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# MIDDLE EAST UPDATE

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# HGE - "OFF THE BEATEN PATH"

- ❖ Just a reminder that for the next three weeks we will be in Israel. Because of what it takes to upload video we will just be uploading the KFIR Middle East Update PDF PowerPoints on our website.
- ❖ Please keep us in your prayers!
- ❖ Also, regarding our KFIR Daily reading schedules ... they will be posted daily but the time of the posting will be on Israeli time.
- ❖ Shalom - Dan



# THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Greenblatt tweets this morning: " Hamas, which has only brought ruin and misery to Palestinians, now begs Iran for help and again vows to destroy Israel. Palestinians deserve so much better than this. We must find a better path forward toward peace and prosperity." [Twitter]

Official PA mission to state of Colombia posted a Spanish translation of a quote from former PA leader Yasser Arafat. "Our goal is the end of Israel, and there can be no compromises or mediations.... We don't want peace. We want WAR and victory - Yasser Arafat." (The guy who won the Nobel Peace Prize - what a joke!)

North Korea is likely just months away from being capable of striking the United States with a nuclear missile, according to two top U.S. officials. CIA Director Mike Pompeo told a forum in Washington on Thursday he is "deeply worried" about the advancing threat from North Korea and the possibility it could spark a nuclear arms race across East Asia.



# HEZBOLLAH & ISRAEL

A war between Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah terrorist group is inevitable, though not necessarily imminent, and will be unavoidably bloody for both sides, according to an assessment by a number of former generals from around the world, known collectively as the High Level Military Group.

Hezbollah is planning on returning to Lebanon to replenish its forces in anticipation of future confrontation with Israel.

Almost 2,000 Hezbollah fighters are estimated to have died in the war, and thousands of others have been injured. Hezbollah's high command has now reportedly decided that its remaining forces are stretched too thin and that there is a greater need to return to its home base of Lebanon so it could rebuild its presence on the border with Israel.

Meanwhile, the IDF revealed for the first time the identity of Hezbollah's "southern commander" in Syria as Munir Shaito. Also known as Hajj Hashem, Shaito sent the two terrorists who infiltrated Israel from Lebanon in 2002 and shot and killed six Israelis near Kibbutz Matzuva. Today, Shaito commands much of southern Syria, up to the border with Israel.



# US & HEZBOLLAH

The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee declared on Wednesday that the US had sent an unmistakable message to Iran's Lebanese Shia proxy, Hezbollah, with the passage by the House of Representatives of three new measures targeting the terrorist organization's financing and recruitment operations.

The first, "sanctions regimes that provide weapons to Hezbollah, target Hezbollah's fundraising and recruiting efforts. The second, imposes "targeted sanctions on Iran and Hezbollah for the use of civilians as human shields," while the third, urges the European Union "to designate Hezbollah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members."

"Hezbollah is Iran's leading terrorist proxy, and it is only growing more dangerous," Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA), said in a statement announcing the new measures, which were introduced with bipartisan support. "It now has an arsenal of more than 100,000 rockets aimed at Israel and has become battle-hardened while propping up the murderous Assad regime (in Syria) alongside the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)."



# ROCKETS FALLING IN THE GOLAN

"These were not mortars or artillery shells, but rockets that struck our territory," an unnamed IDF Northern Command officer was quoted as saying by nrg. "The chance this was not deliberate is low.

There were no battles taking place in the area where the launch took place. This very well may have been a message from Syria. Our main concern now is that this doesn't become routine, because we've already seen this sector heating up since March."

For Malka, it did not matter whether the fire was directed at Israel on purpose or not. "A bomb is a bomb," he said.

As Assad -- aided by Russia and Iran -- has gained strength over the past year, Malka added, authorities on the Golan Heights have been preparing for an end of the relative quiet that has prevailed in the area.

"After the civil war in Syria dies out, the guns will be turned on Israel," he predicted.



# HAMAS & ISRAEL

Hamas chief: We won't discuss recognizing Israel, only wiping it out!

Yahya Sinwar says 'no one in the universe can disarm us,' likens belief that terror group will relinquish weapons to 'Satan dreaming of heaven'

Yahya Sinwar, the new leader of Hamas in the Gaza Strip, attends the opening of a new mosque in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on February 24, 2017.

The Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip on Thursday dismissed US and Israeli demands that it lay down its arms and recognize the Jewish state, saying the terror organization is instead debating "when to wipe out Israel."

## The Hamas Charter



- #1 - Israel will exist and continue to exist until **Islam** will **obliterate** it.
- #2 - The **land** of **Palestine** is to be **Islamic** consecrated to future Muslim generations until Judgment Day
- #3 - There is only 1 solution to resolve the conflict and that is **Jihad**



# USA & HAMAS

President Donald Trump's special Mideast envoy said that if Hamas wants to play a role in any Palestinian government it must renounce violence against Israel and commit to peaceful negotiations with it.

Jason Greenblatt's statement Thursday was the first American comment on the advancing reconciliation efforts between the rival Palestinian Fatah and Hamas factions, and echoed Israeli demands.

Israeli Minister Naftali Bennett welcomed Greenblatt's "clear" statement, reiterating Israel's position that it will not negotiate with a Palestinian government that relies on Hamas until the terror group disarms itself, recognizes Israel's right to exist and returns the IDF fallen soldiers and Israeli civilians it holds.





# JORDAN VALLEY

***“The Jordan Valley will always be part of Israel,” Netanyahu declared, warning that otherwise Iran will take control.***

Addressing a celebration Thursday evening marking the 50th anniversary of Israel’s capture of the Jordan Valley during the Six Day War, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that the region will remain under the Jewish state’s control.

“The Jordan Valley will always be part of Israel,” he proclaimed. “We will continue to settle it and invest in its industry and its tourism.”

“Our eastern line of defense starts here in this place, and if we were not here, Teheran and Hamastan would be; we will not allow this to happen. We see what is happening a short distance north of here when they take up a position, or try to, over the border,” the prime minister stated.



# UNDERSTANDING THE IDF

The European foreign service should know, for example, that despite our tendency to turn every minor difference into an emotional debate, there is one thing, perhaps one thing only, that is truly sacrosanct for us - the Israel Defense Forces.

Here, respect for the IDF is the consensus on which our society is built. It is above every possible political disagreement. We all served. We all know the stories. We all remember Lt. Hadar Goldin and his team, who were killed by Hamas terrorists in a surprise attack an hour after a UN-mediated cease-fire entered into force. We all heard about the medic Dror Dagan, who attended to a Palestinian woman who pretended to faint so her husband - a senior Hamas militant - could shoot him in the back, leaving his lower body paralyzed for life.

I personally remember very vividly how, while fighting in Gaza, I had an armed terrorist in my sights but couldn't get permission to fire, despite the serious risk he was posing to my friends and me, for fear of harming civilians in his vicinity. As an Israeli who served as a combat soldier and educated two cycles of new infantry recruits, I cannot ever be convinced that the IDF is inherently evil.



# 1948

## The Year 1948

Currently, we are living in the Hebrew year 5778 of creation. Did you know that Abraham was born in the year 1948 of creation? Abraham was the first Jew! Abraham was also the first Jew to immigrate to the Land of Israel! Thousands of years later, the modern State of Israel was established in the gregorian year 1948! In this year, Jews from around the world flocked to the land in the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Is the year 1948 a coincidence here? I think not!

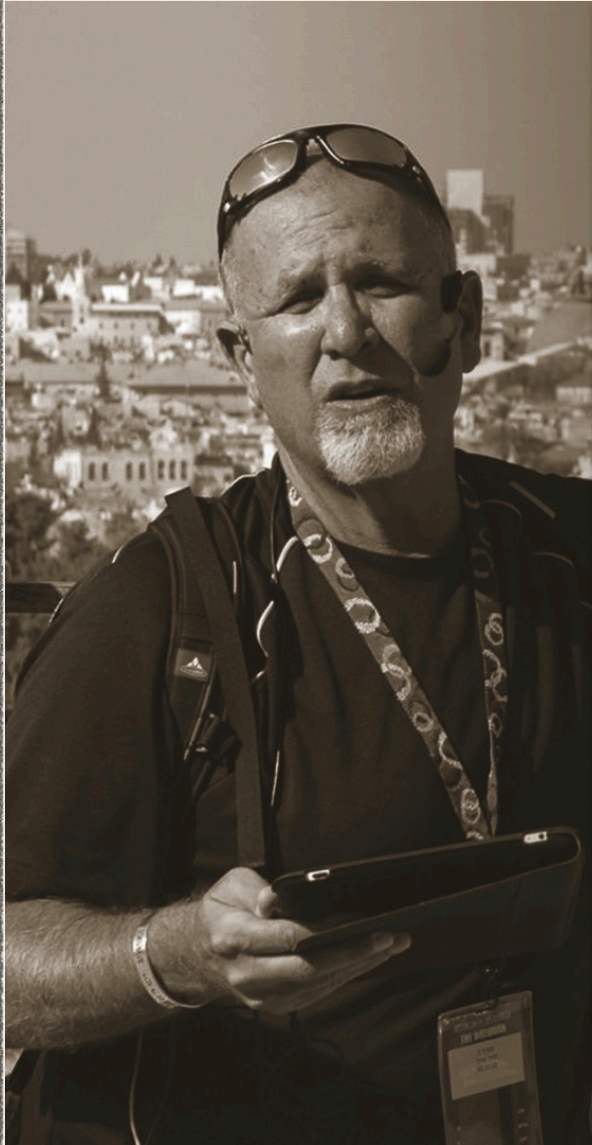


# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

G.K. Chesterton once said, "When people stop believing in God, they don't believe in nothing -- they believe in anything."



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