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Boy, it's good to be back in Israel! :-). The above were just some of the articles that I got to read while in the lounge of the Dan Panorama Hotel in Tel Aviv. We will be in Israel leading a private tour over the next three weeks. So, all of the KFIR Middle East Updates will be coming straight from the horses mouth ... so to speak!

Looking forward to see what the Lord has in store for us this time around. We still are celebrating Shavuot - Israeli's have a way of stretching out their feast days!



NEWS BITES

Breaking News: Just before this roundup was completed, the IDF scrambled jets after a drone briefly entered northern Israeli airspace. (Ynet)

BBC News bosses have been accused of "sanitizing" terror attacks after new editorial guidelines -- which go into effect later this month -- instruct reporters to stop using the word *terror* "unless quoting someone else." The Daily Mail quoted a senior news source saying, "It boils down to that phrase, 'One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter.'"

On Monday, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif warned the U.S. that it "cannot expect to stay safe" after it "launched an economic war against Iran."

IAEA chief Yukiya Amano told reporters that Iran has accelerated its production of enriched uranium. But Amano said it is unclear when the Iranians may reach the limit set in the nuclear deal.

Hamas terrorists are attaching to balloons hazardous chemicals that cause cancer and launching them into Israeli towns near the Gaza border. Evil terrorists!



ISRAEL ANNEX



In an interview published by the New York Times on Saturday, Ambassador David Friedman said that some degree of annexation of the West Bank would be legitimate.

"Under certain circumstances, I think Israel has the right to retain some, but unlikely all, of the West Bank," he said.

Senior Palestinian official Saeb Erekat has said any Israeli annexation policy would be tantamount to "US complicity with Israeli colonial plans." On Monday, the Washington Post published leaked remarks made by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who told US Jewish leaders in a closed-door conversation that the plan might not "gain traction." When asked about Pompeo's skepticism, Trump told reporters outside the White House: "He may be right."



HAMAS AND IRAN



June 4, 2019

Hamas leader thanks Iran for providing missiles that can hit Tel Aviv

In a May 30, 2019 speech that aired on Al-Aqsa TV, Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar said that the Grad and Fajr missiles that were launched at Israeli cities had been provided by Iran or developed locally with the financial and technical support of Iran



IRANIAN NUKES



A former deputy head of the UN's atomic watchdog said Wednesday that Iran is capable of producing a nuclear bomb in six to eight months. In an interview with Israel's Army Radio, Olli Heinonen said that Israel and the Gulf states "have a reason to worry."

Heinonen said that despite assertions to the contrary by the current leadership of the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency, which he left in 2010, Tehran has not been adhering to the 2015 nuclear deal. "Iran is actually weaponizing uranium enrichment without making a weapon," he claimed. He said that according to his personal, "perhaps back-of-the-envelope" calculation, Iran could produce a nuclear weapons in six to eight months, "if they put in their maximum effort."



TRUMP AND IRAN



U.S. President Donald Trump said he was prepared to talk to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani but that there was always a chance of U.S. military action against the Islamic Republic.

"So Iran is a place that was extremely hostile when I first came into office," Trump told British television station ITV.

"They were a terrorist nation No. 1 in the world at that time and probably maybe are today."

When asked if he thought he would need to take military action, he said: "There's always a chance. Do I want to? No. I'd rather not. But there's always a chance."

When asked if he was prepared to talk to Rouhani: Trump replied, "Yeah of course. I would much rather talk."



WAR THIS SUMMER?



Israel faces no major security threat from Hamas at this time, IDF Intelligence Directorate Chief Maj. Gen. Tamir Heyman said on Wednesday at the Israel Defense and Homeland Expo in Tel Aviv.,,“Hamas is extremely deterred from war and is willing to stay on some kind of track of a [cease-fire] arrangement,” Heyman told his audience. “They very much do not desire war.”



The “wild card” in Gaza, he said, is the rival Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ). The much smaller terrorist group “has higher explosive potential,” he said. It is “a highly unstable force that fundamentally still views itself as a resistance group that must act aggressively.” The PIJ, which is a full Iranian proxy, may thus try to drag Hamas into a war it doesn’t want. This is not a secret that Israeli Intelligence had to ferret out, however, as the PIJ leader publicly threatened war for this summer right after May’s unofficial cease-fire agreement was reached.





This is just a scary, scary scene. Seeing Democratic Congresswomen Ilhan Omar, who is a supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood, in a US jet cockpit.

SIFTING PROJECT



After a two-year hiatus, the project, up and running again since Sunday, is now housed in a previously abandoned tree-filled grove in east Jerusalem, located at the nexus of the Mount of Olives and Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus. As in the previous nearby location, paying volunteers sort through a jumble of debris and earth that was illegally excavated by Muslim authorities from the Temple Mount, a site holy to all three monotheistic religions. This army of thousands of tourists and native Israelis have found priceless treasures, including 5,000 coins, inscriptions, mountains of pottery, Egyptian-era cultic items, jewelry, remnants of warfare, and a plethora of fauna remains: bone tools, the charred bone remains of Temple Mount sacrifices, and even pig bones from Roman pagan and Christian periods.



IRANIAN CRISIS



Intelligence on Iranian threats in the first days of May was “compelling” and that the threats were “advanced, imminent and very specific.”

The pattern of intelligence on Iranian preparations for potential attacks emerged as the Trump administration took a pair of highly public actions meant to penalize Iran. The first was the State Department’s designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization. The second, perhaps more consequential, move was an April 22 announcement that waivers for American sanctions on buyers of Iranian oil would not be renewed when they expired May 2, meaning Iran lost vital oil export revenues.

Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said last week looked like a pattern of Iranian plotting against the U.S. and other targets in the region. Dunford said that on May 3, the U.S. sent a message to Iranian officials “just to make it clear they understood that we would hold them accountable should something place in the region.”



DEAL WATCH



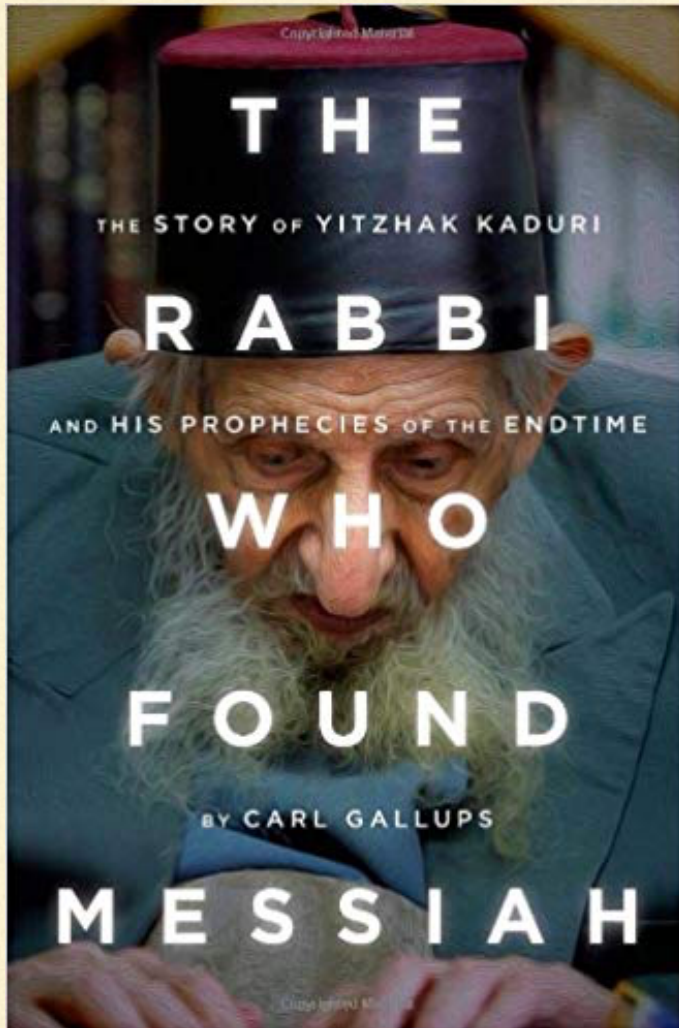
ULTIMATE DEAL WATCH — On Tuesday, White House officials confirmed that Egypt, Jordan and Morocco have accepted an invitation to attend the 'economic workshop' in Bahrain later this month. In a statement quoted in the Jordanian media, King Abdullah II said that "Jordan has to attend international summits that deal with the Palestinian issue" to avoid "being left out."



Palestinian Authority spokesman Ibrahim Melhim said the PA "deeply regrets the declaration of Cairo and Amman about its participating in the workshop and call on them and all brotherly and friendly countries to withdraw from participating in the workshop."



RABBI KADURI



Rabbi Kaduri Predicted 40 Years Ago That Current Election Difficulties Presage Messiah.

A cryptic message by the most prominent Kabbalist of this generation has finally appeared: when there are elections but no government is selected, the Messiah is right around the corner.

Rabbi Merav noted that at the time, this statement was very confusing. "It seemed contradictory," Rabbi Merav said. "How could there be elections but no government? If there are elections, there will be a government. That is simply the way things work. No one understood him at the time but this is really how it is with prophecy; you don't understand it until it happens."



IS THE PA BROKE?



Palestinian ministers take yet more money for themselves from the pockets of their own people. Hamas leaders are obsessed with gagging anyone who dares to call them out for their violent and despotic behavior -- even when it has to do with the meat that they stole from the plates of their own people. This is the Palestinian leadership in action. When, one might ask, might we see some reaction on the part of the international community and media?

Khaled Abu Toameh, an award-winning journalist based in Jerusalem, is a Shillman Journalism Fellow at Gatestone Institute.



ROCK STAR



Yair Netanyahu, the PM's oldest son, said in an interview with BlazeTV,

"President Trump is the best friend that Israel and the Jewish people ever had in the White House. He will be remembered in Jewish history forever for moving the embassy to Jerusalem and recognizing Jerusalem and recognizing the Golan Heights... The vast majority of Israelis adore America and President Trump. He is a real rock star in Israel."



ONLY IN ISRAEL



The 'Iron Dome' for mosquitoes – by Yisrael Wolman: "Israeli technology start-up Bzigo has developed a machine that scans a room for mosquitoes and once it detects that it has landed, the device points a laser beam at it, while sending a message to a phone app, allowing the recipient to easily locate the pest and kill it. The device was developed over three years and looks like a box the size of a compact smartphone that can be connected to the wall or stand-alone on a flat surface. Although the current model only helps locate the mosquito, according to Bzigo CEO Nadav Benedek, they are working a future model that will be able to eliminate the mosquito on its own."



CAN A GOOD MUSLIM BE A GOOD AMERICAN?

Theologically - no. Because his allegiance is to Allah, the moon god of Arabia.

Religiously - no. Because no other religion is accepted by his Allah except Islam. (Quran,2:256)

Scripturally - no. Because his allegiance is to the five Pillars of Islam and the Quran.

Geographically - no. Because his allegiance is to Mecca, to which he turns in prayer five times a day.

Socially - no. Because his allegiance to Islam forbids him to make friends with Christians or Jews.

Politically - no. Because he must submit to the mullahs, who teach annihilation of Israel and destruction of America, the great Satan.

Domestically - no. Because he is instructed to marry four women and beat and scourge his wife when she disobeys him. (Quran 4:34)

Intellectually - no. Because he cannot accept the American Constitution since it is based on Biblical principles and he believes the Bible to be corrupt.

Philosophically - no. Because Islam, Muhammad, and the Quran do not allow freedom of religion and expression. Democracy and Islam cannot co-exist. Every Muslim government is either dictatorial or autocratic.

Spiritually - no. Because when we declare 'one nation under God,' the Christian's God is loving and kind, while Allah is NEVER referred to as Heavenly father, nor is he ever called love in the Quran's 99 excellent names.

Therefore, after much study and deliberation, perhaps we should be very suspicious of ALL MUSLIMS in this country. They obviously cannot be both 'good' Muslims and 'good' Americans. Call it what you wish, it's still the truth. You had better believe it.

The religious war is bigger than we know or understand!

Footnote: The Muslims have said they will destroy us from within. SO FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!



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If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our KFIR Global Community, please send them to our website to get signed up. We have had great growth this year but believe God wants to continue growing this Group that seeks to be devoted to the WORD, to PRAYER and to be like the sons of ISSACHAR, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do!