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An airstrike killed at least six members of a pro-Iranian militia on Saturday night. The base, known as Abu Kamel, is along the Syria-Iraq border and is a key position in Iran's effort to create a strategic land bridge to the Mediterranean.

Mysterious explosion in Tehran attributed to Israel. Iran 'mystery' explosion may have been at a secret ballistic missile site.

An Iranian nuclear facility in Natanz was damaged today. It's the third deadly 'incident' to occur under mysterious circumstances this week at Iranian sites. Are the three incidents linked?

Annexation: July 1 has arrived, and the Israeli government's plan to annex part of the West Bank remains on pause.

'Don't waste another century trying to destroy Israel,' Netanyahu tells Palestinians

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WAR DRUMS – JORDAN

This Jordanian MP wants the Hashemite kingdom to “unleash” its terrorists on Israel for declaring sovereignty over Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria.

Jordanian MP Yahya Al-Saud, head of the Jordanian Parliament’s Palestine Committee, recently claimed that “every Jordanian citizen would be ready to fight against Israel,” He also supports “unleashing” the “resistance against Israel,” which is code for supporting terror attacks on Israeli civilians.

Al-Saud called America “the great Satan” and demanded the “expulsion of the Israeli ambassador to Jordan, the withdrawal of the Jordanian ambassador to Israel, and the annulment of Jordan’s peace agreement with Israel.”



Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty

Treaty of Peace between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

1994



PA – PEACE TALKS

The Palestinians are prepared to renew long-stalled peace talks with Israel and to agree to "minor" territorial concessions, according to a counter-proposal to a contentious US plan.

A Palestinian Authority text sent to the international peacemaking Quartet and seen Monday by AFP, says the Palestinians are "ready to resume direct bilateral negotiations where they stopped," in 2014.

Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz said Monday however that with new coronavirus infections still on the rise, any annexation of West Bank territory must wait. "Anything unrelated to the battle against the coronavirus will wait until after the virus."

Move seen as ploy seeking to delay Israeli sovereignty bid.



US ANNEX

Due to the sensitivity of the sovereignty issue and its ramifications, a decision is still forthcoming on the scope of the sovereignty bid and the names of the Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria the final plan will include. On both the American and Israeli sides, officials are exploring various roadmaps, including fully implementing sovereignty in 30% of the territory, in one or perhaps multiple phases. There are also questions surrounding the Jordan Valley, which on one hand enjoys Israeli consensus in terms of sovereignty, but could damage relations with Jordan. Another proposal being discussed is applying sovereignty in the more remote Jewish outposts, while others believe Israel should first apply sovereignty in the large settlement blocs, over which there is a national consensus.



EU – CORONA

As the European Union readies to resume incoming tourism activities, it appears the 27-member block will not be opening its borders to everyone.

According to a Saturday report in French daily *Le Monde* the EU will not allow tourists from Israel, the United States, Russia, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia to enter, citing their troubling coronavirus infection rate.

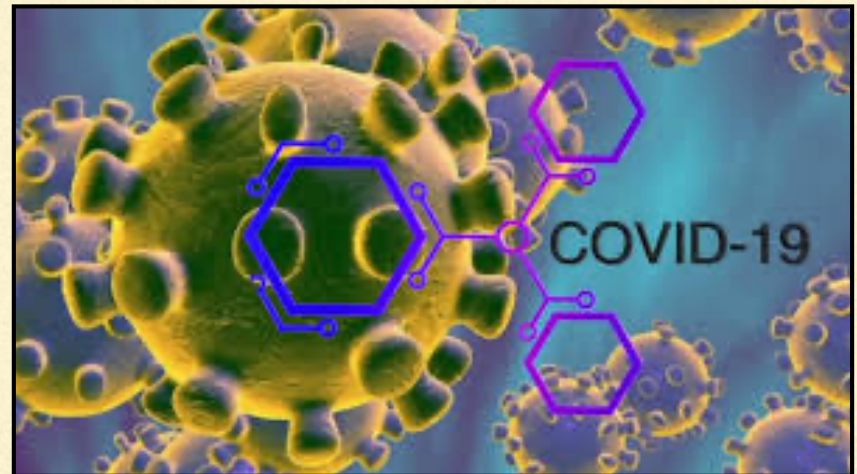
Fluss stressed that any decision on the matter will be made according to each country's morbidity and mortality data – this has nothing to do with relations between countries.

However, beyond the fact that we won't be able to travel abroad, this could deal a blow to the local tourism industry."



ISRAEL COVID UPDATE

Israeli officials note that this current wave isn't yet as bad as the first and action can still stave off the harsh decree: "These figures give a window of opportunity for action, which has the potential to change the trend," the paper quotes the team writing. "But in the absence of action ... the continuation of the current direction will require another lockdown within a few weeks. Its results will be devastating for the economy and society."



HEZBOLLAH TENSIONS

"The IAF has been training to launch thousands of sorties aimed at destroying Hezbollah targets, mainly its rockets. But the IAF might not be able to accomplish this mission by itself, especially if rockets hit its airfields. Israel might have no alternative but to also conduct a major ground offensive."



"If Hezbollah opens fire first, targeting Israeli cities, it will force Israel to react immediately and in a massive way. An Israeli preemptive strike is unlikely, though surprise is crucial in capturing Hezbollah off guard. "The IDF has an overwhelming edge over Hezbollah, but the latter has relative advantages, mainly its missiles/rockets. The two sides will continue to try to avoid a costly war, but a war might still occur--against the will of one or even both of them."



BLM AND ISRAEL

On Monday, an alliance of groups affiliated with the Black Lives Matter movement unveiled their first official platform. The 40,000-word manifesto contained many recommendations, including concrete policy proposals, for rectifying the wrongs perpetrated against America's African-American citizens in the past and present. Unfortunately, the platform also contained a vicious bigoted slur against the Jewish state, which the document's foreign policy section accused of perpetrating "genocide" against Palestinians. (The platform also labeled Israel an "apartheid state" and joined with the BDS movement in calling for the total academic, cultural, and economic boycott of the country—a demand made for no other state.



BIDEN AND ISRAEL

Even as Democrats try to sell pro-Israel Jews on Biden, the campaign has already sold them out. Its point woman on foreign policy signed a J Street letter calling for the platform to criticize Israel and heads an organization backing an anti-Israel activist. While Biden is happy to take anyone's money, the only point of view he'll be listening to on Israel will be coming from the anti-Israel lobby.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is leading legislative opposition to Israel's possible annexation of West Bank areas, saying it could result in the country becoming an "apartheid state." The 30-year-old New York Democrat rounded up a dozen signatures on a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo that threatens to add anti-annexation strings to \$3.8 billion in annual US aid to Israel's military.



PA TWISTED NEWS

- The two fatal incidents -- the killing of the terrorist by the IDF and the killing of the unarmed, handcuffed civilian by the Palestinian security forces -- are a perfect demonstration of how the Palestinians twist truth until it is utterly unrecognizable to the international media while hiding their own crimes against their own people.
- If Palestinian officials, so called human rights organizations and international reporters are worried about "extrajudicial killings,"... they should talk to the family of Al-Amouri, human rights organizations and eyewitnesses -- who can describe in detail how Palestinian security forces shot dead a handcuffed man in front of his elderly mother.



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