

*“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up,
 and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh” - Luke 21:28*

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Canadian Minister Calls for Removal of ‘Savior’ from Core Christian Beliefs

February 11, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Rev. Brent Hawkes, a gay rights activist and Canadian clergyman at the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Toronto, has argued for the removal of the word ‘Savior’ to describe Jesus Christ because the word is a ‘stumbling block’ for many.

Rev. Hawkes, senior pastor emeritus of MCC and Founder of Rainbow Faith and Freedom, said that years ago there was one word in the church’s bedrock beliefs that ‘began for me to be uncomfortable, problematic,’ and that word was ‘Savior.’

‘I would hope that someday this church would see the possibility of changing that word because it is a stumbling block for so many who want to be here,’ he said in a sermon posted on X this week, noting that he was ‘raised a strict fundamentalist Baptist.’

‘It is a stumbling block for people to do interfaith work — how do we explain that word with Muslims and to Jews and to Hindus?’ asked the reverend, who has been married to another man since 2006...” (Wow, where do you start with this? *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where*

is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord — I Corinthians 1:18-31.

There is no salvation without a Savior, and that Savior is the Lord Jesus Christ. *Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of*

Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved — Acts 4:10-12. As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed — I Peter 2:2-8.)

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

"Islamonazis"? No, the Nazis were Islam lite

February 26, 2025 -- In an Op-Ed by Dr. Anjuli Pandavar, *Israel National News* reports: "Islamonazi" and 'Islamofascist' reveal ignorance of Islam, which encompasses much more than Nazism or fascism ever could. Contrary to common assumptions, such terms *downplay* the nightmare that is Islam. It is easy to fall into seeing Islam as 'just another religion' and perceive those of its adherents who wouldn't hurt a fly as practising a milder variant of the religion of their more bloodthirsty brethren.

Some non-Muslims even do their 'moderate' Muslim friends the favour of expelling their 'extremist' counterparts out of the category 'Muslim' and relegating them to a new category, 'Islamists', who, once so expelled, no longer practise Islam, but 'Islamism'. In this simplistic mind-game, the proponents of 'Islamism' have yet to identify the Islamist scripture that is not a Muslim scripture, an Islamist ritual that is not a Muslim ritual, the Islamist doctrine that is not a Muslim doctrine, the Islamist prophet who is not the Muslim prophet and the Islamist Allah who is not the Muslim Allah. When they 'clarify' that Muslims want to live in peace, while 'Islamists' want to take over the state, they merely confirm their ignorance of Islam.

While Islamonazi, Islamofascist and Islamist all betray ignorance of Islam, the difference between the first two and the third is that the first two attempt to show how *bad* Islam is, while the third tries to show how *good* Islam is. The first two are honest, but mistaken; the third is deceptive. While the first two seek to be more accurate and fail, the third tries to mislead and succeeds.

Both the error and the ease of deception arise out of a little-understood peculiarity of Islam. In the narrow sense, Islam is a religion with all its sacred texts, precepts, doctrines and rituals. In the broad sense, however, Islam is *both* the religion *and* the law, Shari'a, *together* making for the most robust totalitarian system ever devised. The relationship between these two is one of the three things that give Islam a power that Nazism could ever match..."

(Islam is a religion of hate. Sharia Law demands death penalties for (1) Daughters who have premarital sex,

(2) Homosexuals – these murderers are told to drop them from the highest mountain to be sure to hear their fearful screams, (3) Apostates – these are Islamic religionists who mock Allah, Muhammad, of the Koran, (4) All infidels – non Muslim religionists. Nothing matters to these self-proclaimed holy and righteous men. How wrong they are. It is the Muslims who will be judged by the true God for the way they committed every abominable sin wicked minds created – “Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust” I Timothy 1:9-11. See the next two reports.)

Iran executed at least 975 people in 2024 in 'horrificing escalation,' rights groups say

February 20, 2025 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Iran executed at least 975 people last year in a 'horrificing escalation' of its use of capital punishment, two human rights groups said on Thursday.

Norway-based Iran Human Rights (IHR) and French group Together Against the Death Penalty (ECPM) said the figure was the highest since IHR began recording executions in Iran in 2008.

The figure 'reveals a horrificing escalation in the use of the death penalty by the Islamic Republic in 2024,' they said in a joint report, accusing Iran of using the death penalty as a 'central tool of political oppression.'

'These executions are part of the Islamic republic's war against its own people to maintain its grip on power,' IHR director Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam said.

'Five people were executed on average every single day in the last three months of the year as the threat of war between Iran and Israel escalated.'

It was unclear how exactly the rising regional tensions played a role, but Tehran frequently accuses people of

espionage on behalf of Israel..."

Taliban continues corporal punishment, flogging 20 Afghans over alleged adultery

February 25, 2025 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban authorities publicly flogged 20 men and women Monday on charges of adultery, rape, and engaging in 'illegitimate relations.'

The Taliban's Supreme Court reported that all defendants received sentences of 39 lashes each and prison terms ranging from one to seven years.

The punishments were carried out in the eastern Khost and central Parwan provinces, with residents, judicial, and government officials among the spectators.

Since regaining control of Afghanistan in 2021, the Taliban have publicly flogged hundreds of men and women. Most were charged with offenses such as adultery, sodomy, eloping, having illegitimate relations and robbery.

The number of Afghans subjected to flogging this month alone has reached 86, with 17 women among the victims, according to data from the top court..."

Jihadists Behead 70 Christians in DR Congo Church

February 21, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Open Doors UK, a human rights group focused on persecution against Christians, reported on Tuesday that a militant group affiliated with the Islamic State (ISIS) took 70 Christian villages hostage, marched them into their church, and then murdered them by cutting their heads off.

Open Doors quoted sources in the field who said the massacre took place on February 13, when a group of terrorists allegedly from the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) surrounded the village of Maybe and forced residents from their homes.

The ADF allegedly rounded up a total of 70 Christian villages and forced them into a Protestant church in the nearby town of Kasanga. This church, like many in the area, had been abandoned by its congregants because the security situation was so dire.

The militants proceeded to murder all 70 of their hostages inside the church, with beheading reportedly their preferred method of execution. According to Open

Doors' sources, families of the deceased were too frightened to bury the dead until a week later and many of the surviving Christians have fled the area..." **(Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. – Matthew 5:10 – 12; If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. – John 15:18 – 21; ...When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. — Revelation 6:9; ...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. – Revelation 20:4; and Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. – Revelation 2:10.)**

Syrian Refugee Suspected in 'Allahu Akbar' Mass Stabbing in Austria that left Five Injured and 14-Year-Old Dead

February 17, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A Syrian allegedly stabbed six people in the Austrian town of Villach in a suspected Islamist terror attack on Saturday afternoon that left a 14-year-old boy dead.

Just days after terror struck in Munich, a 23-year-old supposed refugee from Syria launched into a vicious stabbing spree in the Carinthian town of Villach

on Saturday afternoon. Five people were injured during the attack, and tragically, a 14-year-old was killed after bleeding out on the street.

The suspect, identified by *Kronen Zeitung* as 'Ahmad G.', is reported by eyewitnesses to have laughed during the attack. He is also said to have shouted out 'Allahu Akbar' and made hand gestures associated with the ISIS terrorist group.

The suspected terrorist may have committed more violence; however, he was driven down by a fellow Syrian delivery driver before being apprehended by police.

The food delivery man said: 'He wanted to go towards the city centre when there were children on the street. I couldn't allow that. I have children of my own!'..." **(Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven. Their plan of winning the lost is a sick one and against God's plan which is: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life – John 3:16. See the next two reports.)**

Car drives into crowd in Munich, at least 20 wounded

February 13, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "At least 20 people were wounded after a Mini Cooper drove into a group of people in the German city of Munich, German media reported on Thursday.

BILD reported that at least two are in serious condition, and a child is in critical condition. An eyewitness also told *BILD* that the car had rammed a woman with a child and that the 'mother and child were lying under the car.'

Munich's mayor Dieter Reiter told *BILD* that the police chief has informed him that many people were injured, including children. He said he was 'deeply shocked.'

Munich Police said that a major police operation in the area of Dachauer Street and Seidl Street was currently underway. The police statement added that the attacker – identified by *BILD* as a 26 year old Afghan – was detained on-site and currently poses no further danger...

Eyewitnesses reported seeing two men involved in the attack, and also hearing shots being fired before the driver of the

car was detained.

Police have yet to determine whether the man drove into the crowd deliberately or confused the accelerator and brake. Eyewitnesses said the attack appeared deliberate..."

Swedish police describe 'inferno' at scene of mass shooting

February 7, 2025 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Police in Sweden investigating the nation's worst mass shooting said at a news briefing Thursday that the scene at an adult learning center was an 'inferno' of smoke, with injured and dead victims.

The attack on Tuesday left 10 people dead, including the suspected shooter, at Campus Risbergska in the city of Orebro, about 200 kilometers west of Stockholm. The facility offers adult courses, including Swedish language classes for immigrants. Law enforcement officials say the shooter, who Swedish media have identified as 35-year-old Rickard Andersson, may have been a student at the center.

Law enforcement officials have not officially identified the suspect, whose cause of death remains unclear.

Orebro police Chief Lars Wiren said at the news conference Thursday that about 130 officers arrived at the scene within 10 minutes of an alarm, where they found 'dead people, injured people, screams and smoke.'

As officers entered the building, they reported it was partially filled with smoke, making it difficult for them to see. They reported gunfire that they believed was directed at them but reportedly did not return fire.

Police said the smoke was not caused by fire but by 'some sort of pyrotechnics.' Several officers had to seek medical treatment for smoke inhalation..."

THE END OF HAMAS?

U.N. Condemns Gruesome Palestinian Child Coffin Parade Handing over Dead Hostages

February 21, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The United Nations – whose employees participated in the October 7, 2023, massacre of civilians in Israel – condemned the jihadist terrorist organization Hamas for staging a parade of coffins, including a child and infant, on Thursday prior to handing their bodies over to Israel.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk described the situation as ‘abhorrent,’ according to *Reuters*, indicating that parading the bodies of dead civilians before a celebratory crowd was a violation of international law.

‘Under international law, any handover of the remains of deceased must comply with the prohibition of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, ensuring respect for the dignity of the deceased and their families’, Turk said in a statement...” (The Islamic State is full of savage barbarians that continue to sink lower and lower into depravity. Israel has stated that these two precious children were killed with bare hands. Our Lord showed great compassion towards children: “Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence” – Matthew 19:13-15.)

Netanyahu pledges Hamas ‘pay full price’ for failing to return Shiri Bibas

February 21, 2025 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday condemned Hamas for returning the body of an unidentified woman instead of that of Shiri Bibas, the mother of two young boys whose remains were identified late Thursday night.

Hours after Israeli authorities confirmed the identities of Oded Lifshitz and brothers Ariel and Kfir Bibas, Netanyahu accused Hamas of transferring a Gazan woman’s body instead of Shiri’s. He did not comment on her fate.

Hamas claimed Friday morning that Bibas’ remains appear to have been

mixed with other human remains from the rubble after an Israeli air strike hit the place she was held in...” (Nolan Finley, Editorial Page Editor for *The Detroit News* tells of watching “Bearing Witness to the October 7th Massacre” that was shown by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Israeli Consulate to the Midwest. The majority of the film was compiled from the cell phones and body cameras of the Hamas terrorists as they carried out this massacre. He states: *What we saw Sunday night was excruciating to watch, harder still to discuss. When it was over most of us walked to our cars barely speaking.*

Imagine watching the most gruesome horror flick, without the benefit of knowing the gore on screen is make-believe. In this movie, the blood is real. The bodies are real. The evil is real...

More sickening for me than the gruesome images is the absolute joy with which the killers went about their sadistic work. I expected to see angry, frothing mad men. Instead, these killers are happy. They looked like gleeful young men celebrating a soccer win...

And this, I’m told, is the PG version. It doesn’t depict the mass rapes and mutilation of babies that was reported, but nothing in video suggests such depravity is beyond the pall for the marauders...

I wondered going into the screening what emotions I’d feel coming out. Revulsion? Heartache? Grief?

All of that. But mostly rage, an absolute red-hot anger that there are people in this world capable of such evil and others who would excuse their wickedness. See the next two reports.)

Hamas official: 6 hostages could be freed this week, depending on ‘price Israel pays’

February 18, 2025 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “A Hamas official six Israeli hostages would be freed on Saturday. The official told *Ynet* that the decision depends on what price Israel was willing to pay. ‘Our demand now is that Israel enters phase two negotiations and commits to the humanitarian protocol including caravans and heavy machinery into the Strip.’ According to the official the commitment must come from the Egyptian and Qatari mediators. But the security cabinet in its meeting

late on Monday, decided to concentrate on completing the first phase of the cease-fire and hostage release deal and not to mandate the Israeli delegation to the negotiations to move toward the second phase because there is no agreement among ministers regarding an end to the war.

The delegation was given a ‘general mandate’ to prevent the first phase from being disrupted. Israel is seeking a weeks-long extension of the phase.

Qatari Foreign Ministry spokesperson Majed Al-Ansari said on Tuesday at a press conference that negotiations on the second phase of the ceasefire agreement in Gaza have not yet officially begun. ‘We will implement the terms of the first phase in order to move to the second phase of the ceasefire agreement,’ he said but added that there is a positive atmosphere regarding the second phase of the agreement...”

Hamas’s ‘kinocide’: A new crime against humanity revealed

February 3, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The bestial crimes carried out by thousands of Hamas-led terrorists on October 7, 2023, were unspeakable – but the authors of a newly released 79-page report want the world to speak about them and spread the word.

Writing for the Civil Commission on October 7 Crimes by Hamas against Women and Children, they have even given it a name because at no time in history had this exact type of crime been committed. They called it ‘kinocide’ – the targeting of families, calling it a new crime against humanity...

By coining the term kinocide, the report exposes the deliberate, widespread exploitation and destruction of familial bonds to intensify victims’ suffering, highlighting the profound and lasting harm inflicted on individuals, communities, and societies. She noted that the Dvora Institute calls for urgent international recognition of the term as it describes a new, distinct international crime against humanity and presents legal and policy recommendations to close gaps in international criminal law, ensure accountability, and prevent such atrocities in the future...”

Rubio: Hamas ‘must be eradicated’

February 17, 2025 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The U.S. fully endorsed

Israel's war aims in Gaza on Sunday, with Secretary of State Marco Rubio saying that Hamas 'must be eradicated' and 'cannot continue as a military or government force.'

Rubio met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem at the start of a regional tour as the first phase of a tenuous Israel-Hamas ceasefire expires in two weeks, with the second segment yet to be negotiated.

Rubio, on his first trip to the Middle East as the new top U.S. diplomat, told Netanyahu that 'as long as [Hamas] stands as a force that can govern or as a force that can administer or as a force that can threaten by use of violence, peace becomes impossible.'...
(Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold. Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence. The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied. But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy. – Psalm 59:1-17; Rest in

the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous. The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. – Psalm 37:7-18; Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. – Psalm 2:1-5. See the next report.)

U.S.: Hamas 'going to face total annihilation'

February 21, 2025 -- YnetNews.com reports: "While the Trump administration did not issue an official statement following the revelation that what was believed to be the body of Shiri Bibas was a Gazan woman, Adam Boehler, President Donald Trump's envoy for hostage affairs, called Hamas's actions 'horrific' and a 'clear violation' of the cease-fire.

'If I were them, I'd release everybody or they are going to face total annihilation,' he warned in an interview with Anderson Cooper on CNN.

Boehler added that Israel had informed senior U.S. officials in advance that the remains were not those of Shiri and that forensic evidence confirmed her sons, Ariel and Kfir, were brutally murdered

in November 2023 in captivity.

'I don't know what [Hamas] thought when they put the body of somebody else in a coffin and said that it was the mother of two kids who had been brutally murdered, whether they thought Israel wouldn't find that out or not, but it's absolutely stunning,' he said...

Netanyahu at officers' graduation: 'We will defeat the monster, Hamas will not rule Gaza'

February 24, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "The graduation ceremony for the 71st Combat Officers' Course was held on Sunday and attended by IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Defense Minister Israel Katz...

Netanyahu held up a photo of the Bibas family, who were murdered in captivity in Gaza, and stated: 'Already during the first days of the war, Hamas murdered Shiri and her children in cold blood. They strangled the gentle children with their hands and if they only could, they would have murdered all of us with the same brutality.'

Netanyahu continued: 'Against this we fight, and we must and can defeat those monsters – we will defeat them. That is our mission and that is your mission. As the leaders of the homeland, you all have the mission of the bearers of the swords and shields. We have great expectations of you, but I know that above all, you have expectations of yourselves. We are proud of you, we trust you, and we salute you.'

He made clear in his address: 'Hamas won't control Gaza, Gaza will be demilitarized, and the military force will be dismantled.' He added: 'We demand the demilitarization of southern Syria from the forces of the new regime. We will not tolerate a threat on the Druze community in southern Syria.'... (Caroline B. Glick, senior contributing editor to *The Jerusalem Post* wrote a book in 2014 entitled "The Israeli Solution" where she stated in the preface: "Establishing a Palestinian state, so the thinking goes, would be a panacea for all the region's ills. It would end the Arab world's conflict with Israel, because the reason the Arab world is anti-Israel is that there is no Palestinian state. It would also nearly erase the Arab world's anti-Americanism, because the reason the Arabs – and the larger Muslim world – are anti-American is that the United States supports Israel

even though there is no Palestinian state... For the past ninety years, the two-state solution has been tried more than a dozen times, and every time it has failed, abysmally. Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, all based on the two-state solution – and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of the U.S. Middle East policy. But despite this laser focus, American efforts to implement the two-state solution have all been dismal failures.”)

Netanyahu's ultimatum to Hamas: IDF will return to fighting

February 12, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday evening officially announced the cessation of negotiations for the second stage of the ceasefire deal with the Hamas terror group.

Under the ceasefire agreement, Hamas will return Israelis kidnapped during the October 7 massacre in exchange for Israel's release of terrorists, including some who are serving life sentences. Israel has also ceased strikes on Hamas in Gaza, and withdrew from key areas, including the Netzarim Corridor...

Following the Cabinet meeting, Netanyahu said, ‘In light of Hamas’ announcement regarding its decision to violate the agreement and not to release our hostages, last night I instructed the IDF to build up forces within and around the Gaza Strip. This action is now being carried out. It will be completed in the very near future.’

‘The decision that I passed unanimously in the Cabinet is this: If Hamas does not return our hostages by Saturday afternoon, the ceasefire will end, and the IDF will return to powerful fighting until Hamas is completely defeated.’...”
(*Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer*

become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places. Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour. Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out. Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually. Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord, and of them that speak evil against my soul. But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust. My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness. I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shook their heads. Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy: That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Lord, hast done it. Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice. Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle. I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul. Psalm 109: 1-31. See the next two reports.)

Israel Katz warns Hamas: If we restart Gaza war, it will be different

February 13, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “If Hamas does not release the Israeli hostages by Saturday, all hell will break loose, exactly as U.S. President Donald Trump promised, Defense Minister Israel Katz said on Wednesday.

Katz also threatened Hamas terrorists, stating that ‘if they stop releasing the hostages, then there is no agreement, and there is war.’

‘The new Gaza war will be different in intensity from the one before the ceasefire – and it will not end without Hamas’ defeat and the release of all the hostages,’ Katz said.

‘Every ceasefire agreement with Hamas terrorists was meant to secure the swift release of the Israeli hostages, who are being held under the harshest conditions in Gaza,’ Katz stated.

Israel ‘agreed to pay a heavy price in return,’ he added...”

U.S. approves sale of \$7.4 bn in bombs, missiles to Israel

February 12, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The United States on Friday announced the approval of the sale of more than \$7.4 billion in bombs, missiles and related equipment to Israel, which has used American-made weapons to devastating effect during the war in Gaza.

The State Department has signed off on the sale of \$6.75 billion in bombs, guidance kits and fuses, in addition to \$660 million in Hellfire missiles, according to the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA).

The proposed sale of the bombs ‘improves Israel’s capability to meet current and future threats, strengthen its homeland defense, and serves as a deterrent to regional threats,’ DSCA said in a statement.

And the missile sale would ‘improve Israel’s capability to meet current and future threats by improving the ability of the Israeli Air Force to defend Israel’s borders, vital infrastructure, and population centers,’ it said.

Israel launched a hugely destructive offensive against Hamas in Gaza in October 2023 in response to an unprecedented attack by the Palestinian militant group that month...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Top Iranian general warns Tehran will strike Israel again at 'appropriate time'

February 19, 2025 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "A senior Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps general warned Monday that Iran would carry out a third wave of missile strikes against Israel at the 'appropriate time,' after Tehran previously launched two rounds of direct attacks on Israel in April and October 2024.

'The True Promise 3 will be carried out in appropriate time,' said deputy commander-in-chief of the IRGC Brigadier General Ali Fadavi at Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology, in remarks carried by Iran's *Mehr* news agency.

Fadavi also briefly touched on the war in Gaza, which was sparked by the Hamas-led invasion and massacre in southern Israel on October 7, 2023, claiming that the ongoing ceasefire and hostage release deal was proof that Israel 'lost' against the Palestinian terror group.

'Zionist regime officials themselves admit that Hamas won and they lost,' Fadavi claimed..." *(Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye*

perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. – Psalm 2:1-12.)

Houthi leader threatens Israel: 'We'll return to attacks'

February 12, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Abdul-Malik al-Houthi, the Houthi rebel leader in Yemen, on Tuesday threatened to restart attacks on Israel if the ceasefire deal with Hamas falls through.

'We are ready to begin attacks on Israel, if it returns to striking in Gaza and does not keep the ceasefire agreement,' al-Houthi warned.

Under the agreement, Israel withdrew from the Netzarim Corridor and is allowing increased humanitarian aid into Gaza. Israel is also releasing convicted terrorists, some of them serving life sentences, in exchange for Hamas releasing civilians and soldiers kidnapped during the October 7 massacre. For every civilian hostage returned to Israel, Israel is releasing 30 terrorists; for every kidnapped soldier, Israel is releasing 50 terrorists. However, on Monday Hamas announced that it would delay the release of hostages, claiming that Israel violated the agreement..." *(They may threaten Israel, but Psalm 121 states: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Notice especially verse 4 – Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. During his confrontation with the prophets of Baal, Elijah mocked the prophets after they were unable to get*

a response from Baal. I Kings 18:27 states: *And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. God does not sleep, and He will preserve Israel.)*

Hezbollah chief says Lebanon must ensure Israeli withdrawal

February 18, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Hezbollah's chief said Sunday it was the government's responsibility to ensure the Israeli army withdraws from Lebanon by a looming ceasefire deadline, as Israel carried out air strikes in the country.

The developments came as U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, speaking from Jerusalem, called on Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah following its recent war with Washington's closest regional ally Israel.

Lebanon's *National News Agency (NNA)*, meanwhile, reported Israeli forces opened fire towards the southern border town of Hula 'after residents entered', killing a woman.

The violence followed unrest this week over the government's decision to block Iranian flights, which saw a UN peacekeeper convoy attacked during a protest.

'Israel must fully withdraw on February 18, it has no excuse,' Hezbollah's Naim Qassem said in a televised address.

'It is the responsibility of the Lebanese state' to exert every effort 'to make Israel withdraw', he added..." *(Genesis 15:18 states: In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates and in Joshua 1:4 we read: From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West*

Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised. See the next two reports.)

Israel Ganz: 'The Palestinian vision is over, Israel must apply sovereignty'

February 5, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Israel Ganz, head of the Binyamin Regional Council and Chairman of the Yesha Council responds to U.S. President Donald Trump's statements on Tuesday night.

Earlier on Tuesday, Trump responded to *Arutz Sheva – Israel National News*' inquiry regarding Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria by saying that he would 'discuss' the matter, and that 'an announcement is coming soon.'

'We welcome President Trump and his team for the great news he brings to Israel and the entire world about standing alongside the people of Israel and our historical values,' Ganz said.

'Throughout the night, I spoke with close friends in the Senate and Congress and thanked them. I pointed out to them that, for the first time, an American president is essentially declaring the end of the Palestinian dream to destroy Israel either through Gaza or through establishing a Palestinian state in the heart of the Land of Israel. The Palestinian narrative that aspires to dispossess the Jewish people from their land is over.' ..."

Netanyahu says Israel won't allow Syrian forces 'south of Damascus'

February 24, 2025 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Israel will not allow Syria's new army or the insurgent group that led the ouster of former President Bashar Assad to 'enter the area south of Damascus' as his government made clear Israeli forces would stay in parts of southern Syria for an indefinite period.

Netanyahu's comments Sunday at a

military graduation led to new concerns over the Israeli presence, and sway, in a swath of southern Syria as Damascus' new leaders attempt to consolidate control after years of civil war.

'Take note: We will not allow HTS forces or the new Syrian army to enter the area south of Damascus,' Netanyahu said, referring to Syria's new authorities as well as Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, the main former rebel group.

'We demand the complete demilitarization of southern Syria in the provinces of Quneitra, Daraa and Suwayda from the forces of the new regime. Likewise, we will not tolerate any threat to the Druze community in southern Syria.'

There was no immediate response from Syrian authorities..."

NEWS FROM IRAN

Khamenei congratulates Islamic Jihad for 'victory in Gaza'

February 19, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei met today (Thursday) with Ziad Nakhleh, the leader of the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization, and congratulated him on a supposed 'victory' over Israel in the war that was launched on October 7, 2023, Khamenei's office announced.

Khamenei lauded Islamic Jihad's 'victory in Gaza' and claimed that global opinion is moving in favor of the Palestinian Arabs in the aftermath of the October 7 massacre.

The Iranian Supreme Leader also condemned the 'foolish plans' of U.S. President Donald Trump to relocate the residents of the Gaza Strip while the enclave is reconstructed..." **(Iran has a long history of calling for the destruction of Israel It will never happen. Almighty God has stated: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah**

56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: ...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore.... And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40. See the next report.)

Iran unveils new ballistic missile with range of 1,700 kilometers

February 3, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iran unveiled a new ballistic missile on Sunday, claiming it has a range of 1,700 kilometers, *AFP* reported.

The missile, named Etemad—meaning 'trust' in Persian—was showcased at a ceremony in Tehran attended by President Masoud Pezeshkian, according to the report.

State television aired footage of the missile, describing it as 'the most recent ballistic missile' produced by the Iranian defense ministry.

With its range, the newly revealed missile is capable of reaching Israel, which Iran targeted twice last year amid the broader regional impact of the Gaza conflict..."