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# MUSINGS

"We have no reasons to think that Middle Eastern politics were any less complicated in the first century that in the twentieth. On the contrary, there is every reason to suppose that there were just as many tensions, problems, anomalies and puzzles then as now— just as much reason for some to throw up their hands in despair, for others to grit their teeth and forge ahead, and for others again to try to forget the whole 'situation' in the struggle to survive."

—*N.T. Wright*





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# TALMIDIM XI

Just a FYI -

From February 20th to March 10th I will be in ISRAEL with our TALMIDIM work group. This year we will be serving in SDEROT, ORA KIVA, and in the GALILEE. While we are gone there will be no live YOU TUBE reports. But I will continue to make the PDF PowerPoints available both through our YOU TUBE page, our website as well as on my Facebook and Instagram pages. Please keep us in your prayers!

Shalom - Dan





# NEWS BITES

One Arab news agency claims that the coronavirus was a plot hatched by American and Israeli drug companies aimed at increasing their profits.

Trump peace plan offers land without people to people who don't want the land!

Iran will "raze Tel Aviv to the ground" if it is attacked by the United States, a top Iranian official said over the weekend, according to the Middle East Media Research Institute.

Unconfirmed reports also suggested that Hamas and Islamic Jihad have agreed to stop launching incendiary balloons.

Warren Threatens Israel: I'll Cut Aid if Judea and Samaria Get Annexed

For Third Time: Iran Fails to Launch Satellite for 'Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Program'. The U.S. government maintains that Iran's space program is a cover for developing technology to be used in its intercontinental ballistic missile program.





# THE RISE OF THE GALILEE



The Sea of Galilee is at its highest level that most can remember. "We're at the top level of excitement that people reach around here," said Rami Ben-Tzvi, 72, standing by the rowing club that he runs.



Ben-Tzvi said the last time he can remember such a scene at the Sea of Galilee, Israel's largest source of fresh water, was during the major storms of 1992. He noted that it's a new sight to many locals.

Rain since early January has been so plentiful that if the downpours predicted for the rest of this week take place, the water level could soon rise by around 1.25 meters (4.1 feet), at which point a city accustomed to worrying about drought would be at risk of flooding.



# GAZA UPDATE



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Naftali Bennett on Sunday both issued warnings of possible Israeli military action against Hamas in the Gaza Strip, against the backdrop of continuing rocket and explosive balloon attacks on southern Israel. "I want to make it clear: We will not accept any aggression from Gaza," Netanyahu told his weekly cabinet meeting. "Only a few weeks ago, we targeted the senior Islamic Jihad commander in Gaza, and I suggest that both Islamic Jihad and Hamas refresh their memories."

"I will not go into detail about all of our actions and plans for the media, but we are prepared to take devastating action against the terrorist organizations in Gaza," Netanyahu said. "Our actions are very strong and they have not yet ended, to put it mildly."





# GAZA / HAMAS THREATS



An Egyptian security delegation visiting the Gaza Strip has relayed a message from Israel to Hamas, warning that if calm is not restored to the Israeli-Gazan border area, Israel will “deal a major blow to Hamas with international and American support,” reports the Lebanese *Al-Akhbar* newspaper.



It adds, citing terror sources, that the Hamas leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, did not attend the high-level encounter with the Egyptian delegation over fear that Israel would learn of his whereabouts and assassinate him.

There has been an increase over recent weeks of rocket and mortar attacks fired by terrorists from Gaza into Israel along with massive numbers of booby-trapped balloons launched across the border.



# INTIFADA UPDATE

## One Date of Terror - 6 Feb 2020!

1. Terrorist car-rammer who injured 14 soldiers at the Gush Etzion intersection.
2. Israeli troops under fierce attack in Jenin. The soldiers arrived at the West Bank town to arrest terror suspects when they came under a hail of automatic fire, explosive devices and bottle bombs. The two Palestinians were killed in return fire by the soldiers.
3. Israeli soldier wounded in Palestinian drive-by shooting from shots fired from a speeding car outside Dolev, northwest of Jerusalem.





# PA INCITEMENT



Abbas's non-stop incitement has resulted so far in the deaths of three young Palestinian men in the West Bank -- Nidal Ahmed Nafleh, 19, Yazan Munther Abu Tabeekh, 19, and Mohammed Salman Haddad, 17 -- who were killed by the Israel Defense Forces while attacking soldiers with firebombs.

Why did the three men take to the streets to attack IDF soldiers? Because Abbas called on his people to step up "popular resistance activities" to protest the ostensible Trump "conspiracy."

Such incitement is seen by Palestinians in the West Bank as a green light to attack Israeli soldiers and Jewish settlers with rocks, knives, car-rammings, explosive devices and firebombs.





# BALLOON BOMBS



## **Balloon bomb from Gaza explodes over Sderot school, sends kids to shelters**

A balloon-borne explosive device launched by terrorists from the Gaza Strip explodes over an elementary school in the city of Sderot.

The schoolkids are rushed to bomb shelters, according to Hebrew-language media.

Nobody is physically hurt, but several people suffer from anxiety.

It is the second bomb attached to balloons to be found today near a school in Sderot. There are no casualties in either attack.





# ARMED STRUGGLE



Ninety-four percent of Palestinians reject US President Donald Trump's Mideast initiative, according to a poll released Tuesday, which also found plummeting support for a two-state solution with Israel and nearly two-thirds backing armed struggle.



The poll found that 64% of Palestinians favor a return to armed struggle in response to the plan. Shikaki said the last time support was this high was during the worst days of the Second Intifada from 2000 to 2005.





"This is the state that they will give us," said Abbas. "It's like a Swiss cheese, really. Who among you will accept a similar state and similar conditions?" Speaking at an election rally in Bat Yam on Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected the criticism and hinted at the possibility that Arab states might entertain the Trump plan even if Palestinians do not.

"This is not Swiss cheese. This is the best plan that exists for the Middle East – for the Middle East – and for the State of Israel and for the Palestinians, too," he said, adding that the plan "recognizes reality and the rights of the people of Israel, both of which you [Abbas] constantly refuse to recognize."

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# OLMERT / ABBAS



**Olive branch:** Speaking Tuesday, Olmert – who negotiated with Abbas on the Annapolis Conference framework before leaving office in 2009 – described the Palestinian leader as a “man of peace” and the “only partner” Israel has in peace talks. Before leaving the press conference without taking questions from reporters, Abbas called Olmert a “friend” and “a man of peace,” and said he wanted to “extend my hand to the Israeli people” to resume negotiations “at the point where it ended with Olmert.”



**Between the lines:** *Al-Monitor* noted that the State Department’s budget request for fiscal year 2020, released on Monday, suggests cutting all aid for the West Bank and Gaza for the first time since Trump took office.



# UN SECURITY COUNCIL



Palestinians returning from UN with 'our tail between our legs'

"There is an atmosphere of bitter disappointment among the members of the delegation who went to the UN with Abbas," says a senior Palestinian official. "The sense is that we are coming back with our tails between our legs. We were caught unprepared, and we didn't properly assess the American pressure on the members of the Security Council."





# BLACK FEB CAMPAIGN



***"Get your weapons ready," says an online banner from a Palestinian terror group, portraying the gas pedal of a car as the clip of a machine gun.***





# KFIR

DAILY PSALM  
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WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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!