas, which rules Gaza, responsible for any missiles or other attacks emanating from the Strip.

Israel retaliated and for the first time using their new F-35's



SAY IT AIN'T SO!

Whether it is AG influencers like Prof. Paul Alexander or pastors with Pentecostal roots like Jonathan Martin, a sea change has occurred in the past few years: "Palestine" is now a thing. Added to this troubling development is the infiltration of such communities by change agents like Brian McLaren (who cleverly networks with Pentecostals and Baptists, even though—my description—he is much more of a mystic and New Ager). Alexander, Martin, and McLaren are anti-Israel, pro Palestinian speakers and authors.

,Fisher says that a "peace and justice/peacemaking" theme has emerged within the Assemblies of God, and this does not bode well for Israel support. The constant use of language such as "justice, peacemaking," etc. clearly is inspired by leftist activists. **This is their verbiage. The title of Resolution 3 is: "Compassion, Justice, and Peacemaking." This is precisely the language of the Left. It is used day and night to influence Christian Millennials, and it is working. One key target in their cross-hairs is pro Israel support among evangelicals.**

Fisher's point—that such documents are moving us squarely into a place where Israel is lambasted and demonized.



CHRISTIAN ANTI-SEMITES

Christian Anti-Semites Support
Enemy of Israel

The World Council of Churches (WCC) officially endorsed the Palestinian "campaign for Jerusalem," saying that Israel's recent move installing additional security measures at the Temple Mount following a terror attack was a "corrosive act in the midst of an already-fragile peace."

The WCC represents some 550 million Christians in 110 countries!



CATHOLIC ANTI-SEMITISM

The Catholic Church's response to recent turmoil over the Temple Mount in Jerusalem confirms that the Church is using Islamic replacement theology, in "direct violation of the Torah", to "promote heresy" and deny the Jewish and Biblical connection to the Mount, said prominent Christian and Jewish voices in a harsh takedown of anti-Israel Christian hate.

In the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, the Vatican has consistently expressed a pro-Palestinian bias overlooking the violence and terror perpetrated on Israel. **Pope Francis referred to Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas, a major inciter of violence, as an "angel of peace", and has insisted that Islam is not associated with violence. The Vatican has also recognized the Palestinian claim to Jerusalem by placing its embassy to the PA in East Jerusalem and its embassy to Israel in Tel Aviv.**



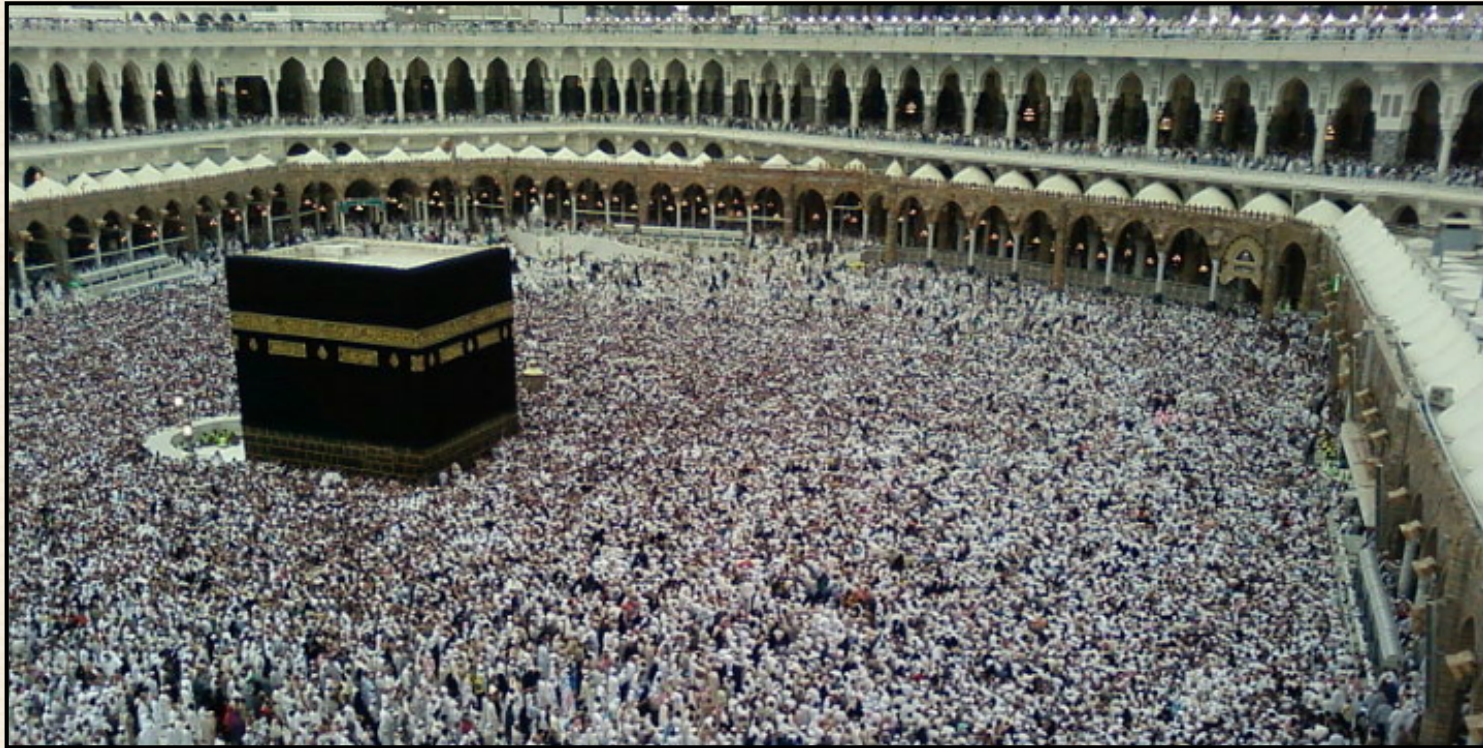
CHAOS IS COMING!

“The End of This Road: The Decline of the Palestinian National Movement” by Palestinian negotiators Hussein Agha and Ahmad Samih Khalidi:

“Abbas (Abu Mazen), represents the last slender chance for a negotiated settlement: he is the sole remaining national leader of his people with sufficient, if dwindling, authority to sign and ratify a deal. For President Trump and his team, as well as for all those seeking to end this century-plus-old conflict, there should be no doubt about the moment’s urgency. **After Abbas, there will be no other truly weighty representative and legitimate Palestinian leadership, and no coherent national movement to sustain it for a long time to come.**” [[NewYorker](#)]



WHERE ARE THE SAUDI'S



For the ninth consecutive year, [Saudi Arabia has announced](#) that it will host a thousand family members of Palestinian “martyrs” for Hajj. The Saudi minister of Islamic affairs – Al-Sheikh – said that the offer comes from the king, because the Muslim and Arab brotherhood support “Palestine,” and its people. He then stressed that the Palestinian people deserve respect and appreciation due to their great sacrifices to preserve Jerusalem and the land of Palestine, which is an “Arab Islamic land.”

These statements make the much-heralded, Saudi-backed “Arab Peace Plan” look more like a step toward the destruction of Israel, rather than a permanent peace. After all, how can the Saudis support peace if all of Israel is considered to be forever an Arab Islamic land?



UNDERGROUND BARRIERS

Southern residents welcome hastening Gaza barrier construction. After IDF announces intentions to step up pace of subterranean barrier across Gaza border in effort to block Hamas infiltration into Israel, residents welcome 'increased sense of security' but yearn for long-term peace; 'It's a military solution, but not one to the problem in Gaza' caused by Hamas, says resident.



Residents of Israeli towns situated in the Gaza region have praised the IDF's [recent announcement](#) that it intends to accelerate the construction of its subterranean barrier on the southern border in a bid to preemptively thwart threats emanating from the Hamas-ruled enclave. On Wednesday, GOC Southern Command Maj. Gen. Eyal Zamir said nothing would deter Israel's military from constructing the barrier designed to deliver a decisive blow or severe setback to Hamas's terror project. "The barrier against the Gaza Strip will be built even if it means fighting a justified incursion against Hamas," said Zamir.



NIKKI “DEBORAH” HALEY!

US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley did not mince words in her response to demands by the world body that Israel cease its military operations against the Hezbollah terror army, which operates on its border with Lebanon.

Specifically, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, “Israel must withdraw its forces from Lebanese territory and stop violations of Lebanese airspace.”

In response to Guterres’ recent comments, Haley emphasized America’s role as Israel’s ally, noting that the US “will continue to raise the threat posed by Hezbollah as we seek significant improvements to UNIFIL when the Security Council renews its mandate this month.” She also reminded the UN chief of UNIFIL’s mandate to halt the [spread of illegal arms in southern Lebanon](#), which, she noted “are almost entirely in the hands of Hezbollah terrorists.”



UNBELIEVABLE!

Defying controversy, design firm tries to bring back the swastika.

KA Designs says Nazis made ancient Hindu symbol synonymous with hatred and racist violence and now our Company aims to reclaim swastika by featuring it on a rainbow background with the words "love," "peace," or "zen."



THE SIMPLE TRUTH

LEGACY OF HATE

At this point in history, it should be evident to everyone that radical Islam despises Jews and the Jewish nation of Israel. Christians and the United States of America are also on radical Islam's hit list. The hatred spewed by Mahmoud Abbas representing the Fatah faction of the Palestinian Authority, Hamas authoritarians, Hezbollah's kingpin Nasrallah and Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini leaves Israel little choice but to be defensively prepared for the eventuality of another war.

The international snowflakes who do not understand Middle Eastern regional politics cannot be excused for their hateful rhetoric against Israel so long as they understand the English language. **What Israel's enemies say to the world in English is very different from what they say to their own people in Arabic but translations are easy to find. In Arabic, Israel's adversaries are constantly calling for the blood of Jews and the destruction of Israel. Hezbollah's flags fly along Israel's border with Lebanon and Palestinian flags fly along the Gaza border as a constant reminder to Israel that she is surrounded by enemies. There are posters in southern Lebanon adjacent to Israel's northern border which depict the Iranian flag and the face of the Ayatollah. In Hebrew and Arabic are the words, "We are coming." It's a constant threat.**



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Why I Went to Auschwitz" by former NBA player Ray

Allen: "I thought I knew what the Holocaust was, and what it meant. I went to Poland with a few close friends to learn more.

But I wasn't prepared for how deeply the visit would affect me. I had seen so many documentaries and films on Auschwitz, but nothing really prepares you for being there. The first thing I felt when I walked through those iron gates was ... heavy. The air around me felt heavy. I stood on the train tracks where the prisoners of the camp would arrive, and I felt like I could hear the trains coming to a halt. I had to take a breath to center myself. It was so immediate. So overwhelming. We walked through the barracks and gas chambers and what I remember most is what I heard: nothing. I've never experienced silence like that... **One question keeps repeating over and over and over in your mind: How can human beings do this to one another? How does somebody process that? You can't. This is not history. This is humanity. This is now. This is a living lesson for us as a people.** [[ThePlayersTribune](#)]

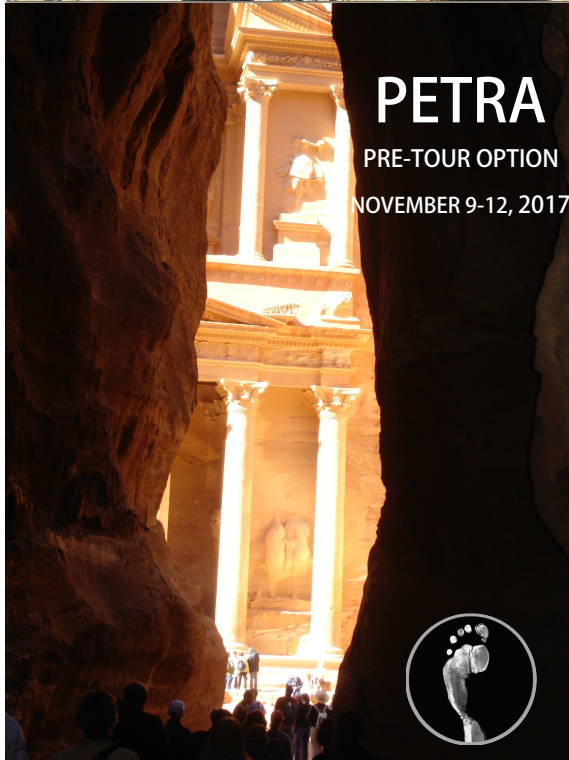


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ISRAEL PACKAGE

HOTELS: 4 nights Jerusalem, 3 nights Chorazin - Galilee area, 1 night Tel Aviv

SIGHTSEEING: All entrance fees as noted

MEALS: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Farewell Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: Via Private Van

AIRPORT PICK-UP & RETURN

PETRA PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

HOTELS: 1 night Ashkelon, 2 nights Eilat

PETRA SIGHTSEEING: All entrance fees and visas, transportation MEALS: 4 Breakfasts & 1 Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: Via Private Van

AIRPORT PICK-UP

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