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# HGE PRESENTS

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## MIDDLE-EAST UPDATE

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# WEEKLY HEADLINES

- \* White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders on Fox & Friends: "The only person that's inciting anything is Iran. [Trump] is going to continue to be tough on this topic. He's certainly not going to tolerate the leader of Iran making threats against Americans."
- \* The Palestinian Authority's ambassador to the UN said on Wednesday that the Trump administration was pro-Israel and that US Ambassador Nikki Haley "is becoming more Israeli than the Israelis themselves."





# CEASEFIRE



On Wednesday, the tenuous cease-fire collapsed when a Palestinian sniper shot and wounded an IDF officer near the Gaza border.

The incident took place in the early evening hours near the abandoned Kissufim border crossing, when Israeli troops trying to keep a group of Palestinian children away from the fence came under fire.

Prior to Wednesday's incident, it appeared that the brittle truce, brokered by Egyptian officials and U.N. Middle East envoy Nikolay Mladenov on Saturday, was largely holding. Wednesday's incident was the second time in less than a week that a Palestinian sniper was able to hit an Israeli soldier.





# BIBI AND RUSSIA



ULTIMATE DEAL WATCH – Bibi Netanyahu rejected the timing of a Russian proposal to host a summit between the Israeli Prime Minister and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Moscow, Barak Ravid reported this morning. In their meeting in Jerusalem on Monday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told Netanyahu that Abbas has already agreed to meet. Netanyahu did not outright reject the offer to meet with Abbas, but maintained that it could not take place before the Trump peace plan rollout.





# TRUMP'S PEACE PLAN



Ambassador Nikki Haley, Jared Kushner, Jason Greenblatt and Ambassador David Friedman write... "The peace proposal we will make will be similarly realistic, recognizing the legitimate needs of both Israel and the Palestinians as well as the interests of the broader region. No one will be fully pleased with our proposal, but that's the way it must be if real peace is to be achieved. Peace can only succeed if it is based on realities." [CNN]

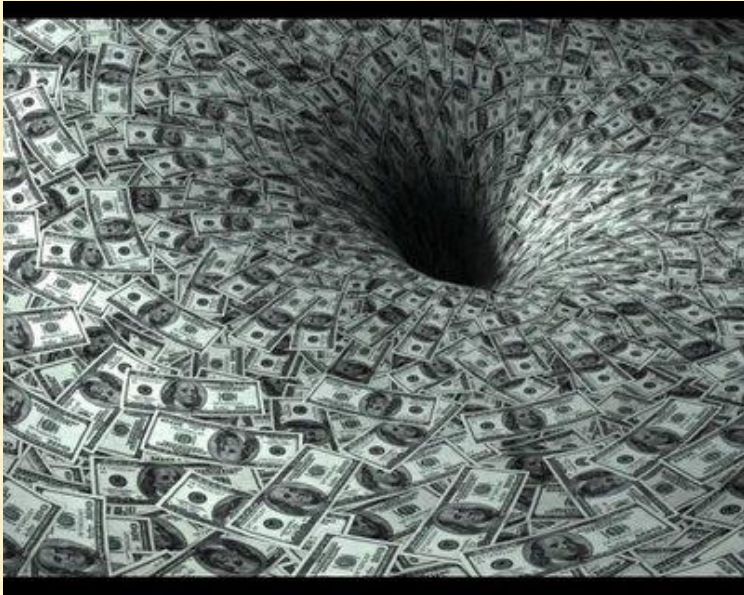


The Trump administration's long-awaited plan for Israeli-Palestinian peace is "dead upon arrival," the Palestinian U.N. ambassador said Tuesday. Ambassador Riyad Mansour reiterated the Palestinian leadership's stance that with President Donald Trump's unilateral recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital on Dec. 6, the United States "lost the qualification to be the only party to supervise the political process."





# US AIDE TO HAMAS



U.S. President Donald Trump's senior Mideast advisers are proposing to give Hamas billions of dollars if it will recognize Israel and suspend terrorist attacks. Bad idea. Getting rid of Hamas--not bribing it--is the only hope for peace in Gaza.



In a Washington Post op-ed on July 20, presidential advisers Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, together with U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, noted that despite the international community's gifts of "billions of dollars" to Gaza in the past 70 years, unemployment is at 49 percent, and 53 percent of Gazans live below the poverty line.





# CHILDREN'S GAMES



"Official [PA] Government Spokesman Yusuf Al-Mahmoud... said: 'The occupation is striving to create equivalence in which there is a parallel between the newest and most lethal fighter jets and a children's game such as kites (i.e., flaming arson-kites) used by peaceful protesters as one of the means of protest against the siege and the occupation.'"



The Palestinian "children's games" have burned 20 sq. km. of nature reserves and natural forests and killed thousands of wildlife, including foxes, jackals, tortoises, birds and much more!





# HEZBOLLAH



"Israel is ramping up attacks against Iranian supply lines in Syria to block the flow of weapons to Hezbollah and other Tehran-backed militias...

Just to be clear: Without Iran/Hezbollah, Syria's Assad would not be in power and would not have the ability to slaughter almost a half-million Syrians.



Without Assad's blessing, the flags of Hezbollah and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard would not be on Israel's front door."





# AVIV LEVI



IDF Staff Sgt. Aviv Levi, killed Friday by Palestinian sniper fire on the Gaza border, was hit by an armor-piercing bullet fired from an Iranian-manufactured rifle. That was the conclusion of a preliminary IDF investigation into the circumstances of Levi's death, according to a *Hadashot* TV report Sunday.



"It is not easy to eulogize my son. It's not natural," said his father, Yaakov. "You were a ray of shining and smiling sun for us. We loved seeing every moment of you becoming the man that we knew. You were the salt of the earth and paid the ultimate price for your outstanding service. "You never avoided any mission, however large or small. You guarded and protected your friends. We are not parting here. You will be with us forever," the father said in the presence of hundreds of soldiers donning the purple Givati beret.





# SYRIAN JET



- **BREAKING** – Israel shot down a Syrian fighter jet that entered Israeli airspace earlier today. The Russian-made Sukhoi jet crossed two kilometers (1.2 miles) into Israeli airspace before a pair of Patriot missiles shot it down. IDF spokesperson Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Conricus confirmed that the plane was Syrian and that Israel communicated with Russia prior to the strike to ensure the jet was Syrian and not a Russian aircraft. "The only thing we know about the aircraft is that it crashed, most likely in the southern part of the Syrian Golan Heights," he added.





# GALILEE ROCKETS



Two mortar shells from Syria reportedly landed in the Sea of Galilee Wednesday in what the army said was spillover from the Syrian civil war.

The Sea of Galilee is more than 50 kilometers (30 miles) from the Syrian border, so the mortar shells would appear to have flown over the Golan Heights before landing. Hadashot TV news said they fell into the Sea of Galilee; the IDF said it was confirming exactly where the projectiles landed.



The rockets came from the southern part of the Syrian Golan Heights, where the regime of Bashar Assad has been completing its campaign against the last rebel villages remaining in the area. Incoming rocket sirens blared across the Israeli Golan Heights, sending residents of the area scrambling to bomb shelters.





# W. WALL BOULDER



An ancient boulder dislodged from the Western Wall on Sunday, crashing into the mixed-prayer plaza on Sunday afternoon, during Tisha B'Av. Nobody was injured; the 220 pound (100 kilo) stone's fall was caught on video.

Depending on who you follow on social media, its either a call for Jewish soul-searching, Allah's anger, illegal Palestinian digging, or Israeli efforts to undermine the Al-Aqsa Mosque.





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# THREATS – PRAYERS

Israel needs another miracle...

The threat of a new war is looming over Israel. Acts of terrorism are becoming more ferocious and sophisticated. Nations to the North, East and South of Israel are becoming more aggressive with threats to kill every Jew, level cities to the ground, and take possession of the Promised Land.

Every day the media is reporting new and dangerous developments. Riots, Hamas, terror tunnels, airstrikes, and casualties are filling the headlines...

Iran is sending Hezbollah a steady supply of rockets on Israel's northern border – bringing the total to over 150,000 rockets. They recently moved another 80,000 guerrilla fighters into Syria.

The writing is on the wall. There is no question Israel will be embroiled in another war soon.

