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# DAN'S MUSINGS



*Right when you think it can't get any worse we have to deal with an American politician telling us that Jesus was a Palestinian! Activist Linda Sarsour asserted that "Jesus was Palestinian of Nazareth" describing him in the Quran as being brown-copper skinned with woolly hair." This isn't the first "Jesus was Palestinian" controversy. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar fanned the flames of this claim in April when she promoted an article with the same assertion. The latest attempt to push the "Jesus was Palestinian" claim is not as innocent as it appears. It is a negation of Jewish history and a modern day attempt at replacement theology: to replace historical Jewish connections to the land 2,000 years ago, recreating an imagined history of Palestinians in place of Jews.*





# NEWS BITES

'Iran has begun its march toward nuclear weapons'

'US to keep raising pressure until Iran abandons nuclear arms program'

Trump advisor John Bolton issued a blunt warning to the Palestinians this week, giving them a choice between American funds or perpetrating their bloody terror agenda. Stop funding terror or there will be no U.S. financial aid.

Iranian officials are threatening to sink U.S. warships and destroy Israel, signaling a new round of escalation in nuclear tensions.

Five Iranian fast boats tried to seize a British tanker entering the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday. The tanker however, was being escorted by a UK Royal Navy frigate, HMS Montros the Jerusalem Post reports. According to the report, the Iranian fast boats, operated by the The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), approached the tanker and instructed the captain to change course into Iranian territorial waters. An American surveillance aircraft that was also escorting the tanker recorded the exchange from above. At that point, the British battleship aimed its guns at the Iranian fast boats warning them to stand down. The Iranian boats backed off and went on their way.





# IRAN THREATENS DIMONA



"If Iran wants to attack Israel, it would suffice by hitting the Dimona nuclear power plant with a rocket," said Mohammad Ali Moohi Kerm, leading prayers in Tehran on Friday marking the Muslim Sabbath, as quoted by the government-run *Radio Farda*.



Dimona is located in southern Israel and is the location of its nuclear power plant.

The imam said Iran could fire "200 warheads at one time " to accomplish its goal.





# BIBI WARNS IRAN



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a strong rebuke to Iran on Tuesday, standing in front of an F-35 stealth fighter during a tour of an air base.

Netanyahu declared that Iran “ought to remember that these planes can reach every place in the Middle East, including Iran and certainly Syria.”



The Israeli prime minister issued the comments just a day after Iran announced it began enriching uranium beyond the limit set by the 2015 nuclear agreement. In recent days, Iran also explicitly threatened to attack Israel.





# ATOMIC IRAN



The International Atomic Energy Agency said it found evidence of radioactive activity in a Tehran warehouse. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in a speech at the U.N. General Assembly in September, accused Iran of keeping a "secret atomic warehouse" just outside its capital, despite the 2015 deal with world powers that was meant to keep it from obtaining nuclear weapons.



Holding up a poster-board map of an area near Tehran, the Israeli leader said Iranian officials were keeping tons of nuclear equipment in a warehouse near a rug-cleaning operation.

"You have to ask yourself a question: Why did Iran keep a secret atomic archive and a secret atomic warehouse?" Netanyahu asked the world leaders. "What Iran hides, Israel will find," he stated. The samples tested for evidence of radioactivity came back positive, "and in the last few weeks it became clear that the remains of radioactive material were found at the site."





# TRUMP SANCTIONS



**President Trump warned on Wednesday** that U.S. sanctions on Iran would be increased “substantially” soon. Trump tweeted: “Iran has long been secretly ‘enriching,’ in total violation of the terrible 150 Billion Dollar deal made by John Kerry and the Obama Administration. Remember, that deal was to expire in a short number of years. Sanctions will soon be increased, substantially!”





# HAMAS / ISLAMIC JIHAD



Unlike Lebanon, Gaza is not known to have guided rockets at this time, but the size of the Gazan rocket arsenal is growing, and the threat is one of sheer quantity. Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the 15,000-strong terror faction (compared to the 35,000-strong Hamas), has also been investing heavily in expanding its own rocket arsenal and was able to overtake Hamas in possessing the largest quantity of projectiles in Gaza.

Both organizations receive Iranian money—some \$100 million in the past two years, according to Mossad and Iranian technical know-how. T

Hamas uses every component at its disposal for rocket manufacturing. The combined arsenal of Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad exceeds 20,000 rockets.





# NEW GAZA TUNNEL



The military on Monday uncovered a cross-border attack tunnel that entered Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip. The tunnel was found during the construction of an underground barrier around the coastal enclave.

It was not immediately clear if the tunnel uncovered on Monday was newly dug or an older passage that had not yet been found by the IDF. The cross-border tunnel is the 18th discovered since the end of the 2014 war, according to Channel 12 news.

Since the end of the 2014 conflict, enough cement has entered Gaza to build 16 Burj Khalifa skyscrapers in Dubai—the tallest building in the world. That cement has largely gone underground, feeding Hamas's war machine. The tunnels contained rails, electricity, ventilation, communications lines and oxygen tanks—tanks that were originally sent to Gaza for hospital use.





# USA AND THE PA



Is the Trump administration's pressure on the Palestinian Authority beginning to show results? Israel Hayom learned on Monday that the Palestinians are "setting a new course" to "the opportunity of the century" that was presented by the American government. A senior official in Ramallah revealed that the PA and Washington have been exchanging messages to smooth things over and end the boycott that PA President Mahmoud Abbas has imposed on US President Donald Trump and his representatives – senior adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner, and special envoy to the Middle East Jason Greenblatt.





# PAY FOR SLAY



The Palestinian Authority doubled the salary of the terrorist who murdered three Israeli teenagers in 2014. Hamas terrorist Husam Al-Qawasmi kidnapped and killed three Israeli teenagers near Hebron, which triggered a war in Gaza. To date, the PA has paid more than NIS 350,000 (\$98,000) to Al-Qawasmi, whose monthly salary will jump from NIS 2,000 to NIS 4,000. The PA's payments to imprisoned terrorists increase with time served.





# PENCE AT CUFI



In his address to the summit for Christians United for Israel (CUFI) in Washington D.C. on Monday, Vice President Mike Pence gave a rousing and positive speech describing the unbreakable bond between Israel and the U.S. In marked contrast to the previous administration, Pence issued an unmistakable challenge, saying that a newly strengthened military would focus on its primary enemy: radical Islam.



"We've taken the fight to radical Islamic terrorists, on our terms, on their soil," Pence stated unabashedly. He cited the eradication of the Islamic State (ISIS) as a result of the Trump campaign against Islamic terrorism. In another significant break from the previous administration,



Pence stated that the Trump administration was no friend of Hamas. "Hamas is a terrorist organization that seeks the destruction of Israel," Pence said. "And the United States will never negotiate with terrorist Hamas."



# NOT A PALESTINIAN!







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