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October 14-24, 2018

Points of interest for this tour include:

Independence Hall, Mount Hermon,
Banias Falls, Tel Dan, Nimrod's Fortress,
Magdala, Galilee, Jerusalem, Shiloh,
Shechem, Mt. Gerizim, Mt. Ebal,
Ammunition Hill, Hurva Synagogue,
Shorashim Shop, Yad Vashem, David's
City, Oskar Schindler's Grave, Zechariah's
Cave, The Shuk, The Temple Institute

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WEEKLY HEADLINES

Gaza terror is not just with weapons and rockets, it is also eco-terrorism by throwing bombs into Israeli fields. Wheat fields and amazing nature reserves have been destroyed by the kite bombs that the Gaza terrorists have been flying over the Gaza fence.

Iran has notified the International Atomic Energy Agency that it has launched a plan to increase its uranium enrichment capacity, nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi said Tuesday.

Shin Bet says it thwarted plot to assassinate prime minister, Jerusalem mayor. East Jerusalem man, 2 accomplices arrested for allegedly planning 'significant terror attacks' on behalf of Syria-based group.

Mike Pompeo tweets: "We're watching reports that Iran plans to increase its enrichment capacity. We won't allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. Iran is aware of our resolve. It's another example of Iran foolishly squandering its resources. It should surprise no one if protests in Iran continue."



GAZA FIRES



Gaza's airborne firebombs are getting smarter, and reaching farther Hadashot television news reports that the fires sparked by Gazans in southern Israel today are reaching farther into Israel because the Gazans have changed their tactics.

In recent weeks, Gazans have launched firebomb-carrying kites into Israel, where they fell into dry fields and sparked major brushfires.

Today, authorities are battling helium balloons carrying long-burning materials like charcoal. The balloons are capable of flying several kilometers into Israel and sparking fires farther afield.



600: burning kites launched by Palestinians / 300: fires on the Israeli side started by burning kites
1,235: acres of crops destroyed / \$1.4 million: value of crops destroyed
518: acres of Jewish National Fund forests in flames / 988: acres destroyed in Besor Forest
Nature Reserve - thousands: acres of other woodland and brushland destroyed



IRAN WILL NOT LEAVE



Various Iranian officials told the media on Sunday that the Islamic Republic has no intention of leaving Syria. This was partly in reaction to reports of agreements between Israel and Russia regarding the pull-back of Iranian forces from the Syrian border area with Israel.

Sounding a defiant note, Brigadier General Massoud Jazayeri, an advisor to the Iranian chief of staff, told his country's *Tasnim News Agency*, "Iran and Syria enjoy deep relations that would not be influenced by the propaganda measures of anyone."



ISRAEL AND ASSAD



A top Israeli Cabinet minister says Syrian President Bashar Assad is a “monster” but not Israel’s primary concern.

Yoav Gallant, a retired military general and current security Cabinet member, told foreign reporters in Jerusalem on Monday that Israel will not allow Iran to establish a presence in neighboring Syria but will not dictate who leads the country after its civil war.

Assad is the region’s “greatest murderer” since World War II and is responsible for killing half a million of his own people. But, he added, “this is a worldwide problem and not Israel’s problem.”

Israel, like others, had once insisted on Assad’s removal from power. Gallant said he hopes Assad “won’t be with us” in the future but that the international community will decide his fate.



BETHLEHEM STABBING

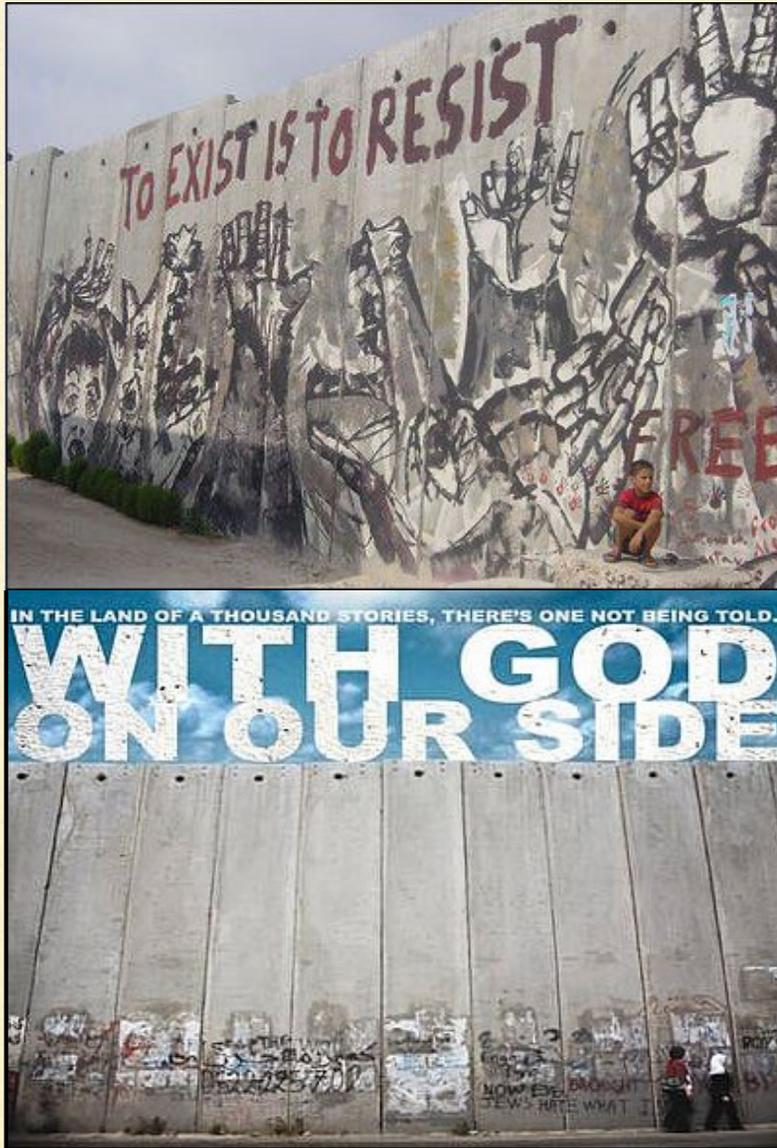


This is a story that ought to have major exposure across the world. However, the media is simply NOT reporting this incident. The media is probably NOT reporting this because it shows the true situation of Christians in Bethlehem. A Priest in a Bethlehem Church was stabbed by a Muslim after asking him to stop sexually harassing a Christian pilgrim lady. Thankfully it was caught on a security camera so it can't be denied. The Muslim man sexually harassed a female Christian pilgrim. The Priest rushed the female into the Churchyard with her group and asked the Muslim to stop harassing the lady. In response, the Muslim stabbed the Priest and injured him badly.

<https://israelunwired.com/priest-stabbed-by-muslim-in-bethlehem-caught-on-security-camera/>



YOUNG EVANGELICALS



TRENDS: "Younger Evangelicals Waver in Support for Israel" by Ian Lovett: "Older evangelicals have long played a powerful role in pushing the U.S. to support the Israeli government. Millennial evangelicals, however, are less supportive of Israel and of the U.S.'s involvement in the conflict with the Palestinians. Only 58% of evangelicals ages 18 to 34 hold positive views of Israel, compared with 76% of evangelicals over 65, according to a December survey of more than 2,000 people from LifeWay Research, an evangelical polling organization." [[WSJ](#)]



BDS 1 – ARGENTINA 0



"The sports-crazed nation of Israel was in uproar Wednesday over Argentina's abrupt cancellation of a World Cup warmup match following pro-Palestinian protests, with some of the country's leaders accusing Lionel Messi and his teammates of caving to terrorism. After a fierce Palestinian campaign, which included images of Argentina's white and sky-blue striped jersey stained with red paint resembling blood and threats to burn Messi posters, Argentina's football federation announced it was skipping the event... Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Argentine President Mauricio Macri and urged him to intervene, to no avail."

-- "**For the BDS movement...** the cancellation of the highly anticipated match is perhaps its biggest coup to date."



JORDAN



The Hashemite monarchy in Jordan survived the waves of revolution unleashed by the Arab Spring in 2011. However, it is now facing a severe economic crisis that is undermining the stability of the kingdom. Despite the Ramadan fast, tens of thousands of people demonstrated on the last days of May and the beginning of June throughout Jordan in a mass protest against the tough economic situation, new austerity measures and rising prices. They even demanded a change of government. On June 4, Jordanian Prime Minister Hani Al-Mulki submitted his resignation to King Abdullah II. The newspaper *Al-Quds Al-Arabi* reported on June 2 that King Abdullah cut short a foreign visit and returned to Jordan because of the tensions in his kingdom. Around 200,000 people took part in the demonstrations.

The atmosphere in Jordan is very harsh; there are urgent public calls for reforms and quick changes in economic policies. Contrary to the demonstrations in the past, these riots are being led by the professional unions (such as of lawyers, doctors, engineers, pharmacists, journalists and authors), rather than the Muslim Brotherhood.



WEEKLY QUOTE

You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come. For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity. The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. For the Lord will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory.

Psalms 102:13-16

