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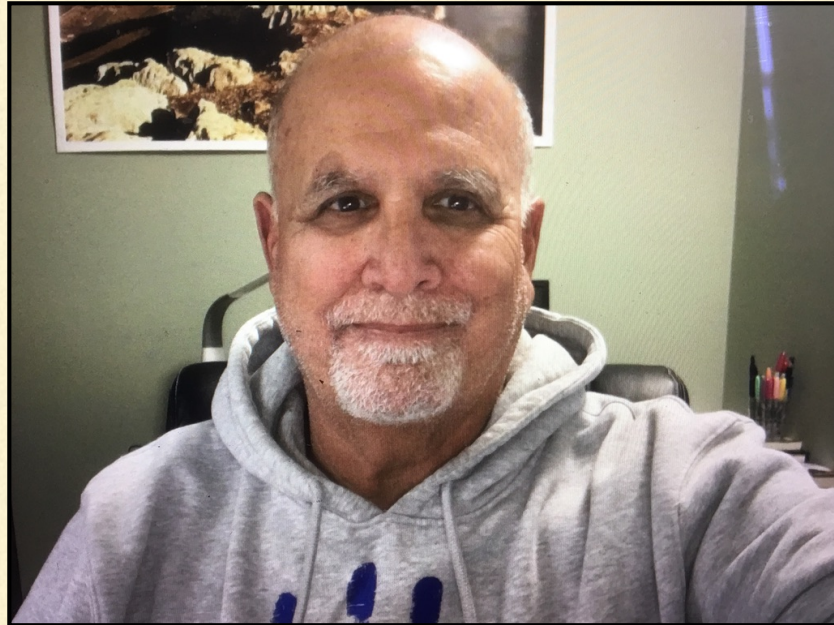
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ISRAEL #71

Although a terror attack occurs in minutes, we must remember that it changes people's lives forever! After close to 700 rockets that were launched into Israel (and remember each one launched was intended to KILL); it almost seems like only 5 casualties is a miracle! But that phrase "only 5" must never be acceptable! Five families lives are forever changed!



This week Israelis came to a complete standstill on Wednesday morning to observe two-minutes of silence in honor of 23,646 fallen soldiers and 3,134 terror victims PLUS 5!!!



NEWS BITES

- * **The general feeling around Israel today concerning the ceasefire with Hamas** is that this was an escalation that achieved nothing, and a ceasefire that won't hold for long. This summer many are predicting another major escalation.
- * **A psychiatric evaluation of Arafat Irfaia** submitted to the Jerusalem District Court on Tuesday found that the confessed rapist and killer of Jewish teenager Ori Ansbacher is mentally fit to stand trial.
- * **"The United States is willing to review its relationship with any country,** and certainly anti-Semitism on the part of a country with whom we have relations is a deep concern," Elan Carr U.S. Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism Elan Carr.
- * **White House Mideast peace envoy, Jason Greenblatt,** highlighted the rockets attacks to explain why the administration is "focused on Israel's security" in the peace plan. "This is one very important reason," he said on Twitter, "Peace can only be built on truth and reality. Many try to pretend this away; we won't."



WHAT WOULD YOUR COUNTRY DO?



What would your country do if terrorists were firing hundreds of rockets incessantly at civilians? Would they let it happen and not fight back? What would your country do if your children were being targeted as they played in school and in the park? Wouldn't you hope that your country would do everything in its power to protect you and your family? Wouldn't you hope that regardless of what anyone in the world would say, your country would defend you and stop the terror?

Why is Israel any different? Why does the world side with the terrorists? And why can't the media get the story straight? Can you really listen to the screams of frightened children and adults alike, look them in the eyes and tell them that they are to blame? I would hope not.



NIKKI AND GREENBLATT



On Saturday, Nikki Haley responded to Palestinian terrorists' ongoing rocket fire on Israel with a pointed post on Twitter questioning the double-standard many nations apply to the Jewish State.

"If this was any other country, the international community would raise havoc. No other country would sit back and take this. Why should Israel? #DoubleStandard," she tweeted.



In a follow-up tweet, Greenblatt added, "When Hamas and [Palestinian Islamic Jihad] continue to choose terrorism, they prevent the world from trying to help the Palestinians in Gaza and they cause harm to Palestinians."



TLAIB AND OMAR



Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) criticized Israel's response to the rocket fire, blaming the escalation on the situation in Gaza. "How many more protesters must be shot, rockets must be fired, and little kids must be killed until the endless cycle of violence ends?" she asked on Twitter on Sunday evening. "The status quo of occupation and humanitarian crisis in Gaza is unsustainable. Only real justice can bring about security and lasting peace."

Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) slammed a *New York Times* headline that framed the flare-up as initiated by Hamas. "When will the world stop dehumanizing our Palestinian people who just want to be free?" Tlaib tweeted. "Headlines like this & framing it in this way just feeds into the continued lack of responsibility on Israel who unjustly oppress & target Palestinian children and families."



SAUDI'S SIDE WITH ISRAEL



The latest round of fighting between Israel and Gaza sparked many reactions from Saudis on Twitter. Noteworthy among these responses were tweets, some by prominent intellectuals and journalists, siding with Israel and expressing hope for its safety and victory, while attacking Hamas and its policy, in particular its firing of rockets. "Our hearts are with you. May Allah protect Israel and its people. We will not let the treacherous hand of Iran and its agents in Gaza reach the Israeli people. It's time to say this out loud:

Some wrote that Hamas was acting on orders from Iran, in retaliation for the United States tightening sanctions on the Islamic Republic on May 3.



IDF TARGETS



The IDF confirms conducting a targeted killing of a Hamas field commander, saying he was responsible for receiving money for the group from Israel's enemy, Iran. The Hamas commander is identified as Hamed Hamdan al-Khodari.

According to the IDF, al-Khodari owned a number of money exchanges in the Gaza Strip and used them to bring in large amounts of cash into the coastal enclave for Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other terror groups.

"Al-Khodari's financial activities... significantly contributed to advancing terrorist activities and militarily strengthening terror groups in the Gaza Strip," the army says.



US AIRCRAFT CARRIER



The Trump administration is deploying a carrier strike group and bombers to the Middle East in response to "clear indications" that Iranian and Iranian proxy forces were preparing to possibly attack U.S. forces in the region, an American defense official told the Associated Press.



REPORT – Israel [passed on information](#) on an alleged Iranian plot to attack U.S. interests in the Gulf before National Security Adviser John Bolton threatened Iran with "unrelenting force" on Sunday. The intelligence – gathered by the Mossad intelligence agency – was presented by an Israeli delegation headed by National Security Adviser Meir Ben Shabbat during a meeting at the White House two weeks ago.



MICHAEL OREN



Former MK Michael Oren suggested on Twitter that, "Right after our holidays and Eurovision, Israel must evict Hamas from Gaza. The U.S. should back us militarily and diplomatically and, together with Arab states, commit to Gaza's renewal. Peace in the region is impossible with Hamas in Gaza. Israel is ready to act."

Meanwhile, U.S. and Israeli officials declined to comment on whether the Trump administration was involved in the ceasefire talks mediated by Cairo over the weekend. However, U.N. and Hamas officials confirmed to the *Times of Israel* that Washington was a non-factor in mediating the ceasefire.



IBRAHIM AL-KARAKI



Ibrahim al-Karaki, the mayor of the Jordanian city of Al-Karak, 87 miles to south of Amman, with a view to the Dead Sea, is under attack for hosting Israeli (Jewish) tourists during the Jewish Passover holiday. His critics have accused him of promoting normalization with the "Israeli enemy" and are demanding his resignation.

"The incident in Al-Karak comes weeks before the announcement of US President Donald J. Trump's plan for peace in the Middle East, also known as the "deal of the century." One is left wondering how any Arab leader would accept any peace plan with Israel when a mayor is being widely condemned and shamed for being caught on camera in the company of Israelis. In order to achieve peace with Israel, Arab and Muslim leaders need to start preparing their people for peace, and not inciting them against Israel. a quote here."





Caroline Glick is being floated as a possible candidate to replace Danny Danon as Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. - "If [Netanyahu] asked me, I would say yes, because its the kind of defense of Israel I've done for 19 years in my writing and is what Israel deserves at the UN,"

INSTAGRAM



An Instagram account that brings to life the diary of a young Holocaust victim garnered more than 120 million views in just over 24 hours, earning praise for its ability to bring the horrors of the Holocaust to a new generation of social media-savvy millennials at a time when the numbers of survivors are dwindling.



Launched to coincide with Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day on Wednesday evening, Eva.Stories chronicles the downward spiral of 13-year-old Eva Heyman's life in the spring of 1944 when the Nazis conquered Hungary

The account has drawn over 1.3 million followers with 50 percent of the people viewing it being between the ages of 13-30, according to the Globes business daily. Just three million of the first 100 million viewers were from Israel, demonstrating the project's success in reaching audiences around the world..





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