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DAN'S MUSINGS



Having just finished videoing Zechariah 2, I am still marveling about how the world is captivated by Jerusalem. As I am writing this it appears that Israel will be having "new" elections, due to Bibi's inability to form a government. This news probably means that Trump's long awaited 'Ultimate Deal' will be postponed once again. Again, I am smiling when I think about how the world plots, schemes and plans and that none of that will take place until God gives the green light.

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, *saying*, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision.



NEWS BITES

- * Lieberman has insisted on passing a new law mandating that young ultra-Orthodox men be drafted into the military, like most other Jewish males. Netanyahu's ultra-Orthodox allies demand that the draft exemptions remain in place.
- * WILLIAMSTOWN, Kentucky – In the Bible, the ark survived an epic flood. Yet the owners of Kentucky's Noah's ark attraction are demanding their insurance company bail them out after heavy rains caused nearly \$1 million in property damage.
- * In an interview with the Funke newspaper group published Saturday, Germany's anti-Semitism czar said, "My opinion has unfortunately changed compared with what it used to be" on the matter. I cannot recommend to Jews that they wear the skullcap at all times everywhere in Germany."
- * Abbas says Trump's peace plan, Bahrain workshop will 'go to hell'.
- * At least 11 fires were sparked Wednesday in southern Israel by balloon-borne incendiary devices sent over the security fence from the southern Gaza Strip.



BIBI – TRUMP



In a brief speech to the press on Monday at the Knesset, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned against “unnecessary elections” and called for all parties to act responsibly. To bolster his argument, he noted that President Donald Trump himself had expressed his hopes that a coalition would be formed.



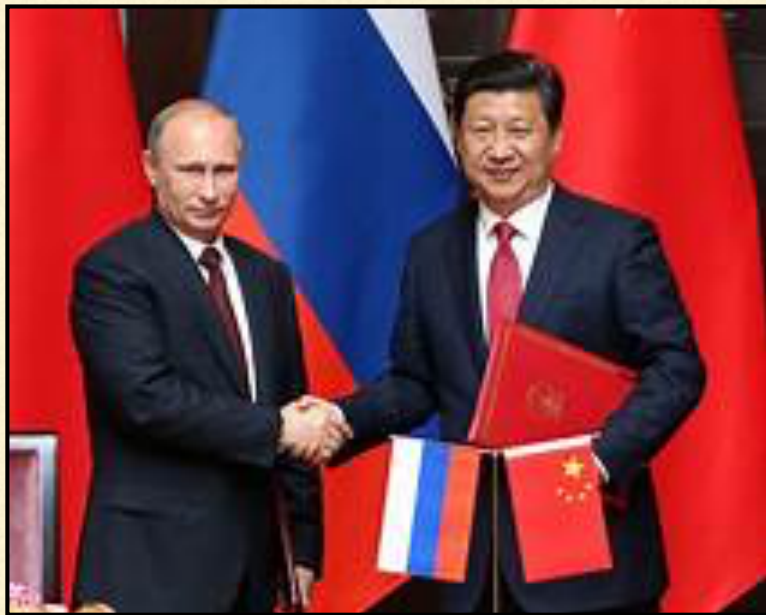
A strong U.S.-Israel relationship carries weight with the Israeli public and Netanyahu is hoping, also with Avigdor Liberman, the main holdout to forming a government. According to *Maariv*, Netanyahu wants members of the Trump administration to step in and pressure Liberman to join the coalition.



ULTIMATE DEAL



ULTIMATE DEAL WATCH – Russia criticized the upcoming Bahrain summit as an attempt at "imposing an alternative vision" for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. "The persistent desire by the U.S. to replace a comprehensive political solution with some economic 'bonuses' for the Palestinians is of deep concern." "At this difficult stage, collective efforts to launch Israeli-Palestinian negotiations are needed, rather than unilateral 'deals' of opportunistic nature."



Russia and China, along with the Palestinian Authority (PA), have declared that they will not participate in the U.S. peace plan workshops scheduled for June 25 and 26 in Bahrain.



IAF STRIKES SYRIA



The Israel Defense Forces has confirmed that it launched a strike against a Syrian anti-aircraft battery on Monday night, after the battery fired on an Israeli fighter jet flying a routine mission over northern Israel.

"The IDF views with gravity any threat against its planes and takes active measures to defend them," the IDF said in a statement. According to the IDF the Syrian anti-aircraft missile, which was launched Monday and landed in Syrian territory, originated in Quneitra on the edge of the Golan Heights.

The Israeli strike on the launcher is reported to have killed a Syrian officer and a soldier, as well as damaging a military vehicle. No Israeli casualties or damage were reported.



NUKES AND IRAN



In UAE, Bolton accuses Iran of seeking nuclear weapons

Iran has set a July 7 deadline for Europe to offer better terms to the unraveling nuclear deal, otherwise, it will resume enrichment closer to weapons level. Bolton declined to say what the U.S. would do in response to that.

"There's no reason for them to do [higher enrichment] unless it is to reduce the breakout time to nuclear weapons," Bolton said.



PMW



The same day that Hamas official Fathi Hammad promised to "slaughter, exterminate, and annihilate" Israel, Hamas TV broadcast a music video promising to "blow up" Tel Aviv and showing a staged stabbing of a religious Jew by a masked Palestinian:

PMW has documented that Abbas' PA and Fatah also broadcast terror promoting music videos, for example, a song on official PA TV promoted suicide bombings, and a Fatah song featured a child soldier promising terror against Israel:



ANTI-SEMITISM



It is Not Surprising to See an Increase in Jew-hatred in Western Europe
by Alan M. Dershowitz

"But Israel is doing bad things to the Palestinians," the European apologists insist, "and we are sensitive to the plight of the underdog."



No, you're not! Where are your demonstrations on behalf of the oppressed Tibetans, Georgians, Syrians, Armenians, Kurds, or even Ukrainians? Where are your BDS movements against the Chinese, the Russians, the Cubans, the Turks, or the Assad regime?



BAPTISM SITE



Sappers working to disable landmines in the Land of the Monasteries found out last week, as the Israel Defense Force's Combat Engineering Unit detonated the largest minefield at the site to date in the seven heavily-mined church compounds on the Israeli-Jordanian border. (900 landmines at once). Sappers detonated a line of anti-tank mines with a single explosion that sent dust dozens of meters into the air. There are approximately 6,500 landmines in the Land of the Monasteries, and this 900-mine explosion was the biggest single detonation since de-mining work began at the site over a year ago. Christians believe that Qasr al-Yahud, located about 10 kilometers (six miles) east of Jericho, is the spot on the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized. For decades, the bullet-pocked church buildings stood shuttered, yellow signs flapping in the wind warning of landmines.



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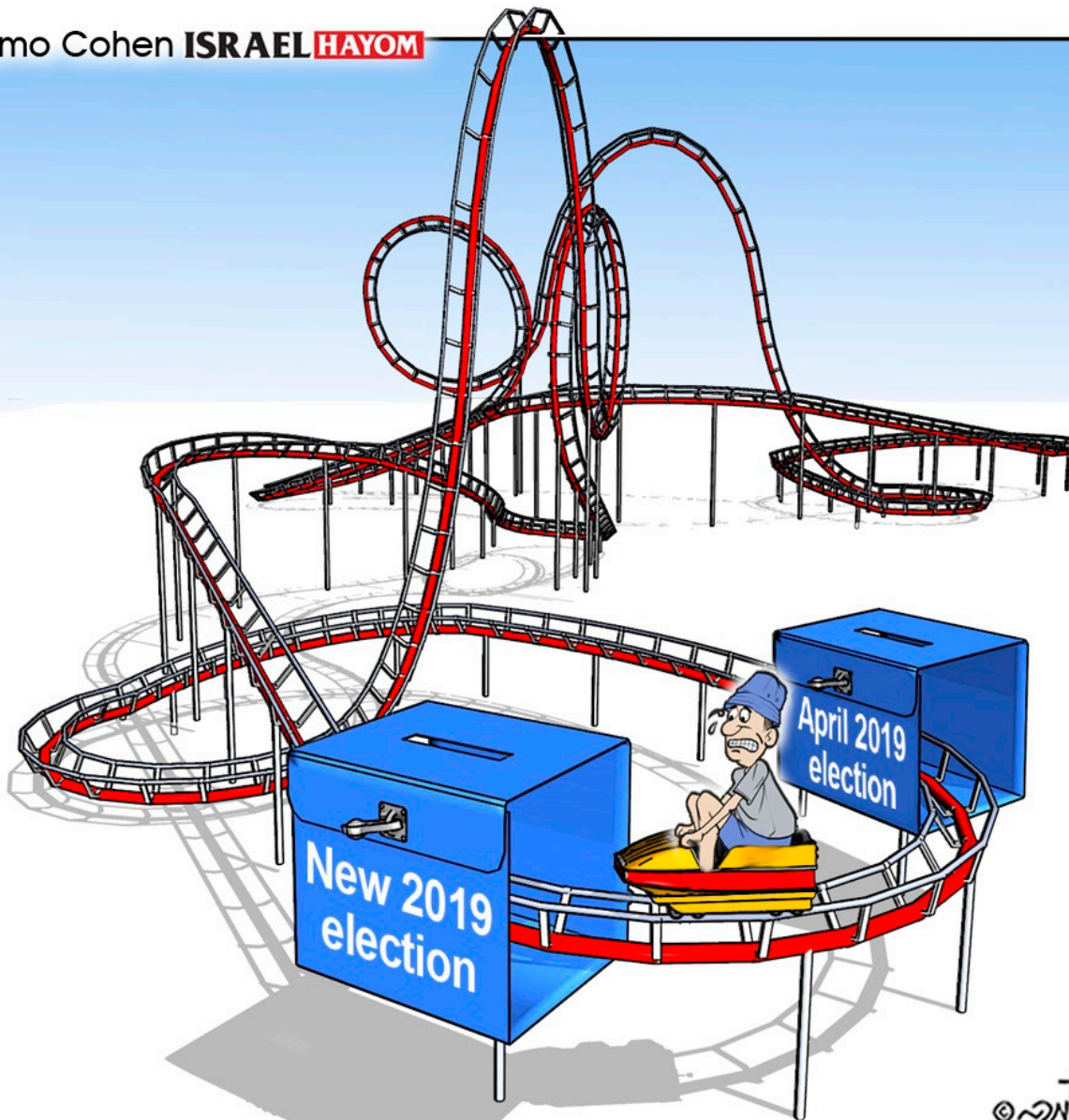
The three churches in charge of Jerusalem's holiest Christian site say they have reached an agreement to begin a multi-million dollar renovation of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Leaders of the Greek Orthodox, Catholic and Armenian churches issued a statement Monday announcing the project to restore the foundations and flooring of the church, where many Christians believe Jesus was crucified, entombed and resurrected.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is shared by multiple Christian sects under a status quo management agreement. Even perceived alterations to the status quo have resulted in arguments or violence.



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