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DAN'S MUSINGS



Here are a few quotes this week that caused me to pause and reflect

God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile. - Max Lucado

"Sometimes Gd will lead us to the desert so that we would thirst again ..."



⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Matthew 5:6



NEWS BITES

- * **Bernie Sanders:** 'Israel now run by a right wing – dare I say – racist government' ... Democratic presidential hopeful insists he is '100 percent pro-Israel' at town hall event; says if elected he would be more sympathetic to Palestinian concerns
- * **Sri Lanka** – The Islamic State group on Tuesday claimed responsibility for the devastating string of suicide attacks against churches and hotels in Sri Lanka that killed at least 321 people on Easter Sunday.
- * **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** said Tuesday that his next government will name a town in the Golan Heights after Donald Trump in honor of the US president's decision to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the northern territory.
- * * **Hassan Nasrallah**, the Hezbollah chief is quoted as warning that Israel could be ready to attack "with the objective of removing the threat on its borders once and for all.
- * * **"Trump** dropping old terminologies, including 'two-state solution'
- * **Poll:** 64% of Americans like Israelis, but only 41% like their government



IRAN VS USA



Iranian media say the parliament has approved a bill that designates all U.S. military forces as terrorist forces. The legislation comes after lawmakers in Tehran last week approved a bill labeling U.S. troops in the Middle East as terrorist, a day after the U.S. terrorism designation for Iran's Revolutionary Guard went into effect.

The report by the semi-official ISNA news agency says 173 out of 215 lawmakers at the session voted for the bill on Tuesday.

The bill also demands the Iranian government take unspecified action against other governments that formally back the U.S. designation. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Israel have all supported the Trump administration's designation.



JESUS THE PALESTINIAN



Rep. Ilhan Omar's (D-Minn.) history of egregious antisemitic remarks and dismissal of the Islamist 9-11 attacks as "some people who did something" pale in comparison to her most recent comment which, in a subtle but horrific manner, threatens all of Judeo-Christian Western society.

Omar retweeted a *New York Times* op-ed by Eric V. Copage, which claimed that "Jesus, born in Bethlehem, was most likely a Palestinian man with dark skin."

It seems even more absurd that Ilhan Omar, who is neither a Palestinian nor a Christian, should espouse this theory. It could be that Jesus' Palestinian identity has been incorporated into the Democratic Party platform.



RASHIDA TLAIB



The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) released a statement on Thursday urging Congress to immediately remove freshman legislator Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) from key committees. The statement also called on Democratic leadership to throw her out of the party. According to the ZOA statement, "[Tlaib's anti-Israel record](#) was already well-known before she was elected in last year's midterm elections. She calls Israel a 'racist country' on the basis of the lie that Israel discriminates against those 'darker skinned,' supports the destruction of Israel in favor of an Arab-dominated state ('It has to be one state'), 'absolutely' backs withholding U.S. aid from Israel, and openly supports the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which is committed to international ostracism and weakening of Israel with a view to its eventual elimination."



UNKNOWN TO HERO



Before March 17, 2019, Omar Abu Laila was just an ordinary unknown 19-year-old Palestinian. Now he is a Palestinian symbol and hero. Why? Because on that day, he stabbed and murdered Israeli soldier Gal Keidan, and shot and murdered Rabbi Ahiad Ettinger, a father of 12. And then, two days later during an exchange of gunfire with Israeli soldiers, he was killed and died as a "Martyr."

This could have been the end of his story, but it wasn't. Within just two weeks after he committed the murders, PA President Mahmoud Abbas and Fatah had already turned murderer Omar Abu Laila into the newest symbol and role model for Palestinians.



HAMAS \$\$\$\$



Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh announced Tuesday that he will forego his paycheck in solidarity with Hamas terrorists incarcerated in Israeli jails whose monthly stipends have been frozen by the Palestinian Authority (PA). In 2014 that Haniyeh's wealth is estimated at \$4 billion. Haniyeh is not the only Hamas leader to accumulate a legendary fortune as his people languish. Khaled Mashal, Hamas' former politburo chief, is estimated to be worth between \$2-5 billion, while Mussa Abu-Marzuk is worth between \$2-3 billion.

(This is just Hamas leadership! Funds donated by international bigots to undermine Israel's existence end up in the pockets of the terrorists' leadership, but anti-Semites do not care!)



WAR IN THE GALILEE



The new commander of the IDF's Ground Forces said Thursday the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah was still planning to carry out a surprise invasion of northern Israel, despite the recent Israeli operation to uncover and destroy an extensive network of cross-border attack tunnels dug by the Iran-backed militia.

Maj. Gen. Yoel Strick was tapped to lead the military's Ground Forces in February, amid increased criticism charging that Israeli troops were not prepared for war. His comments came less than four months months after the IDF concluded its anti-tunnel operation along the Lebanese border.



"Hezbollah still has plans to invade the Galilee," he told the Ynet news site in an interview, referring to entering Israeli territory through a cross-border tunnel network. "Of course we won't allow that to happen, we will thwart these plans."



PIX OF THE WEEK:



The Warsaw Ghetto uprising broke out April 19, 1943, when about 750 young Jewish fighters armed with just pistols and fuel bottles attacked a much larger and heavily armed German force that was "liquidating" the ghetto, meaning sending its inhabitants to the Treblinka death camp. In their last testaments, the fighters said they knew they were doomed but wanted to die at a time and place of their own choosing. They held out nearly a month, longer than some German-invaded countries did.



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