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NEWS BITES

"The gravest threat we face is not the third Lebanon war, but the first northern war – simultaneous conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, which Hamas in the south is likely to join," warned IDF Maj.-Gen. (res.) Amos Yadlin, former head of the IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate.

Most Israelis See Trump's Planned Syria Withdrawal as Harmful : "Almost 58 percent of Israelis polled considered that a pullout... would damage Israeli security interests."

Regarding Syrian Strikes ... Analysis: When the head of the army and the head of the government make clear claims of responsibility for attacking Iranian targets abroad, they are sending a clear message.



APARTHEID



"The Ramallah Grand Criminal Court sentenced a Palestinian identified only by his initials I.A. to life in prison with hard labor after it found him guilty of selling Palestinian land to a foreign country," Palestinian news agency Wafa reported on Monday.

The sale of land to Jews in Palestinian society is considered a religious offense as well as treason and can be punishable by death. Death sentences must be approved by PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, who has been reluctant to do so, favoring prison terms.

64.4% of Palestinians support the death sentence for selling land to Jews



FATAH'S FLOWERS



As Abbas' Fatah Movement celebrates its 54th anniversary, its dominant messages to its people are celebration of 54 years of violence together with the promise of more violence in the future. Fatah is declaring to Palestinians once again, that Fatah has not and will never "drop the rifle" or abandon terror - what it euphemistically calls "the armed struggle." The image of the rifle is the main theme of this year's celebrations. In the picture above, which Fatah posted on its official Facebook page, two young girls holding assault rifles are shown leading a march of uniformed men, who are also holding assault rifles.



IRAN / ISRAEL



Iran will keep military forces in Syria, the head of the country's Revolutionary Guards Corps said on Wednesday, defying Israeli threats that they might be targeted if they do not leave the country.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will keep its military advisers, revolutionary forces and its weapons in Syria," said Maj. Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari, the Revolutionary Guards top commander. Jafari called Netanyahu's threats "a joke" and warned that the Israeli government "was playing with [a] lion's tail."



"You should be afraid of the day that our precision-guided missiles roar and fall on your head," he said.



HEZBOLLAH TUNNEL



A sixth Hezbollah tunnel was discovered on Saturday as the IDF wrapped up Operation Northern Shield along the border with Lebanon. The IDF said the tunnel was the largest discovered to date, dug 180 feet underground. Originating in the village of Ramyeh, Lebanon, it traversed 2,624 feet before penetrating several dozen yards into Israel. The tunnel reportedly contained railed tracks for transporting heavy loads and carried electrical lines and lighting. The IDF said they plan on destroying the tunnel in the upcoming days.



IHAN OMAR



Ihan Omar is a Somali American politician from Minnesota. It seems like a wonderful concept that a Muslim woman is making such an impact in American politics. Progressives love that idea.

The problem is that Omar's views are far from what an American politician should believe in. She hates Israel and the Jews. She tweeted, "Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel." She is just plain anti-semitic. The fact that she is an AMERICAN politician is ridiculous! America is Israel's closest ally. And she should not be involved in any decision making for the country. Why are people allowing the normalization of Jew-hatred? It is actually quite frightening. The normalization of Jew Hatred is horrifying!



2020 ELECTIONS



"I think every 2020 presidential contender will be asked how can they stand by Benjamin Netanyahu when he openly supports Trump's border wall and compares it to his own draconian policies," said Waleed Shahid, communications director for Justice Democrats... which rose to prominence in 2018 with its early backing of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez...



The questions regarding Israel won't change: Do you believe that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel? Should the US Embassy be in Jerusalem? Should the United States provide aid to Israel? Does the United States support Israel's right to defend itself? But if candidates want to win young left-leaning voters, the candidates may find that they have to give different answers."



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PA spends 6 times more on terrorists than on its own needy. In its 2017 budget, the Palestinian Authority allocated 550 million shekels to pay salaries to terrorist prisoners and released terrorist prisoners. The salaries paid to these recipients, among them murderers, ranged from 1,400 shekels/month to 12,000 shekels/month. The beneficiaries of these payments are no more than a few tens of thousands of Palestinians. In contrast, the PA spent only 605 million to provide financial assistance to needy Palestinian families. According to the PA budget, the 118,000 needy families received payments ranging between 750 to 1,800 shekels/quarter.



HASSAN NASRALLAH



Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has been hospitalized in serious condition in Beirut after apparently suffering a heart attack, Lebanese media outlets reported on Saturday. Another report said he also suffered a stroke, and that he has been fighting cancer.

The reports were not confirmed by any official sources. The Lebanese media reports also noted that Nasrallah had not been seen or heard publicly for several weeks, ever since the IDF launched Operation Northern Shield to eradicate the terrorist organization's cross-border underground tunnels.



Hossein Amir Abdollahian, the Special Assistant to the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament for International Affairs, who has served as a liaison between the Iranian government and Hezbollah, called the reports "Zionist lies."



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Few weeks ago, I met a Jewish guy on a street, wearing "Free Palestine" badge. We had a heated but civilized debate for a few minutes and parted - not abusing or killing each other.

Just imagine what would happen to any Arab or other visiting person, wearing a badge "I support Israel", on streets of Ramallah, Gaza, Riyadh, Cairo, Teheran etc... or even in Muslim areas of London, Birmingham or somewhere in Europe! by Steven Shamrak



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