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NEWS BITES

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo indicated that the Trump administration would roll out their anticipated peace plan after the Israeli Knesset elections on April 9th

IDF Shoots Down Syrian Rocket Over the Heads of Israeli Skiers / Iranian general says his country is "eager" to destroy Israel / Iran reportedly behind latest escalation on Gaza border / IDF: Iran planned missile strike for months.

Israel should stop its "arbitrary" strikes in Syrian territory, which are against the region's interests and could spark new chaos, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Wednesday. The comments by Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova came days after a flare-up between Israel and Iran on the Syrian frontier.

Disturbing poll in Canada reveals critical gaps in Holocaust knowledge ... Over half of all people questioned and 62% of millennial demographic did not know that 6 million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust • 52% of millennial respondents could not name a single Nazi concentration camp or Jewish ghetto from World War II.



IAF DAYLIGHT STRIKE



The death toll from Israel's latest airstrikes on military targets in Syria rose from 11 to 21, according to a war monitor, as cited by the AFP news agency Tuesday. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights added that most of those killed were Iranians.

The monitor said that strikes carried out late Sunday and early Monday hit several positions and assets held by Iran and its allies in Syria.

Israel said that it stepped up its latest air barrage after an Iranian-made surface-to-surface missile was fired at Israel from Syria on Sunday even as skiers watched from below at the Mount Hermon. The Israeli Iron Dome defense system intercepted the incoming missile.



ILHAN OMAR



Minn Rep. Ilhan Omar – who supports the boycott Israel movement and who once said that Israel “hypnotized the world” – was appointed to the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday.

The assignment, chosen by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, will give a vehement critic of the Jewish state a voice – and a vote – on the powerful panel that oversees US foreign policy and foreign aid.



Omar’s appointment to the House foreign affairs panel was immediately panned by critics who say her criticisms of Israel amount to anti-Semitism.

“But instead of denouncing it, Democrat leadership rewarded her with a spot on the House Foreign Relations Committee.”



SYRIA (IRAN) BREWING



As Israel's winter of discontent about Iran's entrenchment has unfolded in 2018 and headed into 2019, Jerusalem has become more open about the war being waged in Syria against Iran's role there. This is a warning to Tehran that Jerusalem takes its actions seriously and that it is not just blustering about Iran needing to leave Syria "quickly," as Netanyahu said in mid-January."



Any act of hostility against the Hashd al-Sha'abi (PMU - Popular Mobilization Forces) could backfire on Tel Aviv as thousands of missiles in southern Lebanon were already aimed at Israeli targets,"

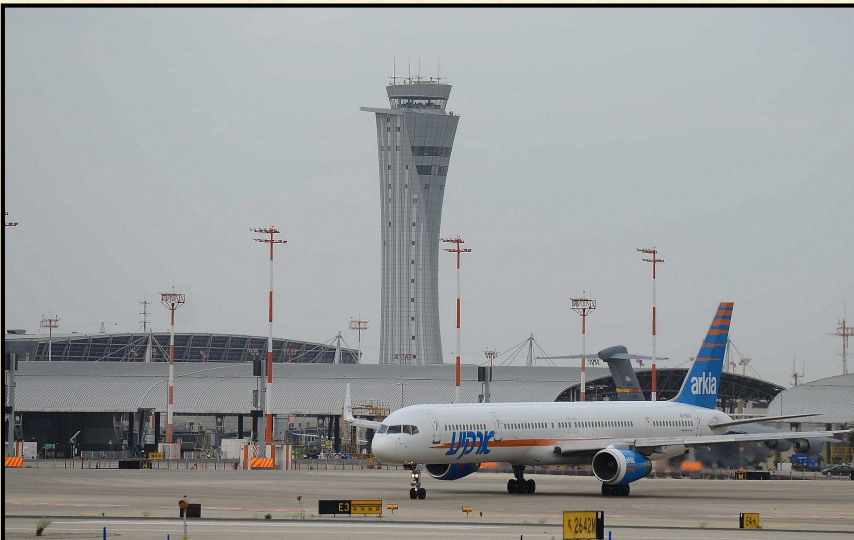


BEN GURION THREAT



Syrian state media Sana quoted [Jaafari as saying](#) that if the UN Security Council didn't adopt measures stop Israel, "Syria would practice its legitimate right of self-defense and respond to the Israeli aggression on Damascus International Airport in the same way on Tel Aviv airport."

While Israel has repeatedly hit targets inside Syria in recent years to try to stop the transfer of arms to Hezbollah and the entrenchment of Iranian forces, Syria has rarely responded. It's unclear if Syria has the ability to strike at Ben Gurion Airport; any attempt to do so would be viewed by Israel as a major escalation.



GAZA VIOLENCE



Shots were fired at Israeli troops on the Gaza Strip border Tuesday morning, prompting the Israeli military to destroy a nearby Hamas post, the army said. According to the IDF, soldiers stationed along the northern Gaza security fence came under fire. In response, an IDF tank attacked a nearby observation post that belonged to the Gaza-ruling Hamas terror group.



One IDF soldier is lightly hurt from apparent sniper fire from Gaza, according to initial reports.

The fire targets an IDF force operating on the border fence near the Kissufim crossing.



IT'S THAT SIMPLE



ALAN DERSHOWITZ




- The UN devotes more resources -- time, money and votes -- to the Palestinian issue than to the claims of all the other oppressed groups combined. Some of these other groups cannot even get a hearing at the UN.
- The suffering of the Palestinians, which does not compare to the suffering of other groups, has been largely self-inflicted. They could have had a state, with no occupation, if they had accepted the Peel Commission Report of 1937, the United Nations Partition Plan of 1947, the Clinton-Barak offer of 2000-2001, the Ehud Olmert offer of 2008. They rejected all these offers -- responding with violence and terrorism -- because they would have required them to accept Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people -- something they are unwilling to do even today.
- **The Palestinian leadership has always wanted there not to be a Jewish state more than they wanted there to be a Palestinian state.**



WHAT ANTI-SEMITISM?

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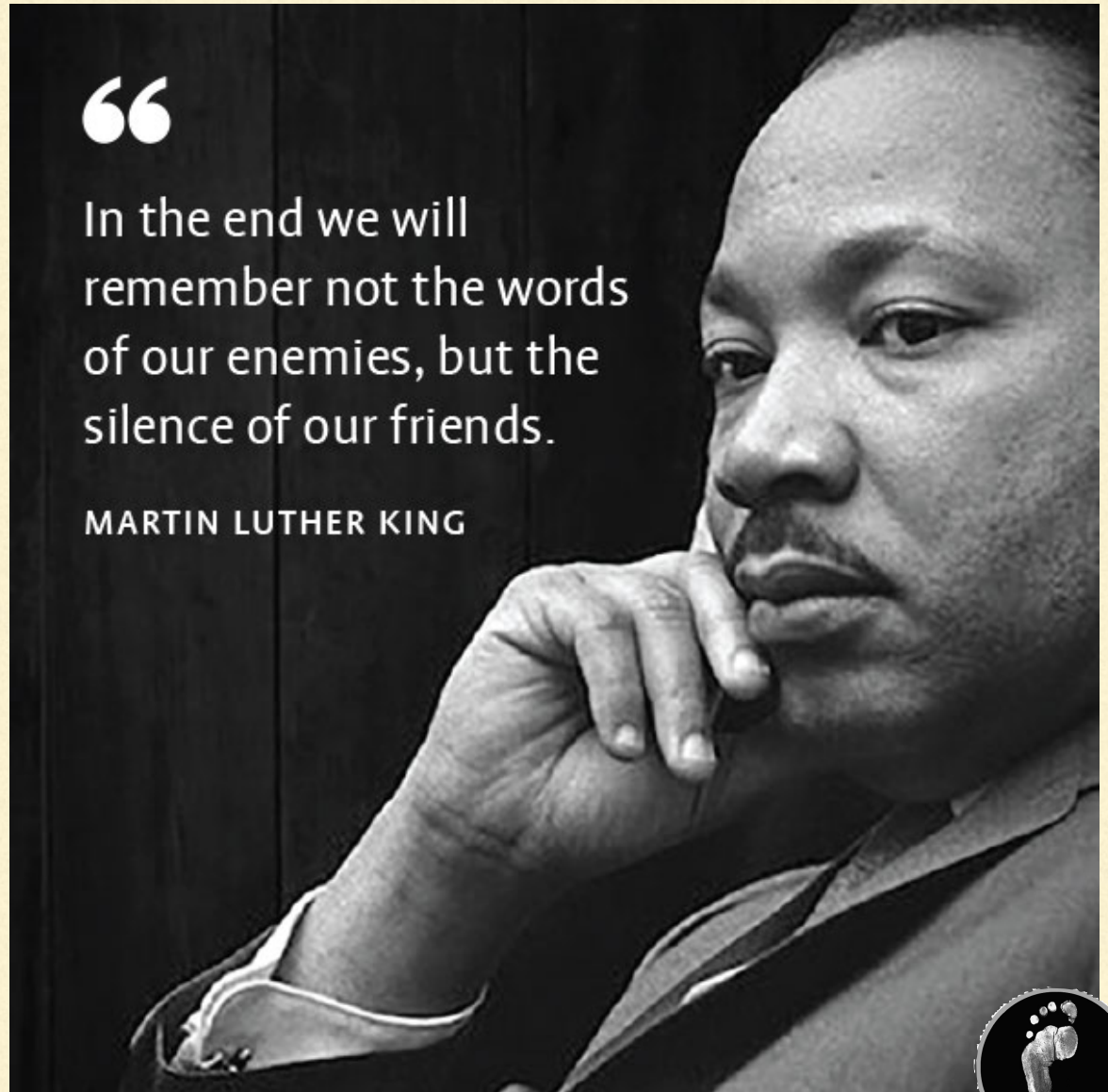
Recall that Hitler was not elected by anti-Semites or because of his anti-Semitism. He was elected as the result of his economic and other policies by people who gave him a pass for his anti-Semitism because they approved of his other policies.



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In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.

MARTIN LUTHER KING



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