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WEEKLY HEADLINES

The reason there is no peace in between Israel and the Arabs is because of the Palestinians' persistent rejection of a Jewish state, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu explained.

United States Ambassador the United Nations, Nikki Haley, labeled the organization "morally bankrupt" after a General Assembly meeting voted overwhelmingly to condemn Israel over the recent Gaza border violence.

Netanyahu: Iran has brought 80,000 Shiite fighters into Syria Israel has targeted Iranian-backed Shiite militias from Afghanistan and Pakistan, brought in to Syria to attack Israel and "convert" Syria's Sunni majority, PM Benjamin Netanyahu says, warning of "endless upheaval and terrorism in many, many countries."

Do you suppose the UN General Assembly's vote slamming Israel has emboldened Hamas to play with fire? Hamas threatened to send 5,000 burning kites towards Israel on Friday. Tomorrow is Eid al Fitr, the holiday marking the end of the month of Ramadan.



US PEACE PLAN



US Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt and special adviser Jared Kushner will arrive to Israel as part of a Middle East tour next week to discuss previously undisclosed details of a peace plan being promoted by US President Donald Trump.

While the Trump administration is viewed favorably among Israelis—due to his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, the moving of the US embassy in May, and the cancellation of the Iran nuclear deal—the administration has lost credibility within the Palestinian Authority. PA leader President Mahmoud Abbas has refused to take part in any peace initiatives led by Trump, and has cut off all formal contact with the administration.



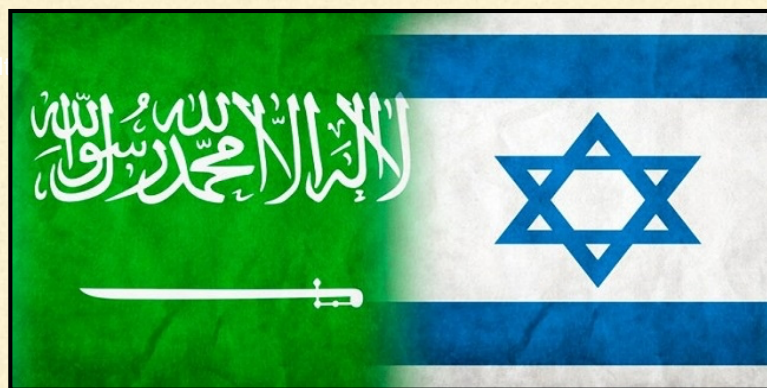
ULTIMATE DEAL



ULTIMATE DEAL WATCH -- Trump's Mideast peace plan won't have pro-Israel bias, U.S. officials say -- by Barak Ravid: "Senior U.S. officials involved in drafting President Trump's Middle East peace plan pushed back on claims from Palestinian leadership... that the plan will be biased in favor of Israel. One official told me... "If we wanted to draft a 'Bibi plan' that is not fair, balanced, realistic and appropriate we could have done that 17 months ago. I don't think characterizing it as a 'Bibi plan' is a fair characterization of our plan. There will be parts of the plan both sides are going to not like." ... One senior official told me: "Look what happened two days ago in North Korea. Things change and we have long term view of this." [[Axios](#)]



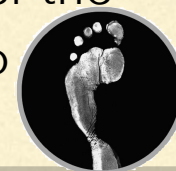
SECRET PARTNERS



A feature published in the New Yorker magazine on Monday chronicles a shifting Middle East landscape in which the imminent Iranian threat overshadows political concerns about the Palestinians.

The article details Saudi Arabia's willingness to "have a full relationship with Israel," which has apparently been expressed behind closed doors on multiple occasions. According to the piece, Trump adviser Jared Kushner and Saudi Crown Prince bin Salman "had agreed on the outlines of what they called a Middle East strategic alliance," with Israel serving as a "silent partner" and the US standing firm against Iran,

The article contains a quote from the Saudi prince, who told the magazine, "I'm going to deliver the Palestinians," while while Trump "is going to deliver the Israelis."



GIULIANI – PMW



Rudy Giuliani to PMW: The PA is "not entitled to be a state". Trump's lawyer Giuliani to PMW:

- "The PA is a prime supporter of terrorism and therefore not entitled to be a state"
- The PA is "a murder machine"
- "The US should not give the PA any money, and not just restrict the use of money, because money is fungible"
- "Palestinian Media Watch is doing a great service in documenting this on such a large scale, and I congratulate them and hope that they continue"



UN CONDEMNS ISRAEL



With a huge majority, the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday passed a resolution condemning Israel for using “excessive, disproportionate and indiscriminate” force during the recent clashes at the Gaza border and calling for an “international protection mechanism” for Palestinian civilians.



The dramatic, down to the wire session saw the United States attempt to add a paragraph condemning Hamas, which was ultimately rejected on procedural grounds though most member states supported it. The resolution, proposed by Algeria and Turkey, then passed with 120 “yes” votes, 8 “no” votes and 45 abstentions.



HEZBOLLAH



A Syrian human rights monitoring group reported on Thursday that the Hezbollah terror group's leadership has refused to accede to a Russian request that its forces vacate a number of locations in southwest Syria near the Lebanese border.

Secretary-General of Hezbollah Hassan Nasrallah said on Friday that his organization will remain in Syria as long as Syrian President Bashar Assad wants it there, defying renewed US and Israeli pressure to force Tehran and its allies to quit the country. "I will tell you that if the whole world comes together to force us to leave Syria, they will not be able to evict us," Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised address to hundreds of supporters who gathered in the village of Maroun el-Ras on Lebanon's border with Israel to mark Jerusalem Day.



SOCIAL MEDIA – SHIN BET



By patrolling social media, Israel's law enforcers and security personnel have managed to catch Palestinian terrorists before they could carry out attacks.

Israeli authorities have foiled over 200 Palestinian attacks by monitoring social media and sifting through vast amounts of data to identify prospective assailants ahead of time, Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan said in an interview Tuesday.



'Israel has foiled over 250 terrorist attacks over the past six months' Using traditional and new cyber methods has allowed Shin Bet security agency to prevent major suicide bombings, abduction and shootings, Director Nadav Argaman

