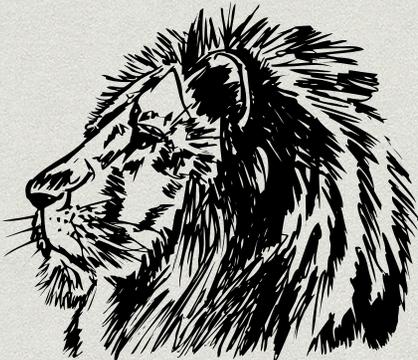


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# HEADLINES

The deputy head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards has warned Europe that if it threatens Iran, the Guards will increase the range of missiles to above 2,000 kilometers (1,242 miles), the Fars news agency reported on Saturday.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned Syrian President Bashar Assad that Israel **will** intervene militarily in the Syrian civil war if Assad gives formal permission to Iran to establish a military presence in Syria, Israeli TV reported on Sunday night.

PM signs petition urging presidential pardon for Hebron shooter. Over 40 lawmakers, including defense and justice ministers, have signed petition calling on President Reuven Rivlin to revisit decision not to pardon Elor Azaria.



# STAY TUNED!!!

U.S. President Donald Trump is actively considering "when and how" to relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Vice President Mike Pence said on Tuesday.

The White House [dismissed](#) as "premature" [Israeli media reports](#) that the US will recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital next week and instruct staffers at the embassy in Tel Aviv to begin preparing for a relocation. This doesn't sound like an all-out denial, so draw your own conclusions.

"This is a premature report. We have nothing to announce," said press secretary Sarah Sanders.

At an event celebrating the 70th anniversary of the UN Partition Plan paving the way for Israel's statehood on Tuesday, [Vice President Mike Pence said](#) President Donald Trump is actively considering "when and how" relocate the embassy.



# PRAYERS REQUESTED

Last week the Off the Beaten Path crew went on a Off Road Jeep Tour of the Golan Heights right up to the Syrian border. Our Guide Ilan (IDF Intelligence) briefed us concerning the status of the border as well as the Iranian agenda. This week we were told that the situation continues to intensify (worsen) with Russia & Iran and their proxy groups along Israel's borders. We were asked to please encourage our friends to seek the LORD regarding this urgent matter.

Ilan is a friend of Ted and Linda Walker, who are old friends of ours and supporters of HGE. Ted gave Ilan a Hebrew bible complete with the New Testament. Ted has told me that Ilan is very interested in knowing more about Yeshua so please keep him in your prayers as well!



# ISRAEL & SYRIA

Have Israel and Syria agreed on a 40 km demilitarized zone? An Arab media report picked up by the Jerusalem Post says this came about after Israel vowed to destroy any Iranian positions within 40 km of the border:

The source, said that during Assad's surprise visit to Russia last week, Assad gave Putin a message for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: Damascus will agree to a demilitarized zone of up to 40 kilometers from the border in the Golan Heights as part of a comprehensive agreement between the two countries, but only if Israel does not work to remove Assad's regime from power.

The report also claims that Putin then called Netanyahu to relay the message, and that the Israeli prime minister said he would be willing to accept the deal, but that Israel's goal of eradicating Iran and Hezbollah from the country would remain.



# SOCHI CONFAB



“This summit indicates that the unity among IRAN, RUSSIA and TURKEY is more prominent than in the past and these countries are engaged in a joint road map that is designed for Syria, and has been pursued in various summits ... Today, IRAN, TURKEY and RUSSIA are drawing a road map of the new Middle East! Question??? Why is the US in the middle of all of this? Ehud Yaari, Reshet/Keshet’s veteran Arab affairs commentator declared: The US is finished in the Middle East! The capital of the Middle East is now located in Sochi, he proclaimed in back-to-back newscasts. In certain respects, Yaari is right. Things are looking good these days for the axis of evil.



# ISRAEL'S UPCOMING FATE

Concerning Israel's new relations with the Sunnis ... if Israel takes care of the Iranian problem will the Arab and Western worlds be grateful to Israel and act to protect its interests?"

"The answer is simple: look to the Kurds," Kedar - an expert on Syria who spent 25 years with IDF military intelligence - continued. "What happened to them will happen to Israel,

"The Kurds fought ISIS, sacrificed their soldiers and people, and were thrown to the wolves once they had outlived their usefulness," Kedar asserted. "That is exactly what will happen to Israel once it saves the Arab states from the Iranian threat. The immediate interests of each state, not the moral rights of the Kurds and the Israelis, are what make the world go round." "The Kurds expected the world, headed by the US, to stand behind them once ISIS was defeated, remembering their great contribution to that defeat and supporting their demand for independence," he noted.

"Those hopes were dashed very quickly."



# HAMAS TO DISARM?

GAZA CITY – Palestinian terror movement Hamas again refused to disarm on Monday ahead of a key reconciliation deadline, instead threatening to carry out attacks against Israel in the West Bank.

By Friday, the Islamists are due to hand over control of the Gaza Strip to the internationally recognized Palestinian government, based in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

But the future of their armed wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, remains unclear.

“The weapons of the resistance are a red line that is non-debatable,” “These weapons will be moved to the West Bank to fight the occupation. It is our right to resist the occupation until it ends.”



Hamas, an Islamist terror group, seeks the destruction of Israel.



# NASRALLA TARGETED



The head of Hezbollah, Iran's proxy Shia terrorist organization in Lebanon, will be a "target" for Israel in a future war on its northern border, an IDF General has stated in an interview with reporters in the southern port city of Eilat.

"Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah is an IDF target in the next war in Lebanon," Brig-Gen. Ronen Manelis declared on Sunday. "It is clear that if he dies, it will influence the [military] campaign."

Hezbollah now has over 100,000 rockets arrayed on Israel's northern border - more than ten times the number it had during the 34-day war in July 2006, when up to 500,000 Israelis were displaced by missile attacks on Haifa and other northern cities.



# BIBI VS TZIPI

"The majority of U.S. Jews don't understand Israel. They've never sent their children to fight for their country. Most of them don't have children in the army, they don't send their children to the Marines, to fight in Iraq or Afghanistan. ... Most of them live quite convenient lives. They don't know how it feels to be attacked by rockets," she said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday severely admonished Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely for making offensive and trivializing remarks about U.S. Jews in a television interview.



# OMAR AL-ABED

The family of Omar al-Abed, the knife-wielding Palestinian terrorist who brutally murdered three members of the Salomon family during their Shabbat dinner on Friday, will enjoy a generous payment from the Palestinian Authority (PA) for killing Jews.

As a result of the PA's program to pay Palestinians who commit terror attacks - sometimes termed the "Pay-for-Slay-Program" - the al-Abed family is expected to receive a monthly lifetime salary of \$3,120, Liel Leibovitz reported Sunday in *Tablet Magazine*. This sum is typically given to terrorists sentenced to 30 years or more in prison.

Just for comparison, an average Palestinian engineer earns about \$1,300 per month.



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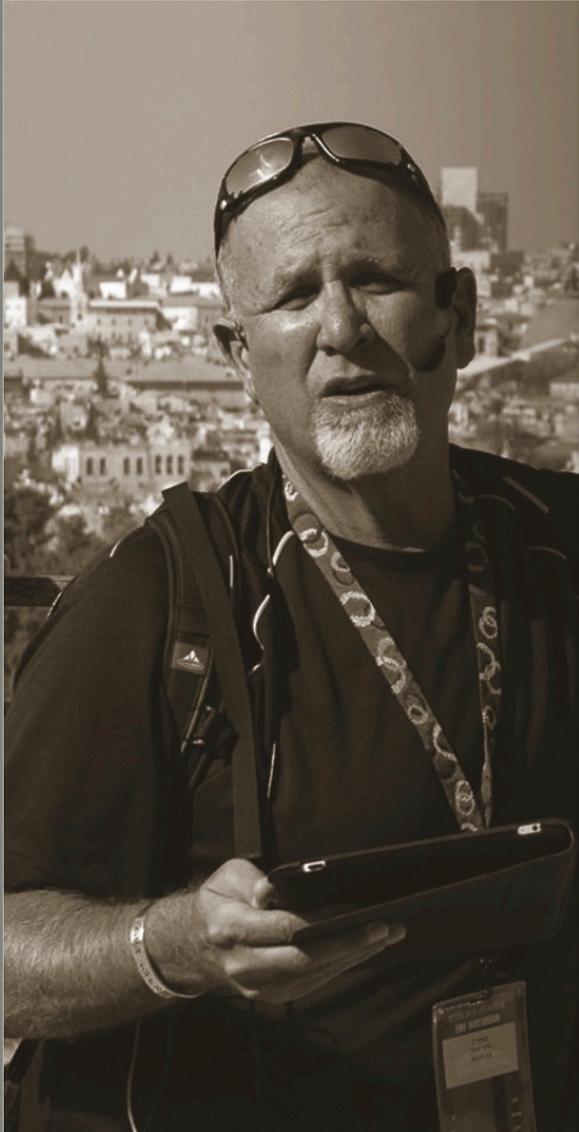


# THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

"I will insist the Hebrews have (contributed) more to civilize men than any other nation. If I was an atheist and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations... They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth. The Romans and their empire were but a bubble in comparison to the Jews. They have given religion to three-quarters of the globe and have influenced the affairs of mankind more and more happily than any other nation, ancient or modern." - John Adams, the second President of the United States.



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