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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*



THIS WEEK

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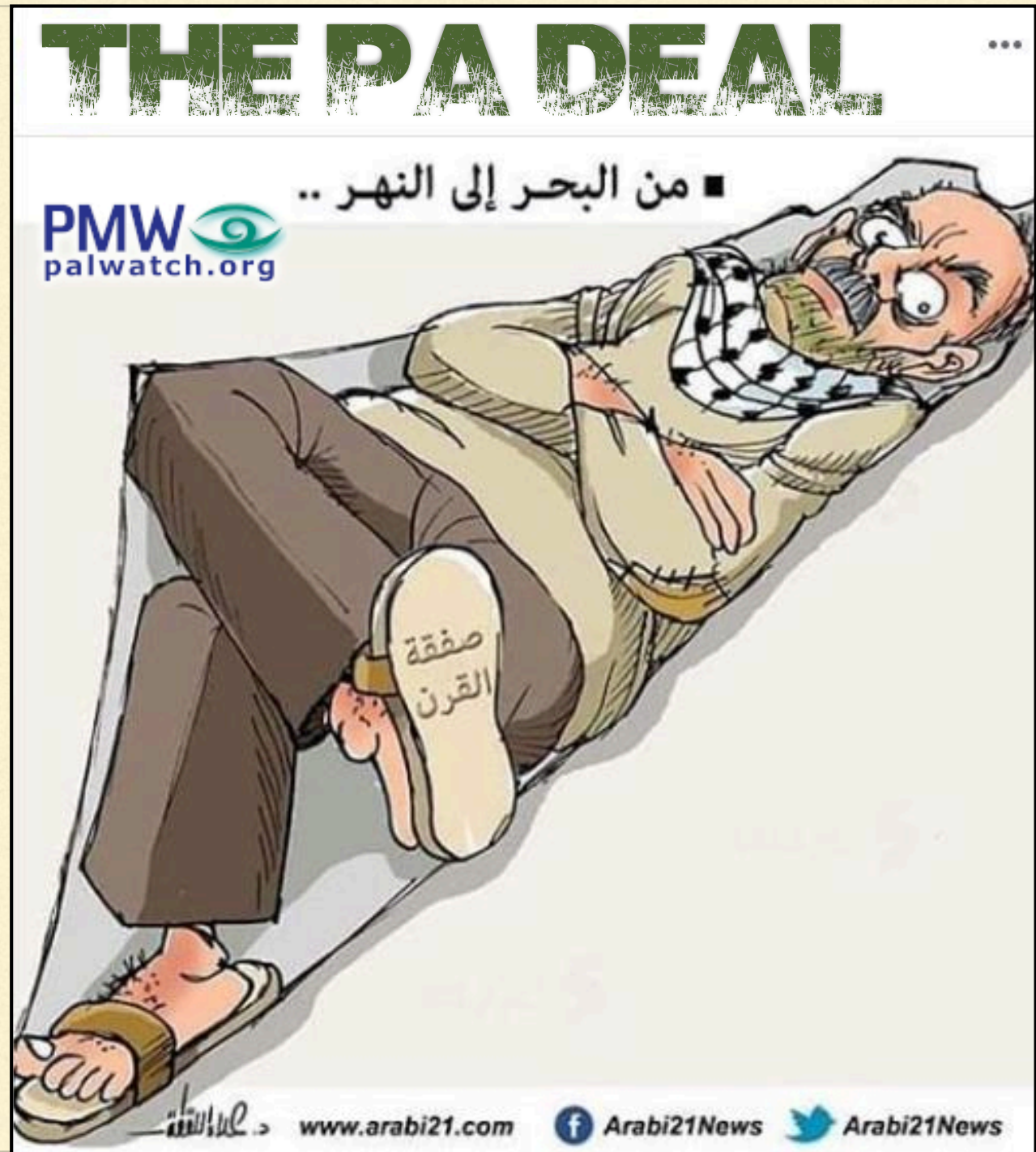


NEWS BITES

- * Russia Comes Out Against Trump Plan: 'It Contradicts UN Decisions'.
- * According to some sources, the White House's "deal of the century" represents the end Mahmoud Abbas' political career
- * Top PA official threatened: Whoever accepts Trump's peace plan - "the filth of the century" - "will pay the price of treason." Top PA official encouraged Martyrdom: Better to fight and die as Martyrs than to accept Trump's deal - "We welcome death for Allah".
- * **Twelve Israeli soldiers were wounded** in a car-ramming attack overnight in Jerusalem near the First Station entertainment complex.
- * 'ISIS in Sinai is close, we must be ready,' says IDF battalion commander



The image shows that Fatah intends for "Palestine" to include all of Israel, and the accompanying text stresses this further. A man with a *keffiyeh* is lying on the PA map of "Palestine" that presents all of Israel as "Palestine" together with the PA areas. The man is covering the entire map with his body - from the Jordan River to the Med - which rejects the existence of Israel in any borders. One of the man's legs is crossed over the other, showing the sole of his sandal on which is written: "The deal of the century" - referring to US President Donald Trump's Middle East peace plan. In Arab culture showing someone the sole of your shoe is considered an insult and scorn.



THE UNRAVELING



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's meeting on Monday in Uganda to discuss normalizing Israeli-Sudanese diplomatic ties with Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, the head of Sudan's transitional government, sparked a wave of critical reactions from Palestinians.



"This meeting is a stab in the back of the Palestinian people and a blatant departure from the Arab Peace Initiative at a time when the administration of [US] President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu are trying to liquidate the Palestinian cause," said Saeb Erekat, secretary-general of the Palestine Liberation Organization and chief PA negotiator, in a statement carried on official news agency WAFA.



WHOSE NEXT?



Abbas 'won't be in office for much longer,' Palestinian officials say

The Palestinian leader has deliberately refrained from naming a successor and concerns are growing that chaos will follow his departure from office. Israeli defense officials believe Palestinian intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Majid Faraj will most likely succeed Abbas.



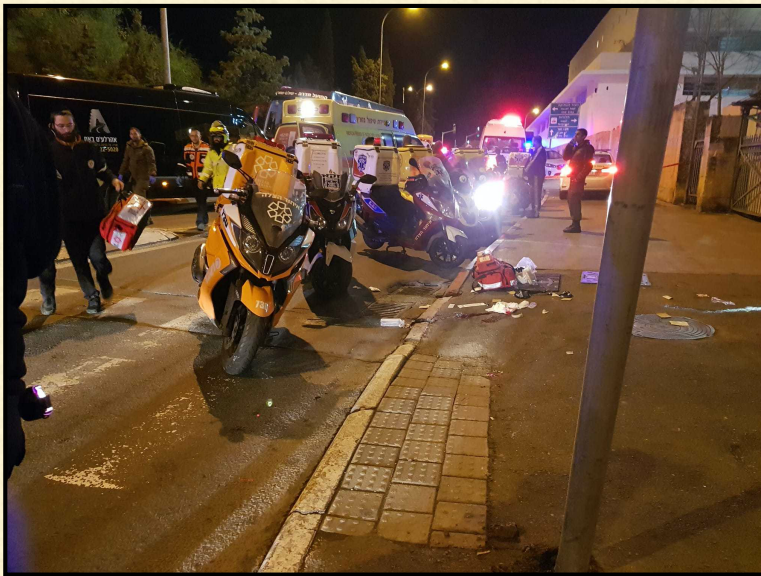
MORE BALLOONS



Palestinians in Gaza are now threatening to send balloons carrying tear gas grenades. On Monday alone, sappers defused at least nine balloons suspected of carrying bombs and incendiary devices.

Haaretz reports that Israeli officials believe the rising number of balloon attacks is a Hamas effort to embarrass Netanyahu ahead of Israel's March 2 elections.

THIRD INTIFADA



Do three terror attacks in 12 hours suggest a new wave of Palestinian violence is on the way? This morning, an Arab Israeli armed with a pistol shot a police officer on the Temple Mount. Last night, 12 soldiers were injured in a Jerusalem car-ramming attack. And shortly before this email went out, reports broke of a shooting near the West Bank settlement of Dolev, lightly injuring an Israeli soldier. Not coincidentally, an animated video glorifying Palestinian terror attacks was posted to TikTok. On the Gaza side of the equation, IDF air strikes hit terror targets after Palestinians continued launching mortars and balloons carrying explosives.

In recent days, Palestinian leaders have threatened violence in opposition to the US peace plan launched last week.

VIOLENCE ESCALATING



Palestinian terrorists committed 2 shooting attacks and 1 car ramming attack in the last 24 hours, just 3 days after the former head of Palestinian Authority security services, Tawfiq Tirawi, called on the security services not to “pursue any fighter.” In other words, Tirawi called for the Palestinian police not to notify Israel about terrorists or terrorist acts that they are about to commit.





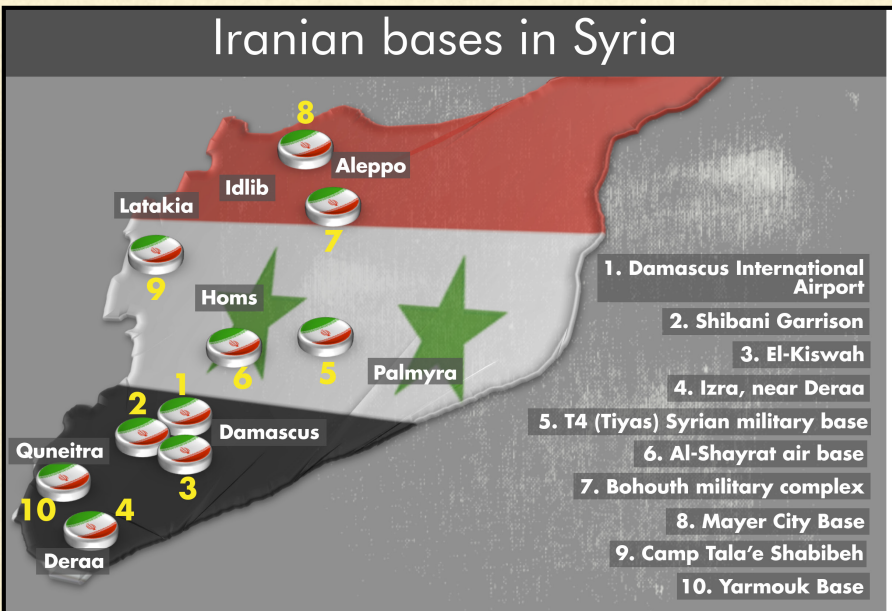
'Accept Trump's Plan, or You'll Regret It Later!' Saudi Journalist Warns Palestinians ...
A Saudi Foreign Ministry reaction to the plan's release stated, inter alia, that "the Kingdom appreciates the efforts made by President Trump's administration to develop a comprehensive Palestinian-Israeli peace plan, and it encourages the start of direct peace negotiations between the sides under U.S. sponsorship, in which any dispute regarding details of the plan will be settled. This is in order to advance the peace process and arrive at an agreement that will actualize the brother Palestinian people's legitimate rights."

RED LINES



Defense Minister Naftali Bennett held a working meeting with his U.S. counterpart in Washington on Wednesday.

According to *Ynet*, Bennett and U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper “discussed at length the regional threats, most notably Iran’s aggression, Sources close to Bennett have said that the defense minister is looking to acquire advanced weaponry to assist Israel in removing Iranian forces in Syria, reports *Arutz Sheva*.



Israel considers Iranian entrenchment along its border in Syria an unacceptable threat and has allegedly carried out hundreds of airstrikes to slow Iran’s buildup in the region and its supply of weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM



"Mr Graham's rhetoric is repeatedly and unnecessarily inflammatory and in my opinion represents a risk to the social cohesion of our city." The Rev Bryan Kerr, a Church of Scotland minister in Lanark, said Graham's views "do not sit comfortably with many Christians in Scotland". He said: "These views, and many more like them, are not shared by all Christians as Mr Graham would have people believe. Franklin Graham isn't the voice of Christianity. Even more astonishingly, he then went on to organise a petition seeking to get Graham banned."

Tozer's comment is as relevant now as it was when he made it 65 years ago: "The church goes along with everything and stands against nothing - until she is convinced that it is the safe and popular thing to do; then she passes her courageous resolutions and issues her world-shaking manifestos - all in accord with the world's newest venture - whatever it may be."

THE US UNRAVELING



The Country Is More Divided Today Than at Any Time in Its History

Today America is divided like never before. Those on the left are focusing on recapturing the presidency in November and possibly even removing President Trump from office before then. While Trump supporters feel that the recent impeachment proceedings were just another example of politicians and unelected officials stepping on the will of the people – the more than 63 million Americans who voted Trump into office in 2016.

Both sides feel they are right, and doing their best for the American people.

So how will this all play out this election year?



ULTIMATE PEACE PLAN





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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!