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WEEKLY HEADLINES

- * -- Franklin Graham in an interview with Josh Kimbrell on Christian Talk Radio: "Here's what I think President's Trump's views on Iran are: That they're the cancer of the Mideast and he's going to take a different path than Obama." [[CNN](#)]
- * Will US sanctions really stop Iran from backing terror? Despite its dire economic situation, Tehran is likely to continue prioritizing militias and terrorist groups over its own people. Will the economic sanction imposed by Washington on Iran cause it to abandon the path of terror? For the time being, as one expert told Israel Hayom on Tuesday, the answer appears to be no.
- * Support for the two-state solution among Jewish Israelis hasn't changed considerably in past years (though they are less optimistic than Jews in America), but among Arab Israelis, it has plummeted. (*Arabs know better the true nature and what to expect from their rulers!*)
- * Biased Headlines ... An Israeli airstrike on a home in **Gaza killed a pregnant Palestinian woman** and her 2-year-old **child** Sunday



GAZA SNIPERS



Israeli troops have killed two Hamas commandos in an exchange of fire across the Gaza Strip barrier, as low-level hostilities continue despite suggestions of a ceasefire. Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops came under fire from snipers in the Gaza Strip Tuesday morning. A tank then fired back, targeting a Hamas observation post, the service said in a statement via Twitter.



A video released by the IDF appears to show a three-man Hamas sniper team on an observation tower. Lying prone, the grainy footage seems to show at least two of the men firing toward the border fence. The video then shows a shell flying toward an observation post, striking the top and exploding.

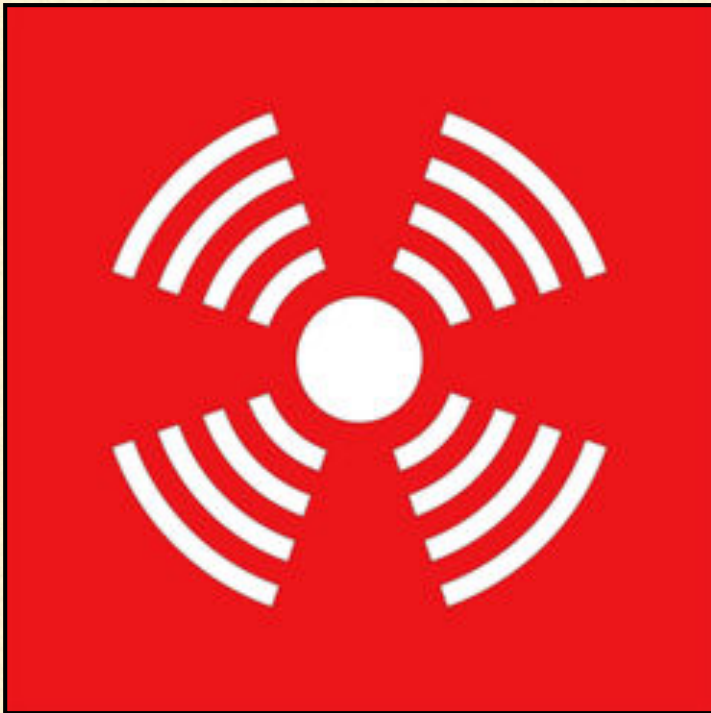


GAZA DEJA VU



Red alert sirens sounded nearly non-stop overnight on Wednesday and early Thursday, as approximately 200 rockets and mortars were fired at Israel from Gaza. The initial barrage of eight rockets landed inside the city of Sderot, hitting a house and wounding a man and a 13-year-old boy. Rockets continued to be fired into Israel Thursday morning as a fresh wave hit southern Israel just after 10:00 AM, reaching deeper into Israel than previous missiles. Red Alert sirens were heard as far away as Ashkelon, more than 26 miles from the Gaza border.

The barrage began shortly after two Hamas military personnel were killed when an IDF tank responded to gunfire targeting Israeli civilian vehicles working on the security fence.



TRUMP AND IRAN



WASHINGTON (AP) – US President Donald Trump warned that any country doing business with Iran will not trade with the US. as the first set of US sanctions against Iran that had been eased under the landmark nuclear accord went back into effect.

“I am asking for WORLD PEACE, nothing less!”

The stiff economic sanctions ratchet up pressure on the Islamic Republic despite statements of deep dismay from European allies, three months after Trump pulled the US out of the international accord limiting Iran’s nuclear activities.



IRAN SANCTIONS



Iran is already in the grips of the worst economic crisis in decades. The return of U.S. sanctions against it will render the regime incapable of providing basic services, and significantly expand the prospect of a major effort by the Iranian people to overthrow the regime.

While this is the [desired endstate](#) for the U.S., Israel, the Sunni Arab states, and most of the nations of the world, the Iranian regime may decide to go to war with its back to the wall simply to try to bring down its enemies with it. And the implications of such a war for the world economy could be devastating. Just as Hezbollah has 150,000 missiles pointed at Israel, Iran has thousands of missiles [pointed](#) at Saudi Arabia's oil platforms.

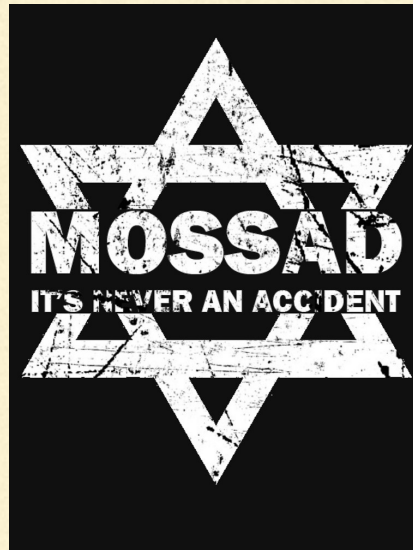


MOSSAD



Syrian scientist killed in mysterious blast, Arab media says Head of the Syrian Scientific Research and Studies Center Aziz Azbar and his driver are killed by a suspected bomb attached to their car.

– **Israel minister welcomes Syria scientist killing:** "We don't of course comment on reports of this kind and I'm not going to comment now," [Israeli Intelligence Minister Yisrael] Katz told Israeli army radio. "I can say that assuming the details of this man's activities are correct and he was engaged in developing chemical weapons and longer-range missiles capable of hitting Israel, I certainly welcome his demise." [[YahooNews](#)]



FIRE KITES

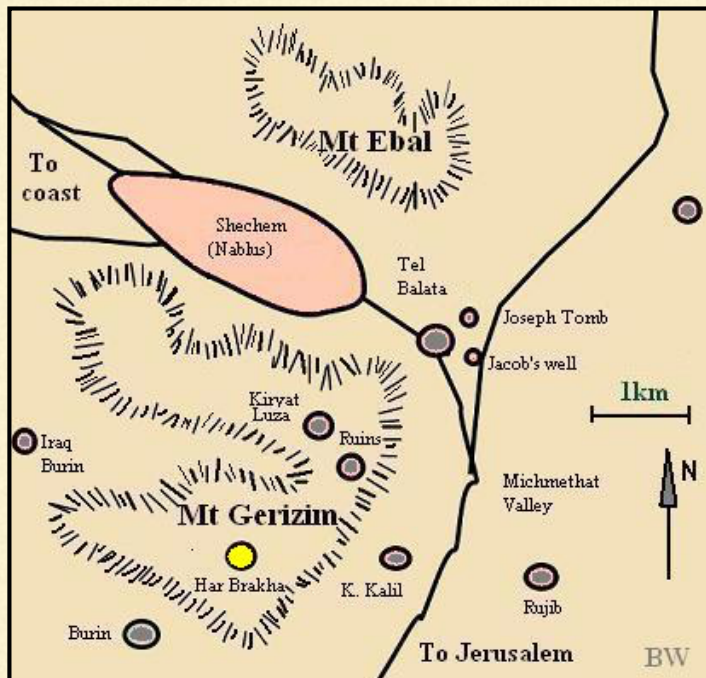


After thousands of acres have been destroyed by arson kites and balloons in the south near Gaza, Palestinians in Samaria are copying these terror tactics.

By: World Israel News Staff

Residents of the Samaria communities Yitzhar and Har Bracha reported that “fire kites” and “fire balloons” were seen flying in the sky, according to a report by *Hakol Hayehudi*.

In Har Bracha, one of the “fire kites” landed in the Tura grape vineyard. Residents and security personnel arrived on the scene. The flammable substance attached to the kite did not ignite a fire.



PAY FOR SLAY

* 17 years ago today a suicide bomber entered the Sbarro pizza shop in downtown Jerusalem, detonated his suicide vest and murdered 15 people. The murdered in the August 9, 2001 bombing included 7 children as well as a couple and three of their children, an American citizen and a Brazilian citizen. 130 people were injured. The suicide bomber was Izz al-Din Al-Masri.

* His family has received **\$50,124** as a reward for his suicide bombing. The terrorist who planned the attack and brought the bomber to Sbarro was Ahlam Tamimi. Tamimi was arrested in 2001 and received 16 life sentences. In 2011, Tamimi was released as part of the deal to free Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit from his Hamas captors. For her time in prison she has been rewarded by the PA with salary payments of at least **\$52,681**.

* The suicide belt was built by Hamas bomb-builder Abdallah Barghouti. Barghouti was arrested in May 2003, and received 67 life sentences - 15 of them for building the bomb used to murder the people in Sbarro. He has received salary payments from the PA of at least **\$191,526**.

*. By September 2018, the PA will have cumulatively rewarded Barghouti, Tamimi, and the family of Al-Masri with at least **\$294,332**.



CORY BOOKER



Whoops ... Might want to read the sign before you pose!

