04/14/2021 NEWS AM - Today is Yom HaZikaron(Israel's day of remembrance for soldiers and civilians killed by terrorists) and tonight begins Yom Ha'Atzmaut(Israel's Independence day) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMeVUgtu7tk

Shlomo Artzi - שלמה ארצי עם ישי ריבו - והאמת קליפ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUPP10SvO3g

The truth /
That there is no one truth
And justice flew between the hands.
I'm going to
On the Bat Yam border alone,
And the truth deceives me.
Tears covers wants to come back,
To the house where I started long ago,
Like a good boy in his mother's arms,
To the truth in which I dived.

And the truth /
That there is no one or two truths,
A bird escaped my hands,
And the lie is fleeting.
And the truth /
That you are our God
And you are our Savior
And my love at the end.
And the truth /

That you are the only one

So who controls Time is a riddle writer And the truth explodes again.

And the beauty and sadness

That there is no one or two truths, A bird escaped my hands, And the lie is fleeting. And the truth /
That you are our God, And you are our Savior, And my love at the end.

And the truth /

And the truth /
That there is no one truth
So looking for you in the rain,
Time eludes the culture of anger,
And the truth is already blurred.
And the truth /
That there is no one or two truths,
A bird escaped my hands,
And the lie is fleeting.
And the truth /
That you are our God,
And you are our Savior,
And my love at the end.

"If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

-- George Washington (1732-1799) Founding Father, 1st US President, 'Father of the Country'

Read the Prophets & PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

That is the only hope for this nation!

Please	Pray that the world would WAKE UP! Time for a worldwide repentance!
Remember	ALL US soldiers fighting for our freedom around the world
These	Pray for those in our government to repent of their wicked corrupt ways.
Folks	Pray for AS – post knee replacement – some problems and another one scheduled.
<u>In</u>	Pray for TR – abnormal Mammogram having double biopsy – Mastectomy Scheduled
Prayer-	Pray for ZH - having trouble with PTSD
Check often	Pray for LAC – recurrent cancer getting treatment
They	Pray for Ella – emotionally disturbed abused child and brother with? heart problem
Change!	Pray for JN – Neuro disease
	Pray for MS – Job issues and change
	Pray for BB – Severe West Nile Fever –still not mobile- improving!
	Pray for RBH – cancer recurrence
	Pray for Felicia – post op problems – continuing
	Pray for SH and family – lady's husband passed away and she is in Nursing home. Not
	doing well.
	Pray for MP – Very complex problems
	Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world
	problems. – Have YOU made any preparations?

Genesis 24:⁶²And Isaac had come from the gate of the Well of the Living One My Beholder. And he was dwelling in the land of the Negeb. ⁶³And Isaac had gone out to meditate in the field as *it* turned evening. And he raised his eyes and looked. And behold, camels were coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah lifted her eyes and she saw Isaac. And she dismounted from the camel. ⁶⁵And she said to the slave, Who *is* this man walking in the field to meet us? And the slave said, It *is* my master. And she took the veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the slave told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷And Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah. And he took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother.

Interview with Vera Sharav- A holocaust survivor on today's medical situation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2dmpCH_Sfg&t=16s

This is a bit long but you would do well to listen. She is providing a chilling account of what occurred in Germany and what is going on today.

This is a literal OMG of the highest order!

Israeli-owned ship said attacked off UAE coast amid sky-high tensions with Iran No injuries as vessel comes under fire in Gulf of Oman; Iran had threatened retaliation over attack on Natanz nuclear site blamed on Israel

By TOI staff Today, 6:48 pm

An Israeli-owned ship reportedly came under missile fire on Tuesday near the United Arab Emirates, in the third attack of its kind in months.

There was **no immediate claim of responsibility** for the strike, but officials in Jerusalem believe Iran is responsible, according to Hebrew media reports.

The Lebanese Al Mayadeen news outlet, which is affiliated with the Iran-backed Hezbollah terror group, said the ship was targeted near Fujairah on the coast of the Gulf of Oman.

The Iranian-backed al-Alam TV said the Israeli vessel was the cargo ship Hyperion Ray, which sails under the Bahamas flag but is Israeli-owned.

Channel 12 said the missile strike caused a small amount of damage to the ship, but no injuries. The ship was en route to the UAE from Kuwait, according to the network.

A spokesperson for the Hyperion Ray, however, said there was no damage and the ship continued on its route.

The Emirate of Fujairah is on the UAE's eastern coast, on the Gulf of Oman, opposite the Persian Gulf and near the Strait of Hormuz.

The reported strike came as Iran threatened to avenge an attack on its Natanz nuclear site that it blamed on Israel.

Tehran and Jerusalem are engaged in a maritime shadow war, with both sides blaming the other for explosions on vessels, marking a new front in the conflict that was previously carried out on land, by air, and with alleged espionage and cyberattacks.

The MV Saviz, an Iranian cargo ship said to serve as a floating base for Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard forces off the coast of Yemen, was struck by an explosion last Tuesday, likely from a limpet mine.

In recent months, at least two Israeli-owned cargo ships have been damaged in alleged Iranian attacks, one in the Gulf of Oman and the other as it was sailing to India.

Iran's Natanz nuclear facility was hit by a suspected attack on Sunday. Israel is widely believed to have carried out the assault that damaged centrifuges, though it has not claimed it.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Tuesday that if Iran determines the Jewish state was behind the strike on Natanz, "then Israel will get its response and will see what a stupid thing it has done"

The incident threatened to derail ongoing negotiations between Iran and world powers aimed at rescuing its tattered 2015 nuclear deal. The Biden administration opened indirect talks with Iran over the deal last week.

Following the Natanz attack, Iran on Tuesday said it will begin enriching uranium to 60 percent purity, higher than the program ever has before. Iranian nuclear negotiator Abbas Araghchi was quoted by the state-run IRNA news agency as saying that Iran would increase its enrichment from its current rate of 20% in response to the weekend attack. That would put Iran a short technical step away from weapons-grade levels.

The broadcaster also quoted Araghchi as saying Iran would install another 1,000 centrifuges at Natanz, without elaborating. Iran insists its nuclear program is peaceful.

Details remained scarce about what happened at Natanz. The event was initially described only as a blackout in the electrical grid feeding above-ground workshops and underground enrichment halls — but later Iranian officials began referring to it as an attack.

The extent of the damage at Natanz also remains unclear, though Iran's Foreign Ministry said it damaged some of Iran's first-generation IR-1 centrifuges, the workhorse of its nuclear program. A former Iranian Revolutionary Guard chief said Tuesday that the assault set off a fire while a civilian nuclear program spokesman mentioned a "possible minor explosion."

In remarks aired late Monday by state television, the former head of the country's civilian nuclear arm called the attack's design "very beautiful." It appeared to target both the power grid at Natanz and the facility's emergency backup power, Fereydoun Abbasi said.

Abbasi said a similar attack targeted Iran's underground Fordo facility in 2012 with two explosions: One 30 kilometers (18.5 miles) away at a power station and the other at Fordo's emergency battery system.

"We had predicted that, and we were using a separate power grid," Abbasi said. "They hit but nothing happened for our machines."

An American official told the New York Times that Israel called the strike on Natanz a retaliation for the several attacks on Israeli-owned shipping vessels in recent weeks.

Earlier Tuesday, a Channel 12 report said Israel's security establishment was bracing for a possible Iranian revenge attack and had raised security levels in embassies around the world. https://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-owned-ship-said-attacked-off-uae-coast-amid-sky-high-tensions-with-iran/

Iranian media spreads report of attack on alleged Mossad center in Iraq

Casualties were reported in the alleged attack, Iraqi sources told Iranian media

By TZVI JOFFRE APRIL 13, 2021 23:49

An intelligence and special operations center in northern Iraq allegedly belonging to the Mossad was attacked by an "unidentified group," according to a report shared by a number of semi-official and official Iranian media sources. The report remains unconfirmed by any official source.

Casualties were reported in the alleged attack, Iraqi sources told Iranian media, which claimed that more details and footage would be released soon. The Iranian reports claimed that the casualties were "Israeli forces," although it's unclear if they were referring to Israeli citizens or foreigners working with Israel

A report on the alleged incident shared by the semi-official Iranian Fars News Agency claimed that "Iraqi media and sources have repeatedly warned about the activities of Zionist elements" in the Iraqi Kurdistan area.

The news came just hours after Israel began commemorating Remembrance Day, when the country remembers and honors fallen soldiers and victims of terror.

The **report has not been confirmed by any official sources**, but has been published by the semi-official Fars News Agency, Al-Alam News, which is owned by Iran's state media corporation, and Press TV, an English-language news network run by the Iranian government.

The report seems to have originated from a news source called Sabreen based on Telegram. The report cited an anonymous "security source."

The Iranian report comes after an alleged Israeli attack on Iran's <u>Natanz nuclear facility</u> and reports of a number of strikes by Iran and Israel on each other's maritime vessels in the Red Sea and near the Persian Gulf in recent weeks.

An Israeli ship called the Hyperion and owned by an Israeli company was attacked near the shores of the Fujairah emirate in the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, according to reports in Lebanon.

Iranian officials have warned in recent days that they would respond to an alleged Israeli attack that hit an electrical substation at an underground uranium enrichment facility at Natanz.

Tensions were already high between the two nations after the alleged Israeli assassination of top Iranian nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh and reported attempts by Iran to carry out revenge attacks on Israeli embassies around the world. https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/alleged-mossad-center-struck-in-northern-iraq-iranian-report-665070 [The ME situation is like a bomb waiting to explode. The concept is flying that there is actually an 'undertow" of a warm not quit hot war going on which if you look a bit you can really see the evidence of that. Put that together with the Chinese actions in the Taiwan area and the Russian buildup at the Ukrainian border and you have a potential war of "Biblical proportions". – rdb]

Israel comes to a standstill to remember 23,928 fallen

Country plunges into mourning as sirens mark start of Memorial Day; 43 soldiers and civilians killed since last year; Rivlin entreats nation: Israel must not be 'taken for granted'

By TOI staff Today, 5:44 pmUpdated at 8:00 pm

Israelis paid tribute to the country's 23,928 fallen soldiers and terror victims starting on Tuesday evening, bowing their heads for a minute of silence as sirens sounded around the country to mark the start of Memorial Day.

The one-minute siren at 8 p.m. was immediately followed by the state ceremony at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. On Tuesday night, additional public memorials will be held, including at Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park and in the Knesset in Jerusalem.



Israeli soldiers stand still as a memorial siren sounds during the ceremony marking Memorial Day for Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror, at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City, on April 13, 2021. (Olivier Fitoussi/Flash90)





President Reuven Rivlin speaks at a ceremony marking Memorial Day for Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror, at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City, on April 13, 2021. (Olivier Fitoussi/Flash9



People stand still as one minutre siren sounded across Israel, marking Memorial Day which commemorates the fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terror in Ayalon highway, Tel Aviv, April 13, 2021. (Avshalom Sassoni/Flash90)



An Israeli soldier places flowers on the graves of fallen Israeli soldiers at the Mount Herzl military cemetery hours before the start of Memorial Day, in Jerusalem on April 20, 2020. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)



Israeli soldiers visit graves of fallen soldiers in Mount Herzl Military Cemetery in Jerusalem, on April 13, 2021, ahead of Israeli Memorial Day, which begins tonight. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

During the siren, traffic around the country came to an abrupt halt, as Israelis stopped driving to

stand beside their cars and people at home stood in somber silence on their balconies or in their yards.

An Israeli man looks at wall with names of fallen soldiers of the armored corps in Latrun's Military memorial, April 13, 2021, ahead of Israeli Memorial Day, which begins tonight. (Yossi Aloni/Flash90)

A second, two-minute, siren will go off at 11 a.m. Wednesday, which will be followed by the main Memorial Day ceremony at Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem, and smaller events at cemeteries across the country.

The Memorial Day events officially began at the Yad LaBanim center in Jerusalem on Tuesday afternoon, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu,

Knesset Speaker Yariv Levin and Chief Justice Esther Hayut in attendance.

Speaking at the ceremony, Netanyahu said Israel will make "every effort" to return its captives, which include two civilians and the bodies of two IDF soldiers believed to be held by the Hamas terror group in Gaza.



"This is a sacred mission that we're not letting go of," he said.

People stand for a two-minute silence in Jerusalem's Machane Yehuda market on Memorial Day, Yom Hazikaron, April 28, 2020 April 28, 2020. (Nati Shohat/Flash90)

Speaking at the official state ceremony held at the Western Wall, President Reuven Rivlin said the message of the day was that citizens of the Jewish state must not take it for granted.

"From here, I want to speak to you, the commanders, the soldiers, those soon to enlist, the young generation. I grew up as a child at a time when we did not have a state. For me, for those of

my generation, the State of Israel is not something to be taken for granted. This strong and powerful country you see was established by the heroism and dedication of young people of your age," Rivlin said.

"Today, the task of protecting the State of Israel, is on your shoulders. Remember, without love of the homeland, dedication to mission, aiming for victory, comradeship, purpose, personal example and the purity of weapons, a free people will not be established here. The Israel Defense Force and the State of Israel, we, need you young, strong, united, united, united, determined to lend a hand, determined to continue to prevail, ready when necessary, to pay a price," he entreated.

IDF chief Aviv Kohavi said, "Out of a commitment to the current generation of soldiers and their families, we will do everything to only send them on worthy missions." "We will improve the IDF's capabilities: first of all, its ability to successfully carry out missions, but no less, to protect and defend the soldiers," he said.



IDF chief Aviv Kochavi speaks at a ceremony marking Memorial Day at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, on April 13, 2021. (Olivier Fitoussi/Flash90)

Forty-three soldiers and civilians were killed since last Memorial Day and the total number of Israeli casualties of war stands at 23,928, according to figures released by the Defense Ministry on Friday.

Since last Memorial Day, 112 new names were added to the roster of those who died defending the country since 1860. Forty-three were IDF soldiers, police officers, and civilians, and 69 were disabled veterans who passed away due to complications of injuries sustained during their service.

The figures include all soldiers and police who died during their service over the past year, including as a result of accidents, suicide, or illness.

In a stark reminder of the toll of Israel's wars, a former soldier suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder set himself on fire on Monday outside the Defense Ministry's rehabilitation center, setting off a national reckoning. Itzik Saidyan, 26, remains in critical condition.

Unlike last year, when the pandemic saw all Memorial Day ceremonies held without audiences and smaller events planned for municipal cemeteries across the country were canceled, this year's events will be held under few health restrictions.

On Wednesday, ministers approved removing some Memorial Day rules which included allowing relatives of the fallen who do not have the Green Pass to attend ceremonies.

The Green Pass is given to those who are fully vaccinated or have recovered from the coronavirus, granting them entry to public venues not open to others.

The new measures, effective as of Thursday, include raising the number of people allowed to gather outdoors from 50

to 100. The current limit of 20 people indoors remains in place.

A nurse stands at a grave at the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery as Israel marks Memorial Day, Yom Hazikaron, April 28, 2020. (Olivier Fitoussi/Flash90)

Memorial Day is one of Israel's few national, nonreligious holidays, during which large swaths of the Israeli public typically visit the graves of loved ones and comrades.

The general public has been encouraged to visit the graves of fallen soldiers over the next few days to avoid crowding on Memorial Day itself when close relatives are expected to attend.

The commemoration day, established in 1951 by then-prime

minister and defense minister David Ben-Gurion, was set for the 4th of Iyar on the Jewish calendar, the day before Independence Day, which begins immediately after Memorial Day.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-set-to-come-to-standstill-to-remember-23928-fallen/ [Yom HaZikaron is an emotional day for all of Israel. I watched part of the ceremony and President Rivlin's speech and though I could understand on a small part of it his meaning was obvious. I then began to think how dreadfully sad it is in the USA. As a youth I well remember Memorial day and armistice day which later became Veteran's day being observed in a very dignified and somber even reverent manner. There was an extraordinary sense of obligation to remember and memorialize the many who had offered their lives and suffered injuries for the sake of preserving this nation.

I look today and the focus is on what sales are going on at the local big box store and where is the party. In the Hebrew the name for the observance is HaZikaron. It comes from the Hebrew not (zākar) which means to remember. There is even a service that is observed on certain holidays called Yizkor from the same root word. When you look at the Decalogue or 10 commandments the fifth commandment is to honor our father and mother. It doesn't even say you need to love them, but honor them. In the Hebrew and Christian tradition the 'greatest commandment is to "love they Lord thy God with all your heart all your mind and all your being and love your neighbor as yourself." If a man or woman had freely given their life so that we can have a nation isn't that worthy of honoring and remembering? Perhaps our country would do well to stop the focus on self and party and learn about honoring others. – rdb]

In strategic talks with Israel, US vows to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran

Israeli and US officials hold bilateral group meeting on Iranian threat as tensions spiral; White House national security adviser invites Israeli counterpart to Washington

By TOI staff Today, 8:59 pm



Israeli National Security Council chairman Meir Ben-Shabbat (right), and US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan. (Flash90, AP)

The Biden administration stressed its commitment to preventing a nuclear-armed Iran during a strategic meeting with Israeli officials on Tuesday, as Middle East tensions rose and Iran announced it was stepping up uranium enrichment to unprecedented levels.

Israeli and White House officials on Tuesday held the second session of a bilateral strategic group aimed at collaborating in the effort to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

The teams, led by US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and his Israeli counterpart, Meir Ben-Shabbat, held the meeting virtually after a previous discussion in March.

A White House statement on the US-Israel Strategic Consultative Group meeting said the two sides had discussed "opportunities to promote stability and security in the face of shared regional threats and challenges."

"Sullivan reaffirmed the Biden-Harris administration's unwavering commitment to Israel's security and to ensuring that Iran will never obtain a nuclear weapon," the statement said. [I can only think of the meme that is going around now with the Indian chief who says "the government broke every agreement that had with us and now they are breaking that of the constitution with their people. – rdb]

Sullivan invited Ben-Shabbat to Washington in the coming weeks for follow-up talks, the statement said.

The meeting came as a flurry of escalations in Iran and at sea threaten to derail ongoing talks aimed at rescuing Iran's 2015 nuclear deal. The Biden administration opened indirect talks with Iran over the deal last week.

Iran's Natanz nuclear facility was https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-vows-to-prevent-a-nuclear-armed-iran-in-strategic-talks-with-israel/

AG: Security cabinet can't hold votes until permanent justice minister appointed

Amid tensions with Iran, Avichai Mandelblit's ruling hamstrings high-level panel that approves military operations; order also ties hands of coronavirus cabinet

By TOI staff Today, 9:10 pm

Amid an ongoing rift between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Benny Gantz, Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit issued a legal opinion Wednesday night saying the high-level security cabinet and coronavirus cabinet cannot hold votes until a full-time justice minister has been appointed.

Israel has been without a justice minister since early this month after Gantz's maximal 3-month term as acting justice minister expired. Netanyahu can't take the role since he is a criminal defendant, and has blocked attempts to approve another candidate.

Gantz has been demanding that he be tapped as full-time minister, with Netanyahu refusing, in yet another political spat to affect the country under the current power-sharing government.



According to Mandelblit, the lack of a permanent justice minister violates the laws passed by the government to ensure equal representation of Netanyahu and Gantz's respective blocs within the so-called national unity government.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (R) and Defense Minister Benny Gantz face away from each other during the swearing-in of the 24th Knesset (Knesset spokesperson's office) [This photo pretty well sums up the situation in Israel's government and what it has been for the past 2 years. NO ONE can agree on anything – rdb]

"As long as the members of the security cabinet do not comply with the provision of equality between the

number of ministers who are members of each of the blocs, it will not be able to exercise its powers by means of valid decisions," Mandelblit wrote to cabinet secretary Tzachi Braverman.

He did, however, state that the security cabinet, which decides on launching military operations, may convene in "urgent situations." The ruling comes amid soaring tensions between Israel and Iran.

Last week, Mandelblit warned Netanyahu and Gantz that the continued lack of a justice minister will have "far-reaching consequences from a public health point of view."

In the letter to the two leaders, Mandelblit said that starting April 21, thousands of detainees and prisoners will have to be physically brought to court for arrest and remand hearings, since video conferencing won't be allowed due to the lack of a minister. Since many detainees and prisoners aren't vaccinated against COVID-19, bringing them to court could pose a health risk.

Additionally, some aspects of the pandemic response will be harmed, Mandelblit warned.

His warning came after two separate petitions were filed last week with the High Court of Justice by good governance groups seeking to push the cabinet to nominate a justice minister or explain why it will not.

The lack of a justice minister has serious ramifications for the ability of the judicial system to function properly in some areas, including signing off on sentence reductions for inmates or extradition orders. It also affects the ability of the interim government to pass any new legislation, as government bills must first be okayed by the justice minister, who heads the Ministerial Committee for Legislation. This would even potentially affect urgent legislation regarding peace agreements and the battle against COVID-19.

Last month, Gantz castigated Netanyahu for blocking the appointment and said he had written to Mandelblit to ask whether the premier should be required to step down as prime minister over the decision.

The prime minister's move to leave Israel without a justice minister represented a "clear instance of conflict of interest," said Gantz, intimating that Netanyahu was interfering in the state legal establishment for personal reasons because he is on trial.

The first hearings in the evidentiary phase of Netanyahu's trial for alleged bribery, fraud and breach of trust were held last week. The thrice-weekly hearings are set to resume on Monday.

Netanyahu, the first Israeli premier to be indicted while in office, denies any wrongdoing and has railed against the courts, prosecution and media for what he terms a "witch hunt." He alleges the state prosecution, police, media and opposition are framing him in an attempted political coup.

Netanyahu cannot serve as justice minister himself due to the criminal charges against him, and last month the High Court of Justice ruled that he must abide by conflict of interest rules laid out by Mandelblit preventing him from appointing senior law enforcement and justice officials.

Under Mandelblit's arrangement, Netanyahu cannot be involved in any matters that affect witnesses or other defendants in his graft trial, or in legislation that would impact the legal proceedings against him.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/ag-security-cabinet-cant-hold-votes-until-permanent-justice-minister-appointed/ [In Israeli terms this is a real Belagan (total mess)- rdb

Netanyahu, Bennett finish 4th meeting in coalition talks

Bennett said the blocs in Israel are no longer Right and Left or for or against Netanyahu remaining in power. By <u>GIL HOFFMAN</u> APRIL 13, 2021 20:47

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Yamina leader Naftali Bennett met on Wednesday for the fourth time since President Reuven Rivlin granted Netanyahu the mandate to form a government.

Likud and Yamina coalition negotiating teams took part in the meeting at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem and also met separately from the leaders.

Netanyahu's goal is to reach agreements with Yamina, Shas and United Torah Judaism and then pressure Religious Zionist Party head Bezalel Smotrich, who continues to refuse to sit in a government backed by Ra'am (the United Arab List).

Netanyahu's mandate ends on May 4. If he does not form a government by then, Rivlin is expected to give a mandate to Bennett to build a coalition with Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid, who returned from the US on Tuesday.

https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/politics-and-diplomacy/netanyahu-bennett-finish-4th-meeting-in-coalition-talks-665009 [Looks like something is about to hatch in this deal. – rdb]

Walla owner told CEO: 'Give Sara everything, Netanyahu's killing himself for me'
Former chief of news site recalls Elovitch telling him PM was going 'above and beyond' to help the company and 'we have to find a way to repay him'

By TOI staff Today, 1:05 pm

The former CEO of the Walla news site on Tuesday continued his key testimony in one of the cases against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying that he was told to pander to the premier's wife because the company was receiving help with regulatory benefits.

At the Jerusalem District Court, the prosecution presented a message from Walla owner Shaul



Elovitch to ex-CEO llan Yeshua, which showed the extent of the influence on the editorial process.

"Give the lady everything, he is killing himself for me," the message from Elovitch read.

Yeshua told the court that the "lady" referred to in the message was Sara Netanyahu and that "he" was the prime minister.

Former Walla CEO Ilan Yeshua at the Jerusalem District Court for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's corruption trial, April 13, 2021. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

"He was helping Shaul [Elovitch] with things important to him in terms of regulatory benefits," Yeshua said.

In the case, Netanyahu is alleged to have used his powers when he served as both premier and communications minister from 2014 to 2017 to illicitly and immensely lucratively advance the business interests of telecommunications magnate Elovitch, the controlling shareholder of Bezeq, in exchange for positive coverage of the prime minister and his family by Walla.

In a separate exchange with Elovitch, Yeshua said his wife had noticed an article about the prime minister's wife on the website.

"My wife said, 'I see you worked today. I see a beautiful article about Sara.' For that I went to work today. In the end we are a friendly organization," Yeshua wrote to Elovitch.

On another occasion, Elovitch passed on a message to Yeshua from Netanyahu aide Ze'ev Rubinstein, who said that Sara was unhappy about the site.

"She is angry, grumbling, something must be done, Shaul [Elovitch], every article or news must go through Ilan [Yeshua]. Must wait if there are negative things about her husband. Taking care of what I asked for now is very important," Rubinstein told Elovitch.

Yeshua said that the Netanyahus' son Yair also played a role by showing his mother stories to anger her.

MORE - https://www.timesofisrael.com/walla-owner-told-ceo-give-sara-everything-netanyahus-killing-himself-for-me/ [Sounds like a bad case of 'over indulgence of the family' in a public officer. – rdb]

Sudan due to send first delegation to Israel next week, sources say

Khartoum said to be preparing to send its first-ever diplomatic delegation to Israel, comprised of security and intelligence officials, as both nations move to solidify last year's normalization deal

Reuters | Published: 04.13.21, 23:01

Sudan provisionally plans to send a first official delegation to Israel next week to firm up bilateral ties that were established last year under U.S. mediation, two sources said on Tuesday.

One of the sources, who could not be identified by name or nationality, said the Sudanese delegation would comprise security and intelligence officials. The specific date for next week's visit had yet to be finalized, the source added.

Sudanese and Israeli government spokesmen had no immediate comment on the arrival of the delegation.

Israel has previously sent a delegation to Sudan headed by Intelligence Minister Eli Cohen that also featured representatives from the country's National Security Council.

The delegation discussed a variety of issues, including regional security and stability in addition to potential economic cooperation between the two countries with an emphasis on water resources, agriculture, renewable energy, health and aviation.

Sudan joined the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco in agreeing to move toward normal relations with Israel in the 2020 Abraham Accords deals brokered by the Trump administration. The Biden administration has pledged to pursue such outreach.

The normalization is seen in Sudan as an initiative led by the military which has welcomed visits by Israeli officials in recent months. In a related measure, the Khartoum cabinet voted last week to repeal a 1958 law that forbade diplomatic and business relations with Israel. https://www.ynetnews.com/article/S1mHWLmIu

6 injured, 5 arrested as hundreds riot in East Jerusalem after Ramadan prayer

Police says crowd of Muslim worshipers hurled rocks, glass bottles and firecrackers at officers and buses near Damascus Gate, injuring a cop and 5 civilians

By TOI staff Today, 9:48 am



People walk under lights decorating the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City on April 19, 2020, as Muslims around the world prepare for the holy Muslim month of Ramadan amid the coronavirus pandemic. (Ahmad Gharabli/AFP)

Five people were arrested Tuesday night as hundreds rioted in East Jerusalem after returning from prayers on the first night of Ramadan, police said Wednesday.

Muslim worshipers gathered near the Old City's Damascus Gate and clashed with cops stationed there, according to police.

Some hurled rocks at passing buses, causing minor injuries

to two drivers and three passengers who required medical attention.

Additionally, rocks, glass bottles and firecrackers were thrown at police officers, mildly injuring one of them.

Police said forces dispersed the crowd using riot control means, adding that the clashes occurred shortly before worshipers were required to end their *taraweeh* Ramadan prayers and leave the area.

Five suspects have been arrested.

The month of Ramadan normally sees increased tensions around Jerusalem's Old City, which houses the flashpoint Temple Mount site, holy to both Jews and Muslims.

Israel's military liaison to the Palestinians, COGAT, said Tuesday that up to 10,000 vaccinated Palestinians will be allowed to pray Friday at the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount to mark the first Friday of Ramadan. MORE - https://www.timesofisrael.com/6-injured-5-arrested-as-hundreds-riot-in-east-jerusalem-after-ramadan-prayer/

Ahead of Palestinian elections, West Bank homes of 2 candidates hit by gunfire

Separately, Israel arrests Hamas candidate for parliament, angering terror group By <u>Aaron Boxerman</u> Today, 7:39 pm

Tensions in the West Bank city of Hebron have risen over the past two days, with the homes of two local politicians sprayed with bullets ahead of the Palestinian legislative elections in May.

Armed gunmen allegedly opened fire on the home and office of parliamentary candidate Hatem Shaheen early on Monday morning. Shaheen, a lawyer, is currently running on a list sponsored by former Fatah security chief Mohammad Dahlan.

Dahlan is a bitter rival of the current leadership in Ramallah, including Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. He was exiled to the United Arab Emirates in 2013, but has hinted that he may use the Palestinian vote to launch a comeback in the West Bank.

"Around 2:30 before dawn, we awoke to the sound of heavy shooting towards our home. We rushed to see what was happening, and saw a white car fleeing the scene," Shaheen told reporters outside his home in Hebron.

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Following the incident, Dahlan's supporters accused the Palestinian leadership, including Abbas, of creating an "unfree" environment for elections.

Another shooting incident took place early Tuesday morning, when gunmen allegedly fired at the house of Hebron Fatah party chairman Emad Kharwat.

Kharwat appeared to blame Dahlan's faction for the gunfire, telling Palestinian media: "We know well that Dahlan, and his people, and his supporters are wreaking havoc. We will not allow anyone to cause chaos in my city of Hebron."

Hebron mayor Tayseer Abu Sneineh described the Hebron shootings as reflecting "a security vacuum and the chaos of the spread of weaponry in our homeland generally, and in Hebron in particular."

"This shooting was an attempt to create internal discord on the eve of the elections," Abu Sneineh, a Fatah member, wrote in a signed statement.

Palestinian security officials told The Times of Israel they could not confirm whether the two incidents were related. Separately, Israeli forces arrested Hamas parliamentary candidate Najih Asi early on Tuesday morning. According to the terror group, Asi is the director of Hamas's parliamentary campaign in the West Bank.

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Hamas has charged numerous times in recent weeks that Israel has called senior Hamas officials for interrogation and issued stern warnings not to participate in the upcoming elections.

"Clearly, Israel is concerned about the ongoing elections, which it knows will end the Palestinian state of division," a spokesperson for Hamas's slate of candidates, "Jerusalem Our Destination," told reporters at a press conference in Ramallah.

The Shin Bet security service declined to comment on the allegations on the record. A security official told The Times of Israel that such claims "have no connection to reality," without elaborating.

"[Asi] was arrested for involvement in recent terrorist activity. There is no connection between his arrest and his political activities," the security official said. **MORE** -https://www.timesofisrael.com/ahead-of-palestinian-vote-west-bank-homes-of-2-candidates-hit-by-gunfire/

Senior Iran official confirms 'thousands of centrifuges damaged and destroyed'

Admission of scale of damage at Natanz casts doubts on Tehran's ability to ramp up uranium enrichment to 60%, as threatened; Israeli report says whole plant still out of commission

By TOI staff and Agencies 14 April 2021, 1:15 am

A senior Iranian official confirmed Tuesday that the blast at the Natanz nuclear facility, which Tehran blames on Israel, destroyed or damaged thousands of centrifuges used to enrich uranium.

Alireza Zakani, the hard-line head of the Iranian parliament's research center, referred to "several thousand centrifuges damaged and destroyed" in a state TV interview. However, no other official has offered that figure and no images of the aftermath have been released.

His comments came as Iran said it was stepping up uranium enrichment to an <u>unprecedented 60%</u> — bringing Iran closer to the 90% purity threshold for military use, and shortening its potential "breakout time" to the bomb — and installing new centrifuges in response to the Sunday attack.

The remarks appear to confirm Israeli reports indicating the damage was widespread and Iran will have significant difficulty restoring its enrichment to previous levels in the coming months.

An Israeli TV report on Tuesday night said that Iran will only be able to enrich very small quantities of uranium to 60% since Natanz is still out of commission following the Sunday attack.

Channel 13 analyst Alon Ben David said that despite Iranian officials' vow to start preparing Wednesday to begin the higher enrichment process, they cannot do it at Natanz, since the 6,000 centrifuges there remain "out of action."

There are 1,000 centrifuges at Iran's Fordo nuclear facility that can enrich to 60% in very small quantities, the Israeli analyst said, describing the Iranian threat of higher enrichment, therefore, as unlikely to be significant. **MORE** - https://www.timesofisrael.com/senior-iran-official-confirms-thousands-of-centrifuges-damaged-and-destroyed/

Jen Psaki bizarrely stereotypes white conservatives, gets brutally mocked in response

By Kipp Jones, The Western Journal Published April 13, 2021 at 8:18pm

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said something so brazenly racist when speaking of white, red-state Americans during her Monday media briefing that she should have been fired immediately.

That of course won't happen. Nonwhite and white leftists alike are free to say whatever they'd like about the deplorable white Americans who they hold in such contempt. But the current administration's contempt for rural Americans is apparently unparalleled.

When explaining the federal government's efforts to vaccinate people so they can go on being told they still have to wear two masks, Psaki went low. She actually said the White House hopes to convince rural, red-state Americans to accept the government's COVID vaccines and has resorted to racial stereotyping in a particularly elitist fashion to spread the message.

Psaki implied that people in states such as Mississippi, Ohio and Oklahoma can only be reached

through targeted ads on television — and during events such as NASCAR races and TV programs about deep-sea fishing.

"The New York Times, last week, came out with a story that Mississippi was having a hard time getting folks vaccinated," Psaki was told by a reporter, according to an official White House transcript. "But it's not just Mississippi; it's a bunch of other rural states — Ohio, Oklahoma. They're at 34 percent vaccination rate." "Has the White House been in touch with these governors to see what they can do now?" Psaki was asked. "Because, of course, this impacts herd immunity and the goals of the White House just to get these shots in arms."

Psaki's answer was a doozy. No circling back was necessary, as she was armed and ready to generalize millions of people as racing fans in cowboy hats. In what would become a racist screed, Psaki announced steps to reach "local messengers" and others to pass along how safe vaccines are.

.<u>@PressSec</u> on White House efforts to strengthen vaccine confidence in "white conservative communities":

"We've run PSAs on the Deadliest Catch, we're engaged with NASCAR and Country Music TV" pic.twitter.com/yX51FkuSOH

— Daily Caller (@DailyCaller) April 12, 2021

"We're also investing \$3 billion to states and community-based organizations to strengthen vaccine confidence in the highest-risk and hardest-hit communities," she said. "And often, people think of that as just black and brown communities, and that is not. As you've noted, that is also conservative communities, white evangelicals. It's a range of communities around the country."

Psaki then showed the world in a few despicable sentences how she views those who live far away from the overrated coasts and their mask-polluted beaches.

"We've also had a number of our members of our COVID team, from Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins — participate, as an example, participate in a range of media interviews," she said. "You know, an example is Dr. Collins participated in 'The 700 Club.' Dr. Nunez-Smith hosted a faith leaders roundtable. We're also looking for — we've run PSAs on the 'Deadliest Catch.' We're engaged with NASCAR and Country Music TV."

What?

Establishment media darling Dr. <u>Anthony Fauci</u> is going to convince white Christians to vax up with an ad blitz during a show about fishing? These ideologues in Washington intend to reach us deplorable Christians by catching us between country music videos and NASCAR races?

This writer has proudly lived for decades in Oklahoma. Fans of "Deadliest Catch" aren't holding watch parties in churches and country music died when we lost Merle.

What an incredibly derogatory thing to say. Now, imagine the question and answer from Monday's briefing were directed at black Americans. Imagine this statement from Psaki: "We're also looking for — we've run PSAs on 'Blackish.' We're engaged with the NBA and BET."

Psaki would rightly be out of a job, as she should be now.

Twitter users shredded the inept press secretary over her comments stereotyping white conservatives and Christians: **MORE** -https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/jen-psaki-bizarrely-stereotypes-white-conservatives-gets-brutally-mocked-response/

Shocking state plan opens door for 'doxxing' of voters

'This is a dangerous and reckless bill'

By <u>Bob Unruh</u> Published April 13, 2021 at 7:16pm

A California bill would make the millions of citizens who have engaged in the democratic process of signing a petition to recall Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom vulnerable to retaliation, according to a state lawmaker.

Republican Assemblyman Kevin Kiley explained the bill would "expose the name and address of everyone who signs a Recall petition."

It's called "doxxing," and in the internet age it means releasing the private information of opponents.

The plan already has been approved by the Senate Elections Committee.

<u>The Associated Press reported</u> it would allow politicians facing removal "to see the names of people who sign the petitions to oust them."

Critics say that while the names are not supposed to be used for inappropriate activities, such as intimidation, the law "would discourage people from signing future petitions for fear of retaliation."

Orrin Heatlie, an organizer of the Newsom recall, warned: "This is a dangerous and reckless bill. It would stifle the process."

The proposal comes from Democratic state Sen. Josh Newman, who once was recalled and eventually reelected. He claims it would allow politicians to make sure voters "weren't duped" into signing the petitions. His plan is to let politicians explain to voters how to withdraw their signatures.

The AP said: "California is one of 19 states that allow citizens to recall politicians, which means they are removed from office before their terms are up. In California, recalls can be used to remove governors and other statewide elected officials, state lawmakers and local elected officials. The pending recall against Newsom, which has not yet qualified for the ballot, is likely to be the second gubernatorial recall election in state history."

Currently, the names of Californians who sign recall petitions can be seen only by signature collectors, election officials and state lawyers.

Newman's plan allows the target of the recall to have access to the name of every signer.

The targets then would be allowed "to determine whether signers understood the petition and want their names removed."

<u>Victoria Taft of PJ,Media said</u> the bill would leave signers "vulnerable to the partisan wolves."

<u>https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/shocking-state-plan-opens-door-doxxing-voters/</u> [Anyone who signs on to that bill needs to be doxed with the private address phone number email and that of their mistresses as well. The state of CA has trash for legislators. From these last two articles you can see just what the elitists around the country think of people who are the workers and backbone of this country and those who are people of faith. They despise those who are the core of America – rdb]

Hidden video: Network exec brags, 'We got Trump out'

'I wanted to be a part of that'

By <u>Bob Unruh</u> Published April 13, 2021 at 2:06pm

A CNN executive has been caught on video confessing that the network aired "propaganda" during President Trump's term in office to convince voters to oppose him and bragging that he and his colleagues succeeded.

The hidden-camera expose of CNN Technical Director Charlie Chester was <u>published Tuesday by James</u> O'Keefe's Project Veritas.

"Look what we did, [CNN] got Trump out," Chester said. "I am 100% going to say it, and I 100% believe that if it wasn't for CNN, I don't know that Trump would have got voted out ... I came to CNN because I wanted to be a part of that." [Actually it wasn't that it was the crooked conniving demon-rat party with their fake votes that got him out. – rdb]

Chester boasted of bringing in "medical people to tell a story that was all speculation" about Trump's health – "that he was neurologically damaged, and he was losing it."

O'Keefe said: "We were creating a story there that we didn't know anything about. That's what -- I think that's propaganda."

CNN's coverage was entirely the opposite for the noticeably aging Democratic candidate Joe Biden, who repeatedly has flubbed speech lines, forgotten names, forgotten institutions such as the Defense Department and mixed up the names of his grandchildren.

For him, Chester said, "We would always show shots of him jogging and that [he's] healthy, you know, and him in aviator shades. Like you paint him as a young geriatric."

The next agenda item for CNN, he said, is global warming.

"They've already announced in our office that once the public is -- will be open to it -- we're going to start focusing mainly on climate," he said. "It's going to be our [CNN's] focus. Like our focus was to get Trump out of office, right? Without saying it, that's what it was, right? So, our next thing is going to be for climate change awareness."

See the Project Veritas video:

Chester admitted "that his network engaged in propaganda to benefit Biden's candidacy during the 2020 election to the detriment of then-President Trump."

He said "COVID-19 media coverage" should be coming to an end soon and the network will focus on "climate." What will that be like?

Chester replied: "I don't know. I'm not sure. I have a feeling that it's going to be like, constantly showing videos of decline in ice, and weather warming up, and like the effects it's having on the economy."

After the pandemic gets "beat to death," he said, climate change "can take years, so [CNN will] probably be able to milk that quite a bit."

What will the message be?

Fear, Chester said.

"Fear sells," he explained. https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/hidden-video-network-exec-brags-got-trump/ [Does this clarify it a bit that there is a coordinated concerted program of deceitful lies to control the narrative and the public in order for the one world globalist group to accomplish their agenda?? – rdb]

BLM co-founder's firm goes offline as her multimillion-dollar real-estate buying spree exposed 'We are trained Marxists'



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Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors (Video screenshot)

- The website for a consulting firm owned and operated by Black Lives Matter Global Network co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors went offline during the weekend.
- The firm's website stated Khan-Cullors and her spouse "specialize in strategic planning, media and narrative building and intervention and culture shift work within organizations and institutions."
- Khan-Cullors, a self-described "trained Marxist," purchased a \$1.4 million home in a majority-white Los Angeles neighborhood on March 30 through a corporate entity under her control, according to a celebrity real estate news site.
- It's unclear if Khan-Cullors consulting firm, Janaya and Patrisse Consulting, LLC, was involved with the purchase of the home.
- Khan-Cullors has purchased four homes across the U.S. for a total of \$3.2 million since 2016, according to the New York Post.

The website for a consulting firm owned and operated by Black Lives Matter Global Network co-founder and executive director Patrisse Khan-Cullors went offline recently amid reports that she's in the midst of a multimillion-dollar real estate buying spree.

The firm, Janaya and Patrisse Consulting, LLC, is named after Khan-Cullors and her spouse, Janaya Khan. The firm stated on its website, which the Daily Caller News Foundation reviewed on Friday, that it specialized in "Transforming Organizations One Strategic Planning Session at a Time."

Khan-Cullors, a self-described "trained Marxist," has <u>purchased</u> four homes across the U.S. since 2016 for a total of \$3.2 million, according to the New York Post. Her latest acquirement came on March 30 with the purchase of a \$1.4 million home in the Topanga Canyon neighborhood in Los Angeles through a corporate entity under her control, according to a <u>celebrity real estate</u> news site. MORE - https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/blm-co-founders-firm-goes-offline-multimillion-dollar-real-estate-buying-spree-exposed/ [Crooked as a dog's hind leg. Someone needs to audit that firm and find out how much money was obtained from Soros funded groups. – rdb]

'Throw away your masks and burn your vaccine passport': Rand Paul

'It's absolutely unconstitutional – not to mention, it's absurd'

By WND News Services Published April 13, 2021 at 5:54pm

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, a practicing physician, is urging Americans to throw away their face masks and burn vaccine passports.

"The left has gone completely COVID crazy," the Kentucky Republican says in a new fundraising pitch.

"They want government-enforced shutdowns, mask mandates, school closures, forced vaccines, and now they're talking about a COVID vaccine passport. It's absolutely unconstitutional – not to mention, it's absurd."

The ophthalmologist wrote:

Throughout the COVID crisis, these radicals have embraced theatrics, abandoned science, and the longer it goes on, the more they double down.

The newest power grab comes in the form of an alleged "Vaccine Passport" which would determine whether or not you're "ALLOWED" to engage in your everyday life.

Want to go to the store? Show your vaccine card.

Want to go to a restaurant or concert? Did you tell the government what vaccines you've had?

Want to travel? VACCINE PAPERS PLEASE.

This is the slippery slope I warned about and it's exactly what I'm fighting to defeat in Washington. ...

... this passport idea from these hypocrites in Washington is just completely unacceptable.

Let's not forget: these are the same people who are boycotting states like Georgia for implementing commonsense policies like voter ID.

Let me tell you something ... if you think voter ID is racist, but the vaccine passport is just fine, you need some serious help thinking through public policy.

I will never be in favor of this COVID hysteria and I will never support a COVID passport.

It's time to say enough is enough.

I urge everyone to get the vaccine if you need or want it. And then I urge everyone in America to throw away their masks, demand their schools be open, and burn your vaccine passport if they try to give it to you.

Last month, as WND reported, Paul blasted presidential COVID adviser Dr. Anthony Fauci, asking him what scientific studies he could cite that indicated people who have had the infection or a vaccine will spread the coronavirus.

"If we're not spreading the infection, isn't it just theater? You've had the vaccine and you wearing two masks, isn't that just theater?" the senator asked.

"No. Here we go again with the theater. Let's get down to the facts," Fauci responded.

Paul also portrayed Fauci as a wannabe philosopher who spins "noble lies."

He told Fox News' Laura Ingraham: "You have to remember that his lies are noble lies, Laura. He's not telling you this because he's a mean man."

"He's telling you this because he feels sorry for you because you don't understand, and Americans aren't smart enough to make an informed decision. So, he fashions himself some sort of Greek philosopher. He tells you these noble lies." https://www.wnd.com/2021/04/throw-away-masks-burn-vaccine-passport-rand-paul/ [Ameyn Brother! Fauci is a media hog and is making a bundle on the side from all this trash with his relations with Gates and others for keeping the vaccine thrust going and all the other hype to sell the idea of control and he is the only savior with his vaccine which is literally poison. – rdb]

Mike Lindell Will Launch "MyStore" And Plans To Make It Rival "Amazon"

by Anthony T 18 hours ago12 hours ago

CEO of MyPillow Mike Lindell has just announced some big news.

In an interview with Steve Bannon, Mike Lindell announced that he will be launching a patriotic rival to Amazon called MyStore.

Lindell stated that "MyStore" will be an online marketplace for entrepreneurs who will be able to sell a wide range of products.

That's not the only thing Lindell has been up to, he also has his new social media platform "Frank" coming out soon too!

BREAKING REPORT: MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell announces he launching 'MY STORE" a Patriotic Rival to AMAZON..

— Chuck Callesto (@ChuckCallesto) April 13, 2021

Mike Lindell states that he is creating MyStore as a competitor to Amazon. pic.twitter.com/2mWERqPnim

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Commentary:

Nation of Lawyers, Not Laws

By Lex Greene/April 13th, 2021

On April 8, 2021 in a speech pertaining to his maniacal "gun grab" agenda, pseudo-president Joe Biden plainly proclaimed that "<u>no amendment to the Constitution is absolute</u>," meaning, that nothing in the Constitution or Bill of Rights is absolute, all of it, subject to change via the whims of Executive Orders.

Not only does Joe Biden think he has the power to make laws by the stroke of his pen, but he also believes he is not restrained in any way by the text of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. He believes he can amend or overrule the Constitution itself, by mere Executive Order. These are the ramblings of a tyrannical madman who sees himself as a God, a totally unbridled dictator!

Biden is a lawyer, and like most modern lawyers, he believes not in a nation of laws as created by the sole lawmaking branch of government, the legislature...but rather in the unconstitutional lawmaking authority of lawyers, by way of Court opinions and Executive Orders. They believe that the Constitution creates an Executive dictatorship, or an unelected oligarchy of rulers from the bench, or a convenient combination of the two.

Since seizing federal power on January 20, 2021, the pseudo-Biden administration has issued and signed at least <u>38</u> new Executive Orders, all of them treated as if they are "laws." For any Oval Office occupant to be able to create laws by the mere stroke of their pen, they would have to be a dictator, a one-man lawmaker, and we would have to be living in a pure dictatorship, not a Constitutional Republic.

But contrary to modern unconstitutional indoctrinations, Executive Orders are NOT law, even though today's legal profession may insist that they are. This is the fundamental undermining of Constitutional Law via British Common Law tactics, which Jefferson warned of, not long after the adoption of the U.S. Constitution in 1787.

"Our Constitution . . . intending to establish three departments, co-ordinate and independent that they might check and balance one another, it has given—according to this opinion to one of them alone the right to prescribe rules for the government of others; and to that one, too, which is unelected by and independent of the nation. . . . The Constitution, on this hypothesis, is a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judiciary, which they may twist and shape into any form they please." (Jefferson letter to Judge Spencer Roane, Sept. 6, 1819)

The lawyer lies and the courts swear to it... and this is exactly how the most fraudulent election in U.S. history is still allowed to stand as of today, as even the U.S. Supreme Court refused to allow any evidence of fraud to be presented in its chambers.

Meanwhile, a growing number of State Supreme Courts are hearing the evidence and ruling that the 2020 elections were "unlawful and unconstitutional" within their own states. If the election processes were unlawful and unconstitutional, then so are the results of that election, hence, the use of the term "pseudo-president."

Righting the wrongs in the 2020 election is critical to the survival of the U.S. Constitutional Republic. No one should have any doubts about that at this point. But just as critical, is preventing the use of Executive Orders that are also unlawful and unconstitutional.

SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED is very plain language. It's intentionally extremely broad in nature and it's not listed as a Right of the people, but rather a prohibition of government, to ever institute any laws which infringe in any manner, upon the natural Rights of the people to keep and bear arms. The language is broad, because this Right is equally broad.

To "<u>infringe</u>" is to "act so as to limit or undermine (something); encroach on." In this case, it's the natural Right of all American citizens to "keep" (possess) and "bear" (carry) firearms, as protected by the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution, by which, all other natural Rights are protected.

Any law, policy, order, or rule which "acts so as to limit, undermine or encroach" upon this God-given natural Right, is a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. By definition, it's "unconstitutional."

That which is unconstitutional on its face, is unlawful and carries with it, no force of law whatsoever. This is the fundamental difference between a Constitutional Republic and a tyrannical dictatorship.

Jefferson was right in the early 1800s when he could already see the dangers of the Article III judicial branch, to ever expand the power of itself and the Executive branch by fiat, until we were no longer a nation of laws, but a mere nation of lawyers working around the clock to undermine and subvert the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

"The judiciary of the United States is the subtle corps of sappers and miners constantly working under ground to undermine the foundations of our confederated fabric. They are construing our constitution from a co-ordination of a general and special government to a general and supreme one alone. This will lay all things at their feet, and they are too well versed in English law to forget the maxim, 'boni judicis est ampliare jurisdictionem' [good judges have ample jurisdiction]. . . . A judiciary independent of a king or executive alone, is a good thing; but independence of the will of the nation is a solecism, at least in a republican government." (Jefferson letter to Thomas Ritchie, Dec. 25, 1820)

Fortunately, the Founding documents of the United States of America were not written in legalese or even old English, requiring a lawyer to properly interpret and explain their contents. They were all purposefully written in plain modern English, so that every citizen with a 3rd grade reading comprehension level could properly interpret the documents

on their own.

This is also why the USA never was and was never intended to be a "democracy," but rather a Constitutional Republic instead. A democracy can use the will of the majority to run roughshod over the minority, 50.1 over 49.9... But a Constitutional Republic prevents the will of any majority from running roughshod over any minority, so long as the Constitution remains the Supreme Law of the Land.

And this, is why no President can be allowed to rule from on high by mere stroke of the pen, like some tin-horn dictator in a 3rd world commune. It's also why only the constitutionally empowered legislative branch has any lawmaking authority at all.

Mass non-compliance of unlawful and unconstitutional mandates, of any form or any subject, is the first line and means of defense. American citizens have no legal, moral, or ethical obligation to follow or live under any unlawful or unconstitutional acts of government, and when they stand up together, there is nothing more powerful.

However, our silence is recorded as our consent... and that's how we got here. Be silent no more...consent no more...stand together, not alone, and reclaim our Right as the true power of a self-governed people under the Supreme Law of this land, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. https://newswithviews.com/nation-of-lawyers-not-laws/

And...

Why the Left Ignores the Killing of a Pakistani Immigrant Uber Driver

Dennis Prager Posted: Apr 13, 2021 12:01 AM

On March 23, Mohammad Anwar of Springfield, Virginia, a 66-year-old immigrant from Pakistan earning his living as an Uber Eats driver, was killed by two girls, ages 13 and 15. They carjacked Anwar, Tasered him and then, as he held on to the car (the source of his livelihood) in an attempt to stop them from stealing it, floored the gas pedal and crashed the car, killing him when he was thrown from the vehicle.

As reported the next day in The Washington Post:

"Anwar tried to force his way back into the car by climbing on top of the teen in the driver's seat, (Detective Chad Leo of the Washington, D.C., police homicide unit) said. Before he could get all the way in, though, the 13-year-old reached over from the passenger seat, turned on the ignition and 'manipulated' the gear shift, Leo said. With Anwar 'hanging outside the car' through the open driver's door, Leo said, the vehicle lurched forward and accelerated down the block, made a sharp right turn, struck a curb and overturned, landing passenger side up. Anwar was ejected and suffered broken bones and injury to his head."

After the unharmed girls climbed out and joined the onlookers milling around the car, one of them could be heard yelling, "My phone is in there!" (The Washington Post, March 31) and, "He has my phone!" (CBS News, March 30). I found no mainstream media that identified the girls as black.

In The Washington Post report cited above, there was no mention of the girls' race, just, "Two girls ages 13 and 15 have been charged with felony murder."

CNN's report on March 27 made no mention of race: "Two teenage girls have been charged in the carjacking death of an Uber Eats driver ... The girls, 13 and 15, assaulted Anwar with a Taser while carjacking him ... The younger girl is from the southeast section of DC, the older from Fort Washington, Maryland, police said."

In a March 31 Washington Post editorial on the subject, there was no mention of the girls' race.

The New York Times never even reported the incident.

Why is this significant? Because white perpetrators of violence are always identified as such. When a white man engages in a mass killing, the first thing we learn, and are told over and over, is that he is white. If a white policeman kills a black man, no matter how justified (as in Ferguson, Missouri) or morally ambiguous (as in most other cases), we are reminded in every news story that the officer was white. In the very first New York Times report on the Atlanta massage parlor killings, the Times reported, "The suspect in custody is white."

The mainstream media have a mission that has nothing to do with reporting truth. Along with the Democratic Party and the rest of the left, their mission is to portray America -- that is, its white population -- as racist. Reporting that nonwhites have perpetrated violence -- particularly against nonwhites -- undermines that narrative, and these inconvenient facts are therefore consciously omitted. Or worse: The implication placed in people's minds is that whites are the perpetrators.

This was my point in a previous column when I wrote: "Another New York Times article (about anti-Asian-American violence), under the headline 'A Tense Lunar New Year for the Bay Area After Attacks on Asian-Americans,' opens with this: 'The videos are graphic and shocking. In January, a local television station showed footage of a young man sprinting toward, then violently shoving to the ground, a man identified as Vicha Ratanapakdee, 84, who had been out for a

morning walk in the Anza Vista neighborhood of San Francisco. He later died.' The Times piece never reveals the name or race of the perpetrator: Antoine Watson, a 19-year-old black man."

Why? Because the Times wanted its readers to believe that Ratanapakdee, the elderly Asian American, was murdered by a white.

Truth, it is necessary to say again and again, is a liberal value and a conservative value, but it has never been a left-wing value.

Here is another example from just the past two weeks:

Last week, anti-black and anti-Semitic graffiti were discovered at Albion College, a school about 100 miles to the west of Detroit. As is usually the case with such incidents, police soon discovered that the culprit was not a white racist but a black person seeking to inflame anti-white hatred. Yet, here was how the Detroit Free Press headlined the discovery: "Albion Student Suspended Over Racist Graffiti."

Nowhere in the article did the Detroit Free Press note that the suspended student was black.

America is drowning in left-wing lies. And it is being asphyxiated by the left's substitution of "social justice" for justice. The two girls, who committed a very adult crime, will not be charged as adults, will likely not be imprisoned and very possibly will not even be punished. And the Albion student -- whose name has not been released -- most likely won't be punished either. https://townhall.com/columnists/dennisprager/2021/04/13/why-the-left-ignores-the-killing-of-a-pakistani-immigrant-uber-driver-n2587820

And then...

China: Compromising U.S. Elected Officials

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Mitch McConnell and his wife, Elaine Chao, have operated for decades at the highest levels of American government. As the Senate Republican leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky has long been a part of the power elite. His wife has been a member of the cabinets of two Republican presidents: secretary of labor in the George W. Bush administration and, most recently, as transportation secretary under President Donald Trump.

In the past dozen years, McConnell's and Chao's wealth has grown dramatically. In 2004, the couple was worth an average of \$3.1 million, according to their required financial disclosures. Ten years later, they had a net worth of between \$9.2 million and \$36.5 million. The key to that growth was a 2008 gift from Chao's father, James, who immigrated from China to continue his education in 1958, then brought his wife and three young daughters, including Elaine, to join him in 1961.

The Chao family's fortune comes from their ownership of the Foremost Group, a shipping firm founded in 1964 and still run by her father and her youngest sister, Christine. "Shipping is our family tradition," Elaine Chao said <u>in a speech</u> at National Taiwan Ocean University in 2016.

The source of this money is China. The Foremost Group operates bulk shipping vessels built in China and which primarily operate under the watchful eye of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and through contracts with it. The Chaos operate through agreements with the CCP and their business depends on these agreements to thrive.

The book *Secret Empires*, published in 2018, devoted an entire chapter to the McConnell/Chao family and their personal wealth through these connections. Yet, most of the press attention the book received was focused on the Chinese business dealings of Hunter Biden that happened while his father Joe served as Vice President and as President Barack Obama's "point man" on foreign policy with China. In a recent television appearance, Maria Bartiromo of Fox News asked some of the first questions I have ever gotten about the McConnell-Chao financial connections with China.

Recently, the Inspector General of the transportation department released a report commissioned by Democrats on the House Transportation Committee that investigated aspects of Chao's leadership. The <u>report</u> found there was no evidence she had used her position unethically to advance her family's shipping interests in China, or to intervene on behalf of Kentucky interests as secretary of the department. But this approach looks at the problem *backwards*. It is not that Chao misused her position to benefit her family's interests, but that the Chinese government has such powerful control over the personal financial interests of a senior senator and a cabinet secretary.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, (D-OR) and chairman of the House transportation committee, reacted to the report by saying public officials "must know that they serve the public and not their family's private commercial <u>interests</u>." He is correct only when there is evidence of corruption by a public official. But in this case, the real corruption threat is posed by the communist government of China, not the actions of the public officials whose fortunes they have so much control over.

When Hunter Biden was making deals in China and Ukraine while his father was Vice President, he had nothing to offer besides selling influence. At least in the case of Elaine Chao, her family's business is real and legitimate, and was well established long before she got into public life.

Yet the question remains: What leverage does this give China over policy choices and decisions made in the U.S?

None of the information about the Chinese government connections to the Foremost Group have been hidden away -- it is available to any reporter who peruses the required personal financial disclosure forms that Senators and cabinet officers must file every year. What is puzzling to me is why so few people were interested before.

China is certainly not the only foreign government that has made American politicians wealthy, either directly or indirectly. Given the size of their economy and the wealth of commercial ties between U.S. business and China, however, they do it bigger and more broadly than anyone else. This beneficence, I believe, poses potentially serious questions about China's influence, China's access to American policy makers, and China's activities in the halls of power. Further, it shows the toothlessness of American ethics watchdogs that these issues have not been more thoroughly reviewed and challenged previously.

The financial relationship between the McConnell-Chao family and the Chinese government has since only deepened. In 2017, as Elaine Chao joined the Trump administration, the Chinese government signed several new agreements with the Chao family. The Foremost Group signed contracts with a subsidiary of the state-owned China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) to build four bulk cargo ships in July and September 2017. In December 2017, Chao's company signed another contract with state-owned CSSC at Foremost's New York office for another two massive 210,000-ton ships.. The signing ceremony included her father and two of Elaine's sisters, as well as the Consul General of China and representatives from the CSSC.

The terms of this deal were not disclosed, but similar CSSC deals with other companies have recently cost about \$47 million per vessel, which would place the total value of the deals Foremost has with the Chinese at nearly half a billion dollars. Under current disclosure laws, which do not apply to adult relatives, neither then-Secretary Chao nor Senator McConnell was required to report her family's dealings with a major foreign military contractor.

James Chao also visited China in 2017 to promote his Chinese language memoir. The event was sponsored by Xinhua, a Chinese state-owned media outlet, and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), a branch of the CCP known to be active in foreign influence operations. Sponsors praised James Chao as a great promoter of China abroad, referring to him as "vanguard of China-US exchanges."

These closer Chinese financial ties benefitting one of America's most powerful political families happened during an aggressive push by Beijing for infrastructure deals around the globe. These deals are part of the strategic "One Belt, One Road" (OBOR) initiative, a massive plan to expand China's influence across Asia and Africa. US analysts view OBOR as both an economic and military challenge to the United States, using the pretext of commercial port facilities to extend the reach of the Chinese Navy. One detailed study called it a "state-sponsored effort to bolster Chinese political influence and extend its military reach from Indonesia to East Africa."

The Chao family, though, describes One Belt, One Road in much more benign terms. In a March 2017 statement, Angela Chao, Elaine's sister and chairman and CEO of Foremost Group, said:

"The 'One Belt, One Road' initiative is very important not only to China's development, but for the many surrounding and neighboring countries, and thus the world, and the impact is being felt already. I hope to also be able to contribute to this important initiative that has the potential to raise the standard of living for so many."

Clearly, the connections run much deeper with the McConnell/Chao family than the usual type of influence schemes we see by foreign actors on American politicians. They are built on family money that depends on good commercial relations between the U.S. and China. Yet this is precisely the reason we have disclosure laws in the first place -- to surface exactly the kinds of conflict-of-interest vulnerabilities that such an international family will have when they are in authority in U.S. politics.

America is finally recognizing the many threats posed by the Chinese government. Compromising our elected officials joins the stealing of intellectual property, commission of cyberwarfare against American companies and government systems, and the undermining of American institutions in their nefarious arsenal. All of these seek to weaken U.S. resolve in international affairs. They must not succeed.

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Biden to proceed with UAE arms sale

Biden administration tells Congress it is proceeding with deal to sell more than \$23 billion in weapons to the United Arab Emirates, including advanced F-35 aircraft.

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US President Joe Biden's administration has told Congress it is proceeding with a deal to sell more than \$23 billion in weapons to the United Arab Emirates, including advanced F-35 aircraft, armed drones and other equipment, congressional aides said on Tuesday, according to Reuters.

A State Department spokesperson said the administration would move forward with the proposed sales to the UAE, "even as we continue reviewing details and consulting with Emirati officials" related to the use of the weapons.

The Trump administration <u>agreed to sell</u> advanced aircraft to the UAE following the signing of the Abraham Accords. The deal was signed in former President Donald Trump's final day in office.

The Biden administration later decided to halt the sale. Secretary of State Antony Blinken explained at the time that when it comes to arms sales, "It is typical at the start of an administration to review any pending sales, to make sure that what is being considered is something that advances our strategic objectives and advances our foreign policy, so that's what we're doing at this moment."

The \$23.37 billion package contained products from General Atomics, Lockheed Martin Corp and Raytheon Technologies Corp, including 50 F-35 Lighting II aircraft, up to 18 MQ-9B Unmanned Aerial Systems and a package of air-to-air and air-to-ground munitions.

While Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Benny Gantz have announced that Israel would not oppose a US sale of advanced weapons systems to the United Arab Emirates, Israel Air Force commander Amikam Norkin indicated recently he was opposed to the sale. https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/304317

UAE ambassador to the US Yousef Al Otaiba to speak at J Street conference

The ambassador will discuss the recent normalization brought forward via the Abraham Accords. Arutz Sheva Staff, Apr 14, 2021 1:38 PM

Haaretz has reported following a conversation with J Street president Jeremy Ben-Ami that UAE ambassador to the US Yousef Al Otaiba will discuss Israel-UAE normalization as a means to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

J Street sent out the following statement on August 13th, 2020: "Comprehensive peace between Israel and its neighbors in the Arab world, however, will only be achieved through an agreement that resolves the issues at the core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and leads to the establishment of a viable and independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. Steps toward normalization with the UAE are a positive development, but no substitute for a full and comprehensive agreement, bringing peace to Israel and its neighbors".

J Street has been vocal regarding its objection to annexation as well as to the Trump administration's approach towards the Middle East.

The J Street has previously hosted Ehud Barak, Ayman Odeh, Bernie Sanders and more. https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/304351

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