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# MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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# THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

- \* According to a confidential UN report seen by [Reuters](#), **"two North Korean shipments to a Syrian government agency responsible for the country's chemical weapons program were intercepted in the past six months."**
- \* **Iran can resume high uranium enrichment in '5 days,'** official says Iran's nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi says it would take the country less than a week to ramp up uranium enrichment to 20%, at which it could be weaponized
- \* Palestinian Olympic Committee forces boxer to forfeit rather than compete with Israeli. Palestinian boxer Sultan Abu Al-Haj: **"It is forbidden to compete with [Israelis], because it's beneath our dignity to compete with them and recognize them as the State of Israel."**
- \* The fight against ISIS is far from over. While **ISIS** may be faltering on the battlefield, the group's ideology is thriving and continuing to spill blood. **The group's big advantage is that it doesn't mastermind attacks -- it inspires radicals to use anything to kill anywhere, and takes credit.**





# IRAN - SYRIA

Israel remains concerned about Iran's military buildup in southern Syria, at Israel's northern border, despite high-level discussions between US and Israeli security officials in Washington last week.

**The Israeli delegation that visited Washington** included Yossi Cohen, head of Mossad and IDF Military Intelligence. The team, which met with US National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster, Deputy National Security Adviser Dina Powell, Chief Negotiator Jason Greenblatt and others, **was reportedly discouraged by the position taken by the US on Syria.**

The delegation was sent to the US to warn against the military deployments by Hezbollah, Iranian forces and the Syrian regime, and to tell the US "exactly what is going on there," according to officials. Such a military buildup directly threatens Israel.





# BIBI MEETS WITH PUTIN

**PM Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday said he told Russian President Vladimir Putin that Israel was willing to act (solely) to prevent a continued Iranian military presence in Syria, during a three-hour meeting between the two leaders in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.**

Netanyahu said that he “spoke to President Putin very clearly about our positions on this matter and the fact that this is unacceptable to us.” **Netanyahu said he told Putin that Israel would take action if its “red lines” were crossed.**

**Iran extends reach with fight for land link to Mediterranean Thousands of Iranian-backed fighters are advancing across Syria's east, bringing Tehran closer to goal of securing a corridor from its border to the Mediterranean. Move aims to give Iran direct land access to Syria and Lebanon for the first time.**





# ASSAD AND ISRAEL

Syrian leader says 'Western plots' against him thwarted. President Bashar Assad credits allies Iran, Russia, China and Hezbollah for helping foil efforts to unseat him. **He says he will not let West be part of deal to end war. Israel still an enemy, Syria supports "all Palestinian resistance groups," he says. Assad also said that Syria still sees Israel as "an enemy who robs Palestinians and Arabs of their lands."**

Syria maintains its traditional position of "supporting the Palestinian people and the Palestinian cause. We will continue to oppose the Zionist occupation and we will stand by all Palestinian resistance groups wherever they may be," he stressed.





# 45 DAY ULTIMATUM

"A senior Palestinian source... said a decision had been reached after lengthy negotiations at top PA levels... to present Kushner and Greenblatt with a clear ultimatum: **Unless progress is made within 45 days on launching talks with the Israelis, the Palestinians will consider themselves no longer committed to the US channel and will turn to an alternative plan on which they have been working for the past two years...** The Palestinians understand that the current occupant of the Oval Office tends to act impulsively, and such a move could prompt him to take out his anger on Abbas – but "we have no choice," said the source." [Al-Monitor]





# TEMPLE MOUNT

No Respect for the Jewish Holiest Place. Israeli Temple Mount policemen stopped on Sunday Arab kids from playing soccer on the Temple Mount only after they were requested to do it by one of the Jewish visitors to the holy site. Soccer games are a common sight on the Temple Mount, according to the report, even though they are explicitly prohibited by the law.

*(Fake people only claim the Temple Mount as a Muslim holy place to undermine Jews claim!)*





# HAMAS THREATENS ISRAEL

In a rare briefing to journalists, Gaza-based Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar said yesterday his organization will “pummel” Israel if another war erupts.

**Sinwar told journalists on Wednesday that Hamas “is not seeking a confrontation” with Israel, but “if such a confrontation should arise, Hamas will pummel Israel.”**

Despite claiming that Israel is not starting a war with Gaza because of “fear of the unknown,” he warned the Jewish state against “taking stupid steps against the Gaza Strip,” claiming that “the Palestinian resistance has the ability to respond” to any provocations.





# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Well done, my good  
and faithful -

~~Pastor~~

~~Bishop~~

~~Evangelist~~

~~Apostle~~

~~Preacher~~

~~Missionary~~

~~Teacher~~

~~Singer~~

~~Worship Leader~~

Servant.

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**Pre Tour - PETRA\***

**\*Nov 9-12 / Beaten Path -Nov 12-20, 2017**

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