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REMEMBERING ANNE



The US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, made an unannounced visit to Israel, meeting with Defense Minister Benny Gantz, IDF chief Lt. Gen. Aviv Kohavi and Mossad director Yossi Cohen, along with other top brass.

PLO/Fatah planning violent "comprehensive intifada".

Lebanese authorities have said 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate that ignited in a warehouse at Beirut's port were behind the enormous explosion that killed at least 135 people and injured about 5,000, while displacing some 300,000 whose homes were rendered unlivable by the blast and the ensuing shock wave.

NEWS BITES



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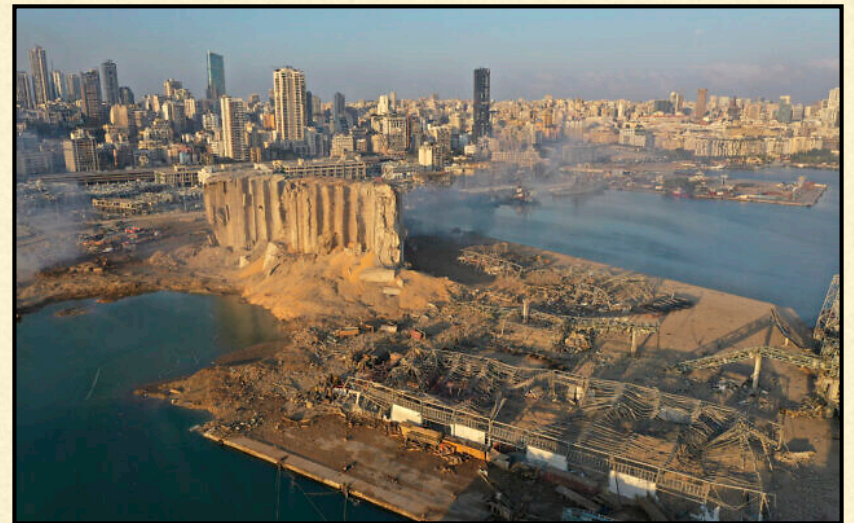
Be like the sons of Issachar ...



BEIRUT BLAST

As mentioned this warehouse was storing explosive material ammonium nitrate illegally and without proper security. The question remains – whose explosive material was this?

It is well known that Hezbollah has tens or even hundreds of storehouses with weapons and explosive material around the country, especially in Beirut. The material that blew up may in fact belong to Hezbollah, which would be the real reason why they actually agreed that Israel had nothing to do with the blast.



MIDDLE EAST WAR

Regardless if the mega blast in Beirut was simply a bad accident due to ineptitude or something more nefarious, like ingredients for Hezbollah bomb making, the blast may have been the key to tilting the region towards war.

The chaos that is Lebanon has now effectively revealed what all of us in our gut has known - that it is Hezbollah that is truly in control. While they may not want a war, the fall out from the destruction of the blast may require them to redirect anger towards Israel.

The coming days and weeks will be tense.



GOLAN STRIKES

IDF troops foiled an attempt to place an improvised explosive device (IED) along the border between Syria and Israel. The incident was reported shortly after midnight on Monday.

"IDF troops on the southern Golan Heights adjacent to an IDF post spotted a terror squad placing explosive devices next to the security fence. IDF troops and an IDF aircraft fired simultaneously towards the squad of four terrorists, a hit was identified. No IDF injuries were reported," the Army statement said.



ISRAELI STRIKES SYRIA

Tensions Reach Boiling Point Along Israel's Northern Border: The IDF on Monday conducted airstrikes targeting Assad regime military assets in southern Syria in response to an attempted terrorist attack along the shared border the previous night. At least 15 fighters were reportedly killed in the attacks.

Israel rarely acknowledges strikes in Syria, which are often directed at Iranian-linked weapons depots, in addition to members of Shi'ite proxy groups with ties to Tehran. This time, however, the IDF confirmed in a statement that it had struck Syrian observation posts and anti-aircraft artillery facilities, as well as command-and-control and intelligence-gathering systems.



GAZA STRIKE



IDF fighter jets targeted Hamas sites after a projectile was fired from the Gaza Strip at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Sirens sounded in the southern Israeli city of Sderot and in the area surrounding the Gaza Strip, sending residents to shelter. No injuries were reported as the Iron Dome Aerial Defense System intercepted the rocket. The IDF's retaliatory strike hit a concrete manufacturing site used for underground infrastructure construction as well as military subterranean facilities belonging to the Hamas terror organization.



COVID VACCINE

"There is an excellent vaccine. We start after the holidays with safety and efficacy experiments, but we have the product in hand,"

The Israel Institute for Biological Research (IIBR) in Ness Ziona has made further progress toward a Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine and will commence trials on humans after the New Year holidays, in October.

Minister of Defense Benny Gantz visited the Biological Institute on Thursday together with the director of the institute Prof. Shmuel Shapira and learned of the advances in the development of the Corona vaccine and antibody.

"Experiments on humans should begin after the [Hebrew month of Tishrei] High Holidays," Gantz declared.



ISIS REGROUPING



The Islamic State group, staying in the shadows for the most part of the last 12 months, seems to be making a resurgence. While the terrorist group has weakened in recent years, ISIS has been regrouping and regaining its strength amid the unstable situation in Syria, Iraq, and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula – exploiting the coronavirus pandemic crisis in the region as well, according to *The Africa Report*.



CORI BUSH

Missouri: So far, the biggest upset of the day came in Missouri's 1st congressional district, where progressive activist Cori Bush narrowly defeated longtime incumbent Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-MO), receiving 48.6% compared to 45.5% for Clay in the current tally. Bush's support for the BDS movement and her anti-Israel stances were attacked by Clay in mailers last week. Tuesday night, Alexandra Rojas, the executive director of Justice Democrats, which backed Bush, told *The New York Times*, "If you don't know, now you know: The Squad is here to stay, and it's growing."



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