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Yonina- Jerusalem of Gold (Live from Mt. Olives)

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"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
You cannot lift the wage-earner by pulling down the wage-payer.
You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.
You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
You cannot establish security on borrowed money.
You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.
You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."
-- William Boetcker (1873-1962) German-born Presbyterian clergyman

Read the Prophets & PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

That is the only hope for this nation!

**Please
Remember
These
Folks
In
Prayer-
Check often
They
Change!**

Pray that the world would WAKE UP! Time for a worldwide repentance!

ALL US soldiers fighting for our freedom around the world

Pray for those in our government to repent of their wicked corrupt ways.

Pray for AB family – Wife just diagnosed with brain tumor

Pray for EL – multiple problems

Pray for AS – post knee replacement – some problems and another one scheduled.

Pray for TR – abnormal Mammogram having double biopsy – Mastectomy Scheduled

Pray for ZH - having trouble with PTSD

Pray for LAC – recurrent cancer getting treatment

Pray for KL – troubling spiritual situation.

Pray for Ella – emotionally disturbed abused child and brother with ? heart problem

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 27:³³And Isaac was terrified with a very great anxiety. And he said, Who then *was* the one who hunted game and came to me; and I ate from *it* all before you came; and I blessed him? Yea, he shall be blessed. ³⁴When Esau heard the words of his father he cried out a great and very bitter cry. And he said to his father, Bless me, me also, my father. ³⁵And he said, Your brother came with deceit and took your blessing. ³⁶And he said, *It is* because his name *is* called Jacob, and this twice he took me by the heel; he took my birthright and, behold, now he has taken my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me?

Gaza terrorists hundreds of rockets at Israel; IDF pummels Hamas, Islamic Jihad

At least 24 Israelis hurt, one seriously; 23 Palestinians said killed, among them children; military says most were Hamas members or were killed by errant Gazan rockets
By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 6:34 am Updated at 1:42 pm



Rockets are launched from the Gaza Strip towards Israel, Monday, May, 10, 2021. (AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)



A rocket fired from the Gaza Strip that directly struck an apartment building in Ashkelon on May 11, 2021. (Flash90)



An apartment building that was hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip in the city of Ashkelon on May 11, 2021. (Flash90)



A picture taken early on May 11, 2021 shows a damaged building in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon after rockets were fired by the Hamas terror group from the Gaza Strip towards Israel overnight amid spiraling violence (JACK GUEZ / AFP)



Parts of an apartment building is destroyed following Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip on May 11, 2021 (MOHAMMED ABED / AFP)



Smoke from Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip, controlled by the Palestinian Hamas terror group, on May 11, 2021. (MAHMUD HAMS / AFP)

Palestinian terror groups in the Gaza Strip fired a massive barrages of rockets at southern Israel throughout Tuesday, wounding at least 24 people and drawing deadly retaliatory airstrikes from the Israel Defense Forces.

The assaults continued a night of almost constant rocket fire on Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip and as the IDF conducted strikes on more than 100 targets in the coastal enclave, as part of what it has called “Operation Guardian of the Walls,” the military said. The previous day saw a major outbreak of violence from Gaza, including rare rocket fire on Jerusalem, where Palestinians have been clashing with police for days.

According to Gaza’s Hamas-run Health Ministry, at least 23 people in the Strip were killed on Monday night and Tuesday, including nine minors. Another 107 Palestinians were injured to varying

degrees, the ministry said. The IDF said at least 15 of those killed were members of the Hamas terror group who were launching rockets or anti-tank guided missiles at Israel.



Rockets are fired from Gaza City towards Israel on May 11, 2021 (Atia Mohammed/Flash90)



An overhead view of an Ashkelon home badly damaged by a rocket fired from Gaza on May 11, 2021. A man was seriously hurt in the attack. (JACK GUEZ / AFP)

IDF Spokesperson Hidaï Zilberman said a number of those killed in Gaza, including at least three children, were hit by errant rockets fired by Palestinian terrorists, not by Israeli airstrikes.



The mother of Palestinian Hussien Hamad, 11, is comforted by mourners during his funeral in Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip on May 11, 2021 (MAHMUD HAMS / AFP)

Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror groups reported that several high-ranking commanders were killed in Israeli raids on Tuesday, including two top PIJ leaders in a drone strike on a building in the upscale Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City, one of whom was the brother of another top PIJ commander, Baha Abu al-Ata, who was killed in an Israeli strike in November 2019, kicking off a major round of fighting in the Strip.

IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi on Tuesday afternoon gave the military a green light to keep targeting Hamas and PIJ members operating in the

Strip and bombing sites connected to the terror groups' rocket production and storage efforts.

The IDF spokesperson said Israel was taking steps to avoid Palestinian civilian casualties, but that they were liable to occur anyway as Hamas deliberately operates within a densely populated area, using the residents of the Strip as human shields.

Israel on Tuesday showed no indications that it was interested in an immediate ceasefire, as Zilberman said the fighting was expected to last at least several days and that the coming hours would be particularly punishing for Hamas.

“We have an intense day ahead of us,” Zilberman told reporters on Tuesday morning, adding, “We have a goal and we will not stop until we’ve reached it.”

Soldiers from the IDF’s Golani Infantry Brigade and 7th Armored Brigade were sent to the Gaza border as reinforcements and additional troops were called in to aerial defense, intelligence and air force units, the military said.

“The chief of staff said the IDF will continue to act determinedly in order to return security to residents of the south, and all headquarters should prepare for a wider conflict, which has no time limit,” the IDF said.

Asked about the potential for a ground invasion or targeted killing of top terrorist commanders, Zilberman said the military “was prepared for anything.”



Smoke billows from a building targeted by in an Israeli strike on Gaza City amid rocket fire from the Strip on May 11, 2021 (MOHAMMED ABED / AFP)

According to the IDF, over 200 rockets and mortar shells were fired from the Gaza Strip toward Israel from 6 p.m. Monday to 6 a.m. Tuesday, dozens of which were intercepted by Iron Dome missile defense batteries. The military said the Iron Dome had a successful interception rate of over 90 percent of projectiles heading toward populated areas.

According to Zilberman, roughly a third of the projectiles fired from Gaza landed inside the Strip.

Most of the others landed in open fields, where they caused no injuries, but a small number landed inside Israeli

communities, causing damage to nearby buildings and infrastructure. One rocket directly struck a house in the Sha'ar Hanegev region on Monday night, damaging it but not injuring its occupants, and two hit apartment buildings in Ashkelon on Tuesday morning, injuring those inside.

Video footage of the Tuesday morning attack showed dozens of rockets being fired at Ashkelon, with Iron Dome interceptor missiles screaming up into the gray morning sky to try and bring them down.

משחי רקטות כבדים לעבר אשקלון ויישובים במועצות חוף אשקלון ואשכול. כך נראה אחד מהמטחים בשמי אשקלון

(צילום: ליטל טימסיט) pic.twitter.com/0yWD5NkSKF

— כאן חדשות (@kann_news) [May 11, 2021](#)

Six Israelis were wounded in that attack, four of them members of the same family: parents in their 40s, an 8-year-old and an 11-year old. The father was seriously hurt with a head wound, and the rest sustained light injuries from shrapnel. A 63-year-old man was also moderately injured by shrapnel, and a man and a woman in their 80s were lightly injured, medics said. On Monday, an Israeli man was lightly injured when Palestinian terrorists fired an anti-tank guided missile at his car.

In total, Ashkelon's Barzilai Medical Center and Beersheba's Soroka Medical Center said they was treating 24 people who were wounded on Monday night and Tuesday morning, 22 of them with light injuries. In addition to those hit by rocket fire, a number of those were hospitalized for injuries sustained while running to bomb shelters, and eight people suffered acute anxiety attacks brought on by rocket sirens, medics said.

Barrage of rockets fired by Palestinian militants a short time ago against the city of Ashkelon. [#Israel #Gaza](#) pic.twitter.com/DrDcmIEjvo

— Joe Truzman (@Jtruzmah) [May 11, 2021](#)

In response to the ongoing rocket rockets, IDF fighter jets, aircraft and tanks struck some 130 targets in the Gaza Strip, most of them associated with Hamas, but also some linked to other terror groups in the enclave, including the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

According to the IDF, they included the home of a top Hamas commander, Hamas's intelligence headquarters in southern Gaza, two attack tunnels that approached the border with Israel, rocket production and storage sites, observation posts, military installations and launchpads. The IDF said it was also targeting terrorist operatives as they fired rockets at Israel. The military released footage of some of its strikes, including the attack on the Hamas officer's apartment building (below).

Hamas in Gaza said it had launched the morning attack on Ashkelon in response to the IDF strike on the commander's apartment building. The terror group said it would "turn Ashkelon into hell" if Israel targeted civilians in Gaza.

Palestinian media also reported strikes around the southern cities of Rafah and Khan Younis and on an apartment building in the al-Shati camp near Gaza city. A building was also destroyed in Gaza City's upscale Tel al-Hawa neighborhood.

Zilberman said the military was deploying additional air defenses throughout the country, notably in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area. Tel Aviv had yet to be targeted as of Tuesday morning, but the IDF suspected that rocket fire may soon be directed there as well.

Earlier, the Hamas military wing issued an ultimatum that it would carry out a massive attack by 2 a.m. if Israel did not vacate its forces from the Temple Mount. It later claimed that it had suspended plans for the attack after police withdrew from the holy site.

There was no confirmation from Israel that police had left the compound. Defense Minister Benny Gantz said the IDF would continue striking Hamas and other terrorists in the Strip until “long-term and complete quiet” is restored.



Fire billows from Israeli air strikes in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, on May 11, 2021. (Photo by SAID KHATIB / AFP)

Gantz also threatened Hamas’s leadership, saying its commanders would “be held responsible and pay the price for the aggression.”

The waves of rocket fire began at 6 p.m., the time Hamas had earlier threatened it would attack Israel if it did not remove its security forces from the Temple Mount and the neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem, following weeks of unrest in the capital. Monday saw widespread clashes between Palestinians and Israel Police officers on the Temple Mount, as well as multiple attacks by Palestinian

rioters against Israeli civilians. Hundreds of Palestinians were reportedly injured, along with dozens of police officers and a number of Israeli civilians.

In addition to the attack on the capital — the first time Jerusalem was targeted by rocket fire since the 2014 Gaza war — Palestinian terror groups fired rockets and mortar shells at Israeli cities and towns near the Gaza border, mostly at Ashkelon and Sderot, as well as smaller communities in the Sha’ar Hanegev region of southern Israel. [MORE - https://www.timesofisrael.com/6-israelis-wounded-as-hamas-launches-massive-rocket-barrage-on-ashkelon/](https://www.timesofisrael.com/6-israelis-wounded-as-hamas-launches-massive-rocket-barrage-on-ashkelon/)

Gaza terrorists fire barrages at Jerusalem, southern Israel, raising fear of war

Israeli man injured as missile hits his car near Sderot; IDF retaliates, killing at least 11 Hamas members firing rockets; Palestinians say 20 killed in total, including 9 minors

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 9:05 pm Updated at 10:08 pm



Palestinians terrorists fire rockets from Gaza City toward Israel on May 10, 2021. (Mahmud Hams/AFP)

Palestinian terror groups in the Gaza Strip fired massive barrages of rockets at Israel on Monday evening, including seven projectiles that were fired by Hamas toward Jerusalem, in a major escalation of violence from the enclave signaling the possible start of a wider conflict.

The attacks drew Israeli retaliatory airstrikes in Gaza, which killed at least 20 people, including nine minors, according to the Strip’s Health Ministry. The Israel Defense Forces said at least 11 of those killed were members of the Hamas terror group who had launched rockets at Israel.

“In the next few days, Hamas will feel the long arm of the [Israeli] army. It won’t take a few minutes, it will take a few days,” IDF Spokesperson Hidai Zilberman told reporters.

The spokesman said the military was prepared for a wide range of possibilities, including a broader conflict with a ground operation, as well as a return to targeted killings of top terrorist leaders.

“Everything is on the table,” Zilberman said.

In addition to the attack on the capital — the first time Jerusalem was targeted by rocket fire since the 2014 Gaza war — Palestinian terror groups fired dozens of rockets at Israeli cities and towns near the Gaza border, including Ashkelon and Sderot, as well as smaller communities in the Sha’ar Hanegev region of southern Israel.

According to Zilberman, most of the rockets either landed in open fields or were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. The military said it was tabulating a precise tally of the number of projectiles fired from the Strip.

An anti-tank guided missile was also fired at an Israeli civilian's car that was traveling on a hill south of Sderot, lightly injuring him, the military said. The Palestinian Islamic Jihad took responsibility for the attack and later released footage of the strike.

In the video, the Israeli man can be seen approaching the jeep from a hill overlooking the Gaza Strip. As he gets close, the anti-tank missile is fired at the car, causing a large blast. The man was reportedly blown back from the vehicle by the blast and sustained shrapnel wounds to the face and extremities.

There were no other immediate reports of direct Israeli injuries from the barrages. A number of people were treated after they experienced acute anxiety attacks, medics said.

The Israeli Air Force began conducting airstrikes on targets in the Strip around 6:30 p.m. in response to the ongoing attacks from the enclave. Zilberman said the military was targeting rocket-launching cells. The military said it had killed at least 11 members of such cells.

The IDF said it had also bombed two Hamas launchpads and two of its observation posts.

The Gaza Health Ministry reported that 20 people were killed in the Israeli strikes, including nine minors. Hamas accused Israel of killing three **children in the Gazan city of Beit Hanoun, but Israeli officials said they died as a result of a failed rocket launch from the Strip.**

In light of the ongoing rocket attacks, Defense Minister Benny Gantz declared the area within 80 kilometers (50 miles) of the Gaza Strip to be under military control, giving the IDF the power to issue directives to civilians there. The IDF ordered schools closed in communities near Gaza for the following day and limited gatherings to groups of 10 people outdoors and 50 people indoors. Businesses would only be allowed to open if they had easy access to bomb shelters.

The military also limited gatherings in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area and the Shfela region around Beit Shemesh to 30 people outdoors and 50 people indoors. Schools and businesses there could also only be opened if they had easy access to a bomb shelter.

The waves of rocket fire began at 6 p.m. when Hamas threatened it would attack Israel if it did not remove its security forces from the Temple Mount and the neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem, following weeks of unrest in the capital. Monday saw widespread clashes between Palestinians and Israel Police officers on the Temple Mount, as well as multiple attacks by Palestinian rioters against Israeli civilians. Hundreds of Palestinians were reportedly injured, along with dozens of police officers and a number of Israeli civilians.



Damage caused to a house outside of Jerusalem that was struck by debris after a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip landed nearby on May 10, 2021. (Courtesy)

Hamas claimed responsibility for firing the seven rockets at Jerusalem, one of which was intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system, according to the IDF. **One rocket landed near a home in a community outside Jerusalem,** causing light damage, but no injuries.

The **attack triggered sirens in the capital,** as well as in the city of Beit Shemesh and surrounding towns. **The Knesset plenum was evacuated, as was the Western Wall complex, where thousands of Israelis had**

gathered to celebrate Jerusalem Day, which marks the reunification of the city after the IDF captured its eastern neighborhoods and the Old City in the 1967 Six Day War.

In the subsequent hour, dozens of rockets were fired at Israeli towns near the Gaza border, triggering wave after wave of sirens, as residents hunkered down inside bomb shelters.

Zilberman said a number of terror groups conducted the rocket launches, but all with the approval and at the direction of Hamas, the de facto ruler of the Gaza Strip.

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Posted by [חדשות בטחון שדה](#) on Monday, May 10, 2021

“We have a clear address: that is Hamas. The group will pay a dear price for its actions. We will respond fiercely,” he said.

Over the past day, the IDF has significantly boosted its presence along the Gaza border both in terms of ground troops and air defense systems, Zilberman said.

The military initially believed that Hamas was not interested in a large-scale conflict with Israel at this time, but that assessment changed over the past two days and the IDF began preparing accordingly.

Ahead of the attack, the IDF halted train service between Beersheba and Ashkelon, closed Zikim Beach just north of the Strip, and barred visitors from lookout points on hilltops near the Gaza border.

In addition, the military closed off the Route 4 highway from Zikim to Kibbutz Nir Am, the Route 34 highway from Yad Mordechai to Kibbutz Erez, and the Route 232 highway from Mefalsim to the Kfar Aza Junction.

Cities and towns near the Gaza border also opened their public bomb shelters.

Recent days have seen a number of rocket and mortar shell attacks from the Gaza Strip, as well as a major return of balloon-borne incendiary and explosive devices being launched from Gaza, which have burned large swaths of southern Israel.

Palestinian terror groups have tied the attacks to the unrest in Jerusalem connected to both prayer on the Temple Mount during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, and the pending eviction of a number of Palestinian families from their homes in East Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

In response to the violence from Gaza, Israel on Monday morning announced it was closing the pedestrian Erez Crossing to the enclave "until further notice," with the exception of emergency humanitarian cases. On Sunday, Israel closed the Strip's fishing zone, cutting off a major source of income for thousands of Palestinians in the coastal enclave. **MORE** - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/gaza-terrorists-fire-barrages-at-jerusalem-southern-israel-raising-fear-of-war/>

Southern Israel pounded by ongoing Gaza rocket barrages

No injuries reported as at least 100 rockets fired primarily at Gaza border communities; Palestinians say 20 killed as IDF hits Hamas targets in Strip, including military positions and rocket launchers; PM warns escalation could last for some time

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Southern Israel was hit by repeated barrages of rocket fire from the Gaza Strip on Monday night, as Palestinian terror groups in the coastal enclave attacked civilian targets over what Hamas called Israeli "crimes and aggression" in Jerusalem.

There were no reports of injuries in the wave of attacks, which set off sirens in multiple locations in the south. Two people did go to the ER at Barzilai Medical Center in Ashkelon suffering from shock.



The Iron Dome missile defense system intercepts rockets over Ashkelon on Monday night (Photo: AFP)



Rocket from Gaza at southern Israel on Monday (Photo: EPA)

The IDF said some 100 rockets were fired into Israel throughout the evening, most of them aimed at Gaza border communities. **[That number has been revised upwards. – rdb]**

One rocket fell in the southern city of Sderot on Monday night, causing some damage to a building and a road.

There were no casualties reported but a woman was treated for shock.

School has been cancelled throughout southern Israel on Tuesday and the IDF has closed some roads near to the Gaza border.

Israel was also bracing for rocket fire on the center of the country, including its cultural and economic hub of Tel Aviv.

Hamas, which rules Gaza, launched a rocket strike on the Jerusalem area shortly after 6pm Monday, having warned of a response if Israel did not withdraw its security forces from the Temple Mount compound and the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah by then.

Both locations were the scenes of clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli security forces on Monday.

Following the rocket attacks, Islamic Jihad issued the statement: "Watch 9pm." The heavy rocket fire resumed soon after.



The aftermath of an IAF strike on Gaza on Monday night
(Photo: AP)



The Iron Dome missile defense system intercepts rockets over Ashkelon on Monday night
(Photo: Reuters)

The IDF responded with airstrikes on Hamas targets throughout Gaza. The army said rocket launchers, two military posts and eight Hamas terrorists had been targeted. **The IAF attacks came after the security cabinet authorized a "significant airstrike" in the Gaza Strip, with no ground action.**

An Israeli official said following the cabinet meeting that, "Hamas has to be dealt a hard blow, but we all understand our limitations. We have no will for major wars and there is nothing to be gained from them. Obviously we will pay a certain price, but they will pay a heavy price. Everyone hopes that this will be over by Eid al-Fitr - within two or three days."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned after the attack on Jerusalem on Monday that the terrorist groups in Gaza "have crossed a red line." "Israel will respond with great force. Those who attack us will pay a heavy price," he said. "The current confrontation could last for some time. We do not want an escalation, but those who do chose to escalate will feel our might."

The Hamas military wing, meanwhile, warned that if Israel harmed civilian infrastructure or the homes of Gaza residents, "the response will be stronger and more painful than expected."

In Gaza, health officials reported a total of 20 deaths in the airstrikes Monday, including nine children. It did not provide a breakdown, but at least seven members of a family, including three children, were killed in a blast in the northern town of Beit Hanoun.

It was not immediately clear if the blast was caused by an airstrike or errant rocket. The IDF said a rocket had misfired.

Ashraf al-Masri, a member of the family, said there was an explosion outside the house.

"We don't know where it came from," he said. "We are trying to get the children for burial but the situation is difficult in Beit Hanoun and we are afraid to leave our houses."

Abu Obeida, a spokesman for Hamas' military wing Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, said the rocket attacks were a response to what he called Israeli "crimes and aggression" in Jerusalem.

"This is a message the enemy must understand well," he said. <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/NHW7NS60Z>

IDF sends reinforcements to Gaza border as Hamas issues ultimatum on Jerusalem

As tensions simmer in the capital, terrorists in the Strip fire a mortar shell toward southern Israel, airborne arson attacks spark fires

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 5:26 pm

The Israel Defense Forces said it was sending reinforcements to the Gaza Division on Monday as terror groups in the Strip threatened to step up their attacks in light of growing unrest in Jerusalem.

Shortly after the military announced the move, terrorists in the enclave fired a mortar shell toward southern Israel, which failed to clear the border and landed inside the Strip, the IDF said.

The military also announced it was closing down a number of roads and sites around Gaza, as well as train service in the area, fearing that they may come under attack shortly. Air traffic in and out of Israel was diverted away from the Strip, with planes traveling on flight paths to the north of Ben Gurion International Airport.

The city of Ashkelon opened its public bomb shelters on Monday evening as a precautionary measure, its mayor Tomer Glam said.

The Hamas terror group threatened Israel with an ultimatum on Monday afternoon, saying all Israeli security forces had to be removed from the Temple Mount and the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem by 6 p.m., or else the so-called “joint operations room” — a body representing the various terror groups in the Strip — would attack. [MORE - https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-sends-reinforcements-to-gaza-border-as-hamas-issues-ultimatum-on-jerusalem/](https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-sends-reinforcements-to-gaza-border-as-hamas-issues-ultimatum-on-jerusalem/)

Police change route of Flag March through Old City as Jerusalem simmers

Organizers cancel parade, but marchers continue to stream toward Western Wall; decision to redirect march from Damascus Gate over fears of clashes said made by Netanyahu

By [TOI staff](#) Today, 5:52 pm



Israelis wave national flags during a Jerusalem Day march, in Jerusalem, May 10, 2021. (AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

In an about-face, police on Monday said the route of the Flag March for Jerusalem Day would be changed amid concerns of further violence in the city following major clashes on the Temple Mount.

The announcement came as the annual march of mostly young religious nationalist Israeli Jews was already underway. Organizers subsequently said they were calling off the parade, but marchers continued to stream toward the Western Wall, where an event for Jerusalem Day was to be held.

As the parade began at 4 p.m., police said the march would enter the Old City through the Jaffa Gate and from there go to the Western Wall, rather than pass through the Damascus Gate and Muslim Quarter on the way there.

A police statement said the change came after a situational assessment and was “in accordance with the decision of the political leadership and the recommendation of security officials.”

Israeli officials told Hebrew media that it was Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who ordered the march redirected away from the Damascus Gate.

Public Security Minister Amir Ohana opposed the move, according to the Kan public broadcaster.

Police also said officers were deployed throughout the city “to ensure the safety of participants, prevent disturbances of the peace and regulate movement.”

The decision came after the Israel Defense Forces, Shin Bet security service and military liaison to the Palestinians all recommended that the planned route of the march be changed to limit the chances of direct confrontations between the participants and the Muslim residents of the city.



According to Channel 12, Defense Minister Benny Gantz also called for police to alter the route.

Police initially said they weren't planning on changing the route, before backtracking hours later.

The annual Old City march often sees clashes between far-right Jews and Palestinians. This year, with tensions already at a boiling point, security officials were reportedly convinced the event would be marked by violence between the sides.

Israelis stream into Jerusalem's Old City through the Jaffa Gate during the annual flag march on May 10, 2021 (Sarah Tuttle-Singer/Times of Israel)

Organizers said in a statement that they were canceling the march due to “the prime minister’s decision to prevent the marchers from passing

through Damascus Gate.”

“We will not march on the territories of divided Jerusalem. The event at the Western Wall will be held as usual,” organizers said in a statement.

It was unclear if participants making their way through the Old City via the Jaffa Gate were aware of the decision.

In the morning, police decided to bar Jews from entering the Temple Mount on Jerusalem Day due to the spiraling tensions in the capital, drawing fury from right-wing legislators but support from the left.

After the police decision, major clashes broke between police and Palestinian rioters at the flashpoint holy site, with hundreds said wounded.

Police entered the Temple Mount compound in the morning after thousands of Palestinians had gathered there overnight, having collected numerous rocks and other makeshift weapons. Police said dozens of rioters attacked a police post and hurled rocks from the Temple Mount toward a road south of the compound, blocking the road but causing no injuries or damage.



Sunday night saw fierce clashes between Palestinian protesters and police in Jerusalem. At least 25 people were wounded and 23 people arrested.

Palestinians clash with Israeli security forces at Jerusalem's Temple Mount compound on Jerusalem Day, May 10, 2021. (Ahmad Gharabli/AFP)

The Temple Mount is considered holy by both Muslims and Jews. The site contains the Al-Aqsa Mosque — the third holiest site in Islam — and is revered by Jews as their holiest site, where both biblical Temples stood. Jews have been barred from entering the site in recent days amid the tensions, which coincide with the end of the holy Muslim month of Ramadan.

Jerusalem has seen violent nights for the past week.

Demonstrators have been protesting over tensions surrounding

the Mount as well as the pending eviction of Palestinians from East Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

The protests have devolved into clashes with police, with security forces using high-pressure water cannons, rubber-tipped bullets, and stun grenades to disperse the demonstrators. But matters came to a head on Friday night when police clashed with Palestinians on the Temple Mount, with dozens of people wounded.

Jerusalem Day celebrates Israel's unification of Jerusalem, with the capture of East Jerusalem and the Old City from Jordan in the 1967 Six Day War. The annual march is widely perceived as provocative, as hardline nationalist Israelis, guarded by police, walk through the Damascus Gate of the Old City and through the Muslim Quarter to the Western Wall, the holiest site where Jews can pray.

This year the march coincides with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, a time of heightened religious sensitivities, and follows weeks of clashes. That, combined with Palestinian anger over the eviction plan in the nearby Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, set the stage for an especially volatile day.

Addressing a special cabinet meeting ahead of Jerusalem Day, Netanyahu said Sunday that Israel “will not allow any extremists to destabilize the calm in Jerusalem. We will enforce law and order decisively and responsibly.”

The violence, along with the planned evictions in East Jerusalem, have drawn condemnations from Israel's Arab allies and expressions of concern from the United States, Europe and the United Nations.

The UN Security Council was set to meet on Jerusalem violence later Monday.

There were also signs the violence was spreading to the Gaza Strip and West Bank. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/police-change-route-of-flag-march-through-old-city-as-jerusalem-simmers/> **[I would say Bibi and the politicians miscalculated this one by a huge amount. When you already are having demonstrations of this sort and then you put in a Jewish holiday it is a recipe for an enormous problem. – rdb]**

Ra'am freezes coalition talks with ‘change bloc,’ amid violence

Source in Islamist party says unclear if negotiations will resume before Lapid's mandate to form coalition expires; anti-Netanyahu parties call for forceful response to attacks

By [Alexander Fulbright](#) Today, 9:27 pm

The Islamist Ra'am party on Monday announced it was suspending coalition talks with the “change bloc” of anti-Netanyahu parties after Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip fired a barrage of rockets

toward Jerusalem and southern Israeli border communities, in a potentially major blow to the efforts by parties opposed to Netanyahu to form a government.

A Ra'am source told the Kan public broadcaster that it was unclear if they would again hold talks with Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid — who is currently tasked with forming a government — before his mandate to assemble a coalition ends on June 2, as the resumption of negotiations would depend on the scope of the violence.

Ra'am leader Mansour Abbas was scheduled to meet with Lapid and Yamina chief Naftali Bennett before the rocket fire, but the meeting was delayed, apparently due to the major clashes that broke out in the morning between Palestinian rioters and police on the Temple Mount, after Jews were barred from the flashpoint holy site on Jerusalem Day.

Jerusalem has been at the center of escalating Israeli-Palestinian tensions that have also seen attacks in the Gaza border area and West Bank.



Palestinians terrorists fire rockets from Gaza City toward Israel on May 10, 2021. (Mahmud Hams/AFP)

Lapid, Bennett and other “change bloc” lawmakers, meanwhile, backed a forceful response to the Gaza rocket fire.

“No country can allow citizens to live under the threat of terror,” Lapid tweeted. “Israel must act resolutely and forcefully to restore deterrence.”

Lapid also vowed to back the Netanyahu-led transition government “in the war against Israel’s enemies.”

Bennett, who is holding talks with Lapid on forming a government that will see the two switch off as premier, called

for Israel to respond with an “iron fist.”

“Whoever puts Israelis into shelters needs to know he will regret this,” Bennett wrote on Twitter. **“We’ll back a determined response by the Israeli government.”**

Yamina No. 2 Ayelet Shaked linked the rocket fire from Gaza to the government’s response to recent violence on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem’s Old City.

“Whoever surrenders on the Temple Mount in the first campaign will get rockets on Jerusalem in the second campaign. It’s either firmness or weakness,” she wrote on Twitter.



Palestinians place Hamas flags atop al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem’s Old City on May 10, 2021. (Ahmad GHARABLI / AFP)

New Hope chief Gideon Sa’ar, who is also in negotiations with Lapid and Bennett, similarly issued a tweet calling for a strong response to “ Hamas aggression,” referring to the Gaza-ruling terror organization.

“We’ll back decisions of the government that will lead to this,” he said.

Yisrael Beytenu leader Avigdor Liberman, who resigned as Netanyahu’s defense minister in 2018 to protest what he said was an insufficiently forceful response to rocket fire from Gaza, tore into the prime

minister.

“Once again, it has been proven that Netanyahu’s resolution policy is language whitewashing a policy of surrendering to terror that brings painful consequences,” Liberman wrote on Twitter, referring to the efforts to reach a long-term ceasefire with Hamas.

He added: “Now we must focus on restoring security to the State of Israel and putting the issue at the top of the agenda.”

Yisrael Beytenu MK Eli Avidar appeared to imply that Netanyahu, who is fighting for his political and legal survival, had an interest in the escalating violence and called on Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit to declare the premier no longer fit to remain in office.

“The man is a pyromaniac. He is not fit and not in control of the situation,” Avidar said.



Palestinian terrorists fire rockets from the Gaza Strip toward Israel, May 10, 2021. (AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

Among Netanyahu’s supporters, Likud MK Miki Zohar suggested the premier’s rivals were to blame for trying to form a unity government after the prime minister again failed to assemble a narrow right-wing coalition, after a fourth election in two years.

“I’m concerned that the political chaos in Israel, along with the progress on forming a left-wing government with the support or abstention of the [majority Arab] Joint List, is allowing our enemies to lift their heads. I hope Bennett will understand the destruction he is leading us to,” Zohar told Army Radio.

He did not mention the Likud-led right-wing religious bloc’s own unsuccessful efforts to enlist the Islamist Ra’am party, which both sides have been courting to secure majority support for their prospective coalitions.

Zohar also claimed a ground operation was not a question of “if,” but “when.”

Religious Zionism head Bezalel Smotrich, whose far-right party’s opposition to relying on Ra’am blocked Netanyahu from forming such a government, issued a fresh appeal to Bennett and Sa’ar to join forces with the premier’s bloc.

“Put everything aside and let’s form an emergency government of the national camp today. Everything else can wait,” Smotrich tweeted. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/raam-freezes-coalition-talks-with-change-bloc-amid-violence/>

Separated by cops, Joint List, Religious Zionism MKs face off in East Jerusalem

Far-right MKs arrive to show solidarity with Sheikh Jarrah’s Jewish residents, while MKs from majority-Arab parties arrive to support Palestinian families facing eviction

By [TOI staff](#) Today, 8:17 pm



Religious Zionism MKs are guarded by police as they arrive at the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood on May 10, 2021. (Screen capture/Twitter)

Lawmakers from the majority-Arab Joint List and the ultranationalist Religious Zionism party faced off Sunday in the flashpoint East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah with walls of police officers dispatched to separate between the sides.

Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir arrived in Sheikh Jarrah in what they said was a demonstration of solidarity with the handful of Jewish families in the almost exclusively Palestinian neighborhood.

The area has seen intense clashes for over a week as mainly Arab protesters have demonstrated against efforts by ultranationalist Jewish groups to evict dozens of families in Sheikh Jarrah.

The handful of Jewish residents have been exposed to an uptick in violence from demonstrators who disapprove of their presence, which came at the expense of Palestinian families who were evicted.

In a statement to the large throng of reporters at the scene, Smotrich called the decision to delay a hearing that could have led to the eviction of four Palestinian more families in Sheikh Jarrah “an enormous disgrace.”

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pic.twitter.com/VP0CQTWlt7

— Maya Horodniceanu (@mayahorodnicean) [May 10, 2021](#)

“The police have abandoned Jerusalem,” Ben-Gvir added.

Meanwhile, Palestinian demonstrators could be heard chanting, “Jerusalem is Arab” farther down the street.

Joining those demonstrators in solidarity with the Palestinian Sheikh Jarrah residents were Joint List MKs, including Ahmad Tibi, Aida Touma-Sliman, Sami Abou Shehadeh and Ofer Cassif.

Footage from the scene showed police shoving Touma-Sliman and other demonstrators back as the MK shouted, “Shame on you!” and warned that she was a lawmaker and hence holds parliamentary immunity.

שייח גראח פינת כנסת ישראל pic.twitter.com/Dq3GgfyB6y

— Maya Horodniceanu (@mayahorodnicean) [May 10, 2021](#)

Israel's Supreme Court was slated to a hearing on Monday on an appeal by four Palestinian families against their evictions in Sheikh Jarrah. However, following pressure from senior government officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Benny Gantz, who were concerned the session would further fan the flames of tension in the city, the court announced the cancellation of the hearing.

Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit office also asked the Supreme Court for two weeks to consider the matter after the Palestinian families asked him to become a party to the case.

The court gave Mandelblit until June 8 to consider whether he will become a party to the case. The planned evictions — already approved by lower courts — will not go forward in the interim.

“A new date will be determined within the next 30 days. In the meantime, until further notice, I order a freeze on the decision by the appellate court, which does not imply any position regarding [that lower court’s decision],” Justice Yitzhak Amit wrote in the ruling.

In all, over 70 Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah are set to be evicted in the coming weeks, to be replaced by right-wing Jewish Israelis. The Palestinians live in houses built on land that courts have ruled were owned by Jewish religious associations before the establishment of Israel in 1948.

According to Ir Amim, a left-wing human rights group focusing on Jerusalem, around 200 families in East Jerusalem are under similar threat, with cases slowly moving through administrative bodies and Israeli courts.

The evictions are based in part on a 1970 Israeli law that allows Jews to reclaim East Jerusalem land owned by Jews before 1948. No similar law exists for Palestinians who lost their homes in what is now Israel during the 1948 war and fled to what was then Jordanian-controlled territory. In fact, the Knesset passed a law in 1950 barring Palestinians from reclaiming property in East Jerusalem from before 1948.

For its part, the Foreign Ministry issued a statement Friday accusing the Palestinian Authority of “presenting a real estate dispute between private parties, as a nationalistic cause, in order to incite violence in Jerusalem,” adding that Ramallah would bear responsibility for any violence that ensued.

Sheikh Jarrah has long been a focal point of Jewish-Arab tensions. A small Jewish community lived in the area before 1948, when East Jerusalem fell under Jordanian control. Home to a shrine revered as the final resting place of Shimon Hatzadik, a third-century BCE high priest also known as Simeon the Just, the neighborhood is often visited by Jewish pilgrims.

The anticipated decision to evict the families came as Jerusalem lives through tense, violent days. The city has been on edge in recent weeks, as Palestinians have clashed with Israeli police, with both sides blaming the other for igniting the confrontations.

The altercation at Sheikh Jarrah was one of many that were taking place Monday. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/separated-by-cops-joint-list-religious-zionism-mks-face-off-in-east-jerusalem/>

UN Security Council statement on Jerusalem held up by US

Statement would condemn looming evictions of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah, but include panning of Gaza rockets, thanks to push from US, UK diplomats

By [Jacob Magid](#) and [Agencies](#) Today, 11:56 pm



A Palestinian man runs away from tear gas during clashes with Israeli security forces in front of the Dome of the Rock Mosque at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City, on May 10, 2021. (AP/Mahmoud Illean)

NEW YORK — Hesitation from the US mission to the United Nations prevented the release of a joint statement by the Security Council’s members on the ongoing escalations in Jerusalem, after the top UN body held an emergency meeting on the subject earlier Monday, a diplomat involved told The Times of Israel.

During the meeting, the Norwegian mission introduced a proposal for a joint statement urging Israel to prevent the looming evictions of Palestinian families in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, and calling for “restraint” and respect for “the historic status quo at the holy sites,”

diplomats involved in the meeting confirmed. The original statement also urged both sides to act in order to deescalate the situation, they said.

Recent days have seen police clash with Palestinian protesters near the homes of families facing eviction in Sheikh Jarrah as well as at the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif compound, where tens of thousands of Muslim worshipers have gathered daily. Tensions [peaked](#) Monday with over 300 injured in clashes with cops at the latter site and Gaza terror groups firing dozens of rockets at southern Israel and at Jerusalem, in an apparent response to the East Jerusalem violence.

The Norwegian statement underwent a number of amendments per requests from the US and UK, whose representative made sure it included a condemnation of the firing of incendiary devices and rockets from Gaza, a Security Council diplomat said.

The proposed statement called on Israel “to cease settlement activities, demolitions and evictions, including in east Jerusalem in line with its obligations under international humanitarian law” and refrain from unilateral steps “that exacerbate tensions and undermine the viability of the two-state solution.”

The statement would also reiterate the council’s support for a negotiated solution to the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict where “two states, Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous and sovereign Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders.” [\[This is a perfect example of the essence of the old adage “Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity. – rdb\]](#)

Fourteen of the 15 Security Council members backed the updated draft of the statement, but it failed to move forward after the US mission asked for more time to deliberate the matter, adding that such a step might not be useful at this time, two diplomats present told The Times of Israel.

In response to a query on the matter, a spokesperson for the US mission said, “The United States is engaging constructively to ensure any action by the Security Council is helpful in deescalating tensions.”

The Monday morning session featured an update from UN’s Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland, and was followed by reactions from various member states, which largely fell in line with their traditional stances on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ireland’s UN Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason, who joined in calling for the emergency meeting, said during the session that “the Security Council should urgently speak out, and we hope that it will be able to do so today.”

Israel’s Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan issued a statement after the meeting lambasting members of the Security Council for “their failure to understand the reasons behind the Palestinian violence.”

The envoy claimed recent condemnations of Israel over its actions surrounding Jerusalem have been “disruptive and further inflamed the tensions.” He blamed members that have yet to condemn “Palestinian incitement,” along with rocket fire from Gaza and noted that Israel was doing all it could to maintain calm, even barring the entry of Jewish visitors to the Temple Mount earlier Monday.

Later in the day, the US issued several statements condemning rocket fire from Gaza. White House Press Secretary said Washington was “continuing to closely monitor the violence in Israel.”

“We have serious concerns about the situation, including violent confrontations that we’ve seen over the last few days,” she added, without getting into specifics.

Psaki went on to recall the phone call that took place on Sunday between US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan and his Israeli counterpart, Meir Ben Shabbat, during which the former raised concerns over the potential eviction of Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah. She said both sides “agreed that launching of rockets and incendiary balloons toward Israel is unacceptable and must be condemned.”

MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/un-security-council-statement-on-jerusalem-held-up-by-us/> [This is simply a repeat of the blindness and ineffectual nature of the worthless group called the UN. They should have been defunded and booted out of the US. – rdb]

Two safety engineers from Meron disaster detained for questioning

Development marks first interviews by police since last month’s tragedy at religious festival, where 45 people were crushed to death
By [TOI staff](#) Today, 11:12 am

Police on Monday detained for questioning two engineers who were involved in approving arrangements at a religious festival last month where 45 people were crushed to death in an overcrowded walkway.

Investigators from the Lahav 433 national crime unit brought in the safety engineer and the safety adviser who signed off on the Lag B’Omer festival at Mount Meron.

It marked the first formal questioning or gathering of testimony by police as they probe the disaster that happened 11 days ago.

Police also visited the offices of the engineers in the Arab town of Ka'abiyye to search for relevant documents, Channel 13 News reported.

Last week Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit announced that a joint investigative team from the Israel Police and the Justice Ministry's Police Internal Investigations Department will lead a probe into the deadly incident.

In a statement, Mandelblit said the team will be assisted by the State Attorney's Office, including the stand-in state prosecutor, Amit Aisman.

Police and the PIID had already launched independent probes. State Comptroller Matanyahu Englman had also announced that he will investigate the matter.

There have been increasing demands for a state commission of inquiry into the tragedy, with the focus directed at the organization of the annual Lag B'Omer events at Mount Meron.

Though political leaders, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have urged a thorough investigation, so far there has been no move to set up a commission of inquiry, as many current and former government officials have called for. **MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/two-safety-engineers-from-meron-disaster-detained-for-questioning/>**

Several indicted in submarine affair; ex-navy chief, Netanyahu's cousin off hook

Cases closed against PM's former lawyer David Shimron and past navy leader chief Eliezer Marom; other suspects face charges including money laundering, tax offenses

By [Stuart Winer](#) and [TOI staff](#) Today, 4:40 pm

Four years after a probe was first launched, state prosecutors filed indictments Monday against suspects in a sprawling alleged corruption scandal involving the purchase of navy vessels worth hundreds of millions of dollars from a German shipbuilder.

Alongside the indictments, cases were closed against David Shimron, cousin and former personal lawyer to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as former commander of the Israeli Navy Eliezer Marom, after prosecutors accepted their defenses at their respective pre-indictment hearings.

The so-called submarine affair, also known as Case 3000, revolves around allegations of a massive bribery scheme in the multibillion-shekel state purchase of the naval vessels from German shipbuilder Thyssenkrupp. The case netted several close associates of Netanyahu, as well as high-ranking military officials, but not the premier himself.

Indictments for bribery, money laundering, and tax offenses were filed at the Tel Aviv District Court Monday against Miki Ganor, who was the local agent for Thyssenkrupp, and Avriel Bar-Yosef, once Netanyahu's pick to be head of the Israel National Security Council, was indicted for bribery and breach of trust.

In addition, indictments for bribery, money laundering, and breach of trust were filed against Netanyahu's former chief of staff David Sharan; former chair of the fundraising organization Keron Hayesod (United Israel Appeal) Eliezer Sandberg; Brig. Gen.(res.) Shay Brosh, a former commander of the Israeli Navy's commando unit; Rami Taib, a former political adviser to Likud minister Yuval Steinitz; and media adviser Yitzhak Liber.

Prosecutors had previously said they planned to file, pending a hearing, money-laundering charges against both Shimron and Marom, with the latter also facing accusations of bribery and tax offenses. **MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/several-indicted-in-submarine-affair-ex-navy-chief-netanyahus-cousin-off-hook/>**

Syria says IDF chopper bombs site near border, 1 injured, in rare daytime strike

Opposition group says the person who was wounded worked for the Hezbollah terror group on the Syrian Golan

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 6:51 pm

An Israeli helicopter bombed an alleged Hezbollah site on the Syrian Golan Heights, injuring one person, in a rare daytime strike on Monday, according to Syrian sources.

The Israel Defense Forces refused to comment on the matter.

Syrian state news outlet SANA said the Israeli helicopter struck a target near the town of Khader, an area known as deeply tied to Syrian dictator Bashar Assad's regime and his allies, Iran and the Lebanese Hezbollah terror group, both of which Israel says maintain a presence on the Golan.

The man who was injured in the strike was identified in Syrian media as Tahir Mahmoud, a resident of Khader. SANA said he was a civilian, though photographs shared on social media showed him in military garb, carrying a rifle.

The rare daytime Israeli airstrike in Quneitra wounded a 'civilian,' according to Syrian reports. The 'civilian,' Tahir Mahmoud, is in serious condition at a local hospital. [#Syria #Israel pic.twitter.com/snBNEgnDAR](#)

— Joe Truzman (@Jtruzmah) [May 10, 2021](#)

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a group linked to Syria's opposition, Mahmoud worked on behalf of Hezbollah, which maintains bases of operation near the border with Israel and has carried out and attempted a number of attacks on Israeli troops from there over the years.

Daytime strikes by Israel are highly unusual and are generally only conducted in order to prevent impending attacks.

Earlier this month, Israeli helicopters bombed targets near the city of Quneitra on the Syrian Golan border, according to Syrian media. SANA said the attack caused neither injuries nor damages. Then too, the IDF declined to comment on the reported strikes, in accordance with its policy to neither confirm nor deny most of its operations in Syria.

Also earlier this month, SANA reported that Israeli aircraft carried out major airstrikes in northern Syria that killed one person and wounded six. The report claimed the casualties were civilians. Videos posted to social media showed a large fire and several loud explosions at the scene of the blast, likely indicating that the target was a weapons cache.

SANA said the site was a plastics factory. Israel has reportedly bombed sites connected to Iran's alleged missile production and arms depots in the areas of Latakia and Hama before.

The IDF has launched hundreds of strikes in Syria since the start of the civil war in 2011 against moves by Iran to establish a permanent military presence in the country, as well as efforts to transport advanced, game-changing weapons to terrorist groups in the region, principally Hezbollah. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/syria-says-idf-chopper-bombs-site-near-border-1-injured-in-rare-daytime-strike/>

US Coast Guard fires 30 warning shots at 'unsafe & unprofessional' Iranian military ships during flotilla encounter – Pentagon

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A US Coast Guard ship fired warning shots in the course of a close encounter with vessels from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGCN) in the Strait of Hormuz off Iran, a Pentagon spokesperson has said.

"Earlier today a large group of IRGCN fast boats conducted unsafe and unprofessional maneuvers and failed to exercise due regard for the safety of US forces as required under international law," Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby told a news briefing on Monday.

Kirby said the 13 fast attack boats approached US vessels at "high speed," coming as close as 150 yards (450 feet) to six US Navy vessels that were escorting the guided-missile submarine USS Georgia through the Strait of Hormuz. He said a US Coast Guard cutter fired around 30 warning shots from a .50 caliber machine gun at the Iranian vessels after other warnings, including radio communication and horn blasts.

After the second round of shots as the boats allegedly came closer to the US fleet, the Iranian vessels left the area, Kirby added. Iranian officials have not commented on the claims.

This latest encounter is the second such incident with IRGCN ships reported by the US Navy in the last fortnight. Late last month, the US Fifth Fleet said in a statement that Iranian vessels had come within 68 yards (204 feet) of the USS Firebolt patrol boat and another American ship in the Persian Gulf, north of the Strait of Hormuz. According to the statement, the Iranian ships failed to heed radio and loudspeaker warnings and only dispersed to a safe distance after the Firebolt's crew fired warning shots.

The developments come as US and Iranian negotiators are taking part in delicate indirect talks in Vienna to revive the 2015 JCPOA nuclear deal. <https://www.rt.com/news/523418-us-fired-warning-shots-iran-vessels/>

'Pretty awful': Healthy 17-year-old boy gets blood clots in brain after COVID vaccine

Mom: 'You can't help but question it when it all goes wrong'

By [WND Staff](#) Published May 10, 2021 at 11:18am

A mother in Utah is warning parents about the possible dangers of COVID-19 vaccines after her 17-year-old, basketball-playing son got a shot and developed three blood clots in and near his brain.

The report comes from the [ABC News affiliate](#) in Salt Lake City.

The mother is Cherie Romney of Draper, Utah.

"The hardest thing was I let him get that shot. And he was healthy and well before," she told the station. "But you question it, you can't help but question it when it all goes wrong."

The report said that playing basketball could have aggravated the swelling caused by the vaccine.

Everest Romney, 17, felt his neck swell the day after his COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine shot and he then experienced severe headaches, the report said. A doctor dismissed the symptoms as a pulled muscle, but Cherie Romney was convinced there was something more.

"He could not move his neck without the assistance of his hands," she said.

She eventually took her son, a Corner Canyon High School basketball player, for tests. Doctors discovered two blood clots inside his brain and one on the outside.

He was treated for a time in the intensive care unit and remains hospitalized.

Cherie Romney said she wants parents to make the best decisions for their children and doctors to understand the new vaccines might bring challenges to the conventional wisdom, according to the report.

She said that with what she now knows, she would have made a different decision.

"It was pretty awful," she said. <https://www.wnd.com/2021/05/pretty-awful-healthy-17-year-old-boy-gets-blood-clots-covid-vaccine/>

Biden's new definition of sex is 'total nightmare'

'Policy is really about forcing medical professionals to adhere to leftist ideology'

By [WND News Services](#) Published May 10, 2021 at 4:52pm By *Mary Margaret Olohan* Daily Caller News Foundation

President Joe Biden's new policy redefining sex puts doctors at risk, American Principles Project President Terry Schilling told the Daily Caller News Foundation Monday.

The Biden administration announced Monday that it would reinterpret "sex" in the context of healthcare anti-discrimination laws to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," reversing a Trump administration policy that defined "sex" as gender assigned at birth.

"Make no mistake," Schilling said. "The policy announced by HHS today is not about 'fix[ing] a broken bone' or 'screen[ing] for cancer risk.' No American was being denied access to these treatments for identifying as 'LGBTQ.' Rather, this policy is really about forcing hospitals and medical professionals to adhere to leftist ideology regarding sexuality and gender—and in particular to provide sex-change procedures to all comers, including children." [Since when does a bunch of nitwits in a government with little or no training in science decide or determine the definition of a scientific term. A person's sex is determined by their genetics not by some cockamamie political objective or goal. The entire woke and progressive group are simply vile and stupid. XX = female XY = male. What you feel like in side is not relevant. I may feel like a Zebra but that doesn't make me a zebra – rdb]

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) will interpret Section 1557 and Title IX prohibitions on discrimination based on sex to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and on the basis of gender identity, the Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) in a memo released Monday.

"The Supreme Court has made clear that people have a right not to be discriminated against on the basis of sex and receive equal treatment under the law, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation. That's why today HHS announced it will act on related reports of discrimination," HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a Monday statement. **[Perhaps the SCOTUS needs to stop expanding their thinking and including the psychobabble garbage in their adjudications. – rdb]**

"Fear of discrimination can lead individuals to forgo care, which can have serious negative health consequences," Becerra said. "It is the position of the Department of Health and Human Services that everyone — including LGBTQ people — should be able to access health care, free from discrimination or interference, period." **MORE -** <https://www.wnd.com/2021/05/bidens-new-definition-sex-total-nightmare/>

The next political battleground: school boards

Stef W. Kight May 9, 2021

The debate over coronavirus precautions and school reopening has fueled a surge of new candidates for school boards across the country.

Why it matters: What was traditionally a nonpartisan, hyper-local role is now at center of a swirling national political debate. Conservative and progressive parents have clashed over when and how to reopen classrooms — and it's pushed some of them to run for office themselves.

"Historically, we've actually seen where some school board seats have gone uncontested — sometimes for years — and now we're seeing multiple candidates for seats," National School Boards Association CEO Anna Maria Chávez told Axios.

- "This is something that we've seen during the pandemic because, again, every kitchen table has become a public school classroom."

More people are "looking to express their political fervor in all different avenues," Troy Flint, Chief Information Officer for the California School Boards Association, told Axios.

- "And school boards, as the most approachable elected body, is a natural first step" — both for activists and those wanting to run for office.

What's happening: Grassroots conservative groups are getting involved in school board races all across the country.

- "Patriots for Delaware" [endorsed](#) five pro-school-reopening candidates for the state's May 11th elections.
- Parents in Pennsylvania formed their own [political action committee](#) to support school board candidates running to keep kids in school in person.
- In El Paso, Texas, the Facebook group "Let Schools Ring" supported Leslie Hoard, who [reportedly](#) questioned the use of masks in school and supported school reopening. Hoard lost to incumbent Josh Acevedo, who told Axios running against Hoard, who he described as science denier, was "really, really intense."
- A group called "Moms for Liberty" has been [pressuring](#) school board members in Brevard County, Florida to drop its mask mandate for students.

Between the lines: Despite the polarized national debate that's driving some of this partisan involvement, school board elections can scramble traditional ideological alignments. **MORE** -<https://www.axios.com/the-next-political-battleground-school-boards-b5f5be3e-0937-42d6-b71d-5bd5fbcc22d7.html> **[The indoctrination of the children in the USA begins at a very early age by our public school systems. Those serving as teachers in general have been trained with eh Dewey concepts of education which are fundamentally Marxist socialist oriented. If there is ever to be a positive change in our society and a return to our fundamental American strength, you must begin at the youngest ages and prohibit the ludicrous sociological and historical concepts that are being inculcated into the heads of our children. They need to learn accurate history and civics. Maybe and Just maybe we may be able to stem the slide of our country into the sewers of socialism. – rdb]**

Commentary:

For Some Arabs, Preventing Peace with Israel Is More Important Than Combating Coronavirus

by [Khaled Abu Toameh](#) May 10, 2021 at 5:00 am

Hatred for Israel (and Jews) in many Arab countries continues to take priority over economic, health and political problems. Some Arabs prefer to dedicate more time and energy to combating peace with Israel than to dealing with the deadly fallout of COVID-19 in their own backyards.

Jordan, an Arab country that signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994, is no exception.

On March 31, Jordan [reported](#) 111 COVID-related deaths, the highest daily toll since the outbreak of the pandemic. The report came as some Jordanians took to the streets to [protest](#) the government's failed policies, especially in healthcare and the economy.

Instead of focusing their efforts on trying to find solutions to the severe medical crisis in the country, many Jordanians are busy [condemning](#) a meeting between Jordanian and Israeli women. These aggrieved Jordanians are dubbing the meeting an act of treason and calling for a commission of inquiry into the encounter.

The Jordanian women have been forced to go on the defensive and issue all kinds of justifications and semi-apologies for committing the "crime" of meeting with Israeli women. Worse, the charges of [treason](#) turn these Jordanian women into easy targets for violence.

Some Jordanians actually [called](#) for punishing the women who met with the "Zionist enemy." They accused the women of agreeing to serve as "tools to promote the Zionist enemy" and said that economic hardship was not an excuse for engaging in normalization activities with Israelis.

"A free woman is one who prefers to starve rather than engage in treacherous activities with the Zionist enemy," [stated](#) an anti-normalization group.

The uproar began after a video and photos of the meeting [appeared](#) on social media platforms.

The gathering was organized by a [group](#) called "Bless Your Hands," a women's entrepreneurship project to support the socio-economic and environmental well-being of Israeli and Jordanian women from both sides of the Wadi Arava, an area south of the Dead Sea Basin that forms part of the border between Israel and Jordan.

According to the group, its business [model](#) is that of a sustainable community economy, divided into Israeli and Jordanian joint mandates: product development, marketing and branding, tourism and content team. "Our goal is to provide an economic alternative for income for the Israeli and Jordanian artists, and to improve the diversity of employment available in the Wadi Arava area," the group [wrote](#).

The project sounds like the type of assistance that Jordanian women need, especially during this difficult period of the economic and health crises in their country.

This hope for improvement in their lives is undoubtedly why some of the Jordanian women agreed to participate in the "Bless Your Hands" initiative -- particularly as its goals are apolitical and solely related to boosting the economy and creating job opportunities for many families on both sides of the border.

The Israel-haters and enemies of peace nevertheless seem to care nothing about the welfare of the women in Jordan and other Arab countries. They would rather see these women remaining unemployed and restricted to their homes, in poverty and misery, than cooperate with Israeli women to improve their living conditions.

What particularly irritated the anti-normalization activists and groups in Jordan was that some of the Jordanian women [appeared](#) in a video praising the project and talking about how happy they were to join forces with their Israeli neighbors on the other side of the border.

"Every second in the video, every hug and smile on both sides was a knife stabbing my heart," [commented](#) Jordanian activist Tayeb Awwad.

His sentiment reflected the feeling among many Jordanians upon watching the video of the Israeli and Jordanian women during the warm encounter.

"It is true that the video shows Jordanian women happy with this kind of normalization of cooperation," admitted Jordanian [writer](#) Mohammed Sweidan, an opponent of peace and normalization with Israel. Sweidan claimed, however, that Jordanian women are "totally opposed" to any form of normalization with Israelis and "hate" Israel.

This Jordanian writer has taken it upon himself to be the spokesman for all of the women in his country. He claims to have some special knowledge of their actual intentions. Notably, he did not even bother to contact the Jordanian women to ask them about their attitude toward the joint project with the Israeli women.

"The normalization project," according to a [report](#) in the Arab news website Raseef22.net, "sparked widespread anger in the popular Jordanian circles, as activists expressed their categorical rejection of any attempt to normalize relations with Israel."

Instead of thanking the Israeli women for their effort to help poverty-stricken families in Jordan, the report [quotes](#) several "activists" who accuse Israel of exploiting the difficult economic situation in Jordan to promote normalization between the two countries, even though the "Bless Your Hands" initiative is an independent project with no links to the Israeli authorities.

The aim of this project, another anti-normalization group in Jordan [claimed](#) in a statement, is "to use Jordanian women as tools to promote the Israeli narrative."

Mohammed Marwan, an Islamist member of the Committee for Resisting Normalization (with Israel), [said](#) that he was surprised that the Jordanian government had "facilitated the normalization" meeting between the Jordanian and Israeli women.

"Everyone should expose and denounce these activities rather than be dragged into participating in them," Marwan [said](#). He pointed out that this was not the first time that Israel had tried to "penetrate this region through suspicious associations and sometimes school trips."

Another anti-Israel Jordanian activist, Hisham al-Bustani, cautioned that the encounter between Israeli and Jordanian women aimed to "send a message that normalization [with Israel] has become acceptable."

Some of the beleaguered Jordanian women, out of fear for their lives, are now trying to distance themselves from the "Bless Your Hands" plan.

Nayfa al-Nawasrah, chairwoman of a Jordanian women's circle, whose members participated in the meeting, [said](#) that her group had nothing to do with the program. She claimed that the visit of the Israeli women to Jordan took place without her knowledge. "The participation of one or two members of our group does not mean that we have anything to do with the project," Nawasrah [emphasized](#).

The vicious attacks on the Jordanian women were predictable. They are the natural result of the decades-old campaign of anti-Israel incitement in the Jordanian and Arab media.

What else happens when the Arab media and leaders demonize Israel and Jews, day in and day out? These leaders and media have filled the Arab people with so much hate against Israel that participating in a positive, productive endeavor becomes a major crime.

As long as such incitement against Israel in the Arab world continues, any talk about peace will be a pipe dream with hopes going up in smoke.

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An Unaware and Compliant Citizenry, Part 3

By [Dr. Dennis Cuddy](#)/May 10th, 2021

I was talking with a young man named “AJ” at a mailing place I go to about [Part 2](#) of this series, and he recounted something that happened to him. He said that one day he was wondering about whether someone, Google or the government or someone else was monitoring him. So he decided to conduct an experiment. He picked a product, prune juice, and a brand name that he had never used before, and he just said it about 5 or 6 times in a conversation with somebody (not on his cell phone, just a regular verbal conversation). He said he was then very surprised and concerned that within a few minutes, there appeared an ad for that exact product and brand name on his social media! And if you think all they are listening to is your product preferences, you are very much mistaken. They are listening to your most private conversations about your most personal matters. Decades ago, the American people would not have tolerated such invasions of privacy, but now it is tolerated—an unaware and compliant citizenry!

They are not just listening to you, but they can actually change your beliefs! Think not? As far back as 1966, Dr. James McConnell, a professor of psychology at the University of Michigan stated: “I teach a course called the Psychology of Influence, and I begin it by stating categorically that the time has come when, if you give me any normal human being and a couple of weeks,...I can change his behavior from what it is not to whatever you want it to be, if it’s physically possible....I can turn him from a Christian to a communist and vice versa....Look, we can do these things. We can control behavior.”

In Part 2, I related that Dr. Robert Epstein indicated Google can be listening to people in their homes. Remember that the startup money for Google was provided by the CIA and National Security Agency, so there is no reason to believe that these government agencies do not have access to what Google hears. Relevant to that, almost since the beginning of the CIA, it had a division called Technical Services Staff/Chemical Division from which the MK-Ultra program came. A CIA document dated May 5, 1955 stated that TSS/CD is also partly “devoted to the discovery of the following materials and methods: substances which will promote illogical thinking and impulsiveness to the point where the recipient would be discredited in public;...physical methods of producing shock and confusion over extended periods of time and capable of surreptitious use;...substances which alter personality structure in such a way that the tendency of the recipient to become dependent upon another person is enhanced....” Sound familiar today?

For keen observers of what is happening today, they recognize it as a type of FRIENDLY FASCISM, which is the title of a 1979 book by Bertram Gross, with a subtitle of “The New Face of Power in America.” In this book, Gross explains: “I see Big Business and Big Government as a joint danger....Anyone looking for black shirts, mass parties or men on horseback will miss the telltale clues of this creeping fascism....In America, it would be super modern and multi-ethnic—as American as Madison Avenue, executive luncheons, credit cards, and apple pie....It would be fascism with a smile....One can look forward to improved capabilities...for the use of induced heart failure...induced suicide...and ‘accidental’ automobile fatalities.”

Gross’ book contains a section titled “A Good Neighbor in a New World Order.” And in another section titled “Womb to Tomb Dossiers,” Gross describes how “high grade intelligence on individuals” is now possible through, among other means, “the new statistical data banks being set up in the fields of education, health and mental health....As of early 1980 detailed plans were worked out to register the nation’s young people without their knowing through what is known as ‘passive’ or ‘faceless’ registration. This would be done by compiling a computerized list of names and addresses by assembling the information from school records, the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security systems, and state drivers’ license bureaus.”

Gross proceeds to explain how information could be used for “direct character assassination and defamation....The creative assembly of unrelated sounds is now possible through electronic means....Through ‘tape-recording’, a person’s voice may be used to say something that the tape recorders want him to say.” The author describes how this also might be done in a editing of film and videotapes by “the use of new RAVE methods (Random Access Video Editing).” Gross continues: “With the growth of a computerized dossier network, and enough R&D investment in its perfection, it will be possible to keep up-to-date inventories of all employees in America....Outcries against misinformation in files could be met by procedures for providing fuller information....The central thrust of those demanding protection of individual rights to privacy and due process could be deflected by developing complicated devices for the purging or destruction of incriminating files—devices that the oligarchs themselves could easily utilize for their own protection and that of their most trustworthy managerial and technical aides.”

Regarding oligarchs, in famous author Jack London’s *THE IRON HEEL* (1907), he says that “the textbook” the “oligarchs” will use to rule the future will be W.J. Ghent’s *OUR BENEVOLENT FEUDALISM* (1902). London will say that the oligarchs and plutocrats will have new ways “of moulding the thought processes of the nation,” and that the banks will constitute one of the most important forces of the Oligarchy....The labor castes, the Mercenaries, and the great hordes

of secret agents and police...were all pledged to the Oligarchy....The condition of the people of the abyss was pitiable....All their old liberties were gone.”

To see what the future of “an unaware and compliant citizenry” will be, read what I quoted from W.J. Ghent’s “The Next Step: A Benevolent Feudalism” (THE INDEPENDENT, April 3, 1902) in my NewsWithViews column “Our Feudal Future” (July 24, 1906) at <http://www.newswithviews.com/Cuddy/dennis72.htm>

Again, the response to my columns seem staggeringly underwhelming, demonstrating that the “compliant citizenry” is here. So, I am now going to try to shock you people out of your lethargy, if that is possible. You will remember about a year ago in March 2020, the American Medical Association issued an edict that hydroxychloroquine was NOT to be used on Covid-19 patients despite my and others requesting it. Millions of people died (including my mother) between then and this past November when, very quietly, the AMA issued an “Oops, we were wrong” Resolution 509 rescinding what they said the previous March ([see pages 16-18 of the following AMA document](#)) . What has the reaction of the lethargic compliant citizenry been? Has the AMA been held accountable for the deaths of millions? Fat chance—not as long as the government and the AMA can count on our compliant citizenry to do nothing. And if the compliant citizenry will do nothing when the lives of millions of people are unnecessarily lost, what does the Power Elite have to fear from anybody?

[Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), Part 3 <https://newswithviews.com/an-unaware-and-compliant-citizenry-part-3/>

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Arabs riot in Lod, torch synagogue

Dozens of Arab residents of Lod shot fireworks at police officers, set a synagogue on fire, and tried to set fire to a police station.

Ido Ben Porat , May 11 , 2021 2:08 AM

Hundreds of Arabs rioted on Monday night in several hotspots in the city of Lod, shooting fireworks at police officers, burning a synagogue and trying to set fire to a police station.

Jews who were defending their lives repelled the rioters by opening fire.

An Arab who was shot during the riots died of his wounds at Assaf Harofeh Hospital. Another Arab arrived at the hospital on his own, also suffering from gunshot wounds and in moderate condition.

The chairman of the Religious Zionist Party, MK Bezalel Smotrich, called on the Minister of Internal Security Amir Ohana and the police to send large forces to Lod. "I am warning once again, the events in Lod are out of control and the police response is far from sufficient. Riots in dozens of hotspots. A terrorist killed, which will, God forbid, escalate events."

"The beit midrash of the mechina was set on fire, same with the new mosaic museum. An incited lot. If someone upstairs does not come to his senses immediately, this night will end in disaster," Smotrich warned.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305951>

Pacific Palisades area of LA defaced with "The Jew is Guilty" graffiti

Neon spray painted anti-Semitic phrase has been found up and down popular beach pathway on benches and on the ground in recent weeks.

Dan Verbin , May 10 , 2021 10:09 PM

The anti-Semitic phrase “The Jew is Guilty” has been showing up in neon spray paint up and down the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles county in recent days.

The offensive statement has been discovered painted onto benches and pathways from Will Rogers State Park all the way south into Venice during the last month, reported CBS Lost Angeles.

Resident Celia Grail said she was “just shocked but also disgusted.”

Her husband Gabriel Lerner was equally appalled. “I am especially offended because we are Jewish. It’s scary.”

There were also other anti-Semitic phrases painted in the same style and bright colors along the pathways.

Public works crews have been cleaning up and covering up the defacement but new graffiti shows up.

Stand with Us CEO Roz Rothstein told CBS that it’s not enough for the city to simply clean up the graffiti. She wants city leaders to speak out about the historic dangers of scapegoating Jews and where that can lead.

She is asking city leadership to “make a statement about how wrong and how evil and how bad this is.”

“We’re seeing so much division now, and so why not during this division... target Jewish or target Asian groups. It is absolutely dangerous and we cannot take it for granted, not even a little bit,” she said.

In late April, a Jewish resident of Los Angeles first discovered the [anti-Semitic phrase](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305945) painted on the sidewalk of the Abbott Kinney area of Venice Beach and took it upon himself to remove it.
<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305945>

Israel's president urges Arab leader to rein in violent attacks

President Rivlin calls on Israeli Arab leader to 'calm the situation' following night of rioting and attacks on Jews.

Arutz Sheva Staff , May 11 , 2021 12:30 PM

President of Israel Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin had an urgent phone call Tuesday morning with Mudar Yunes, chair of the Forum of Arab Heads of Local Councils, and conveyed a strong message regarding Arab violence in the streets of some of Israel’s mixed cities, including Lod, Ramla and others.

“We must not allow these sights to recur. We must not be held hostage by murderous Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists, who are firing indiscriminately on Israeli citizens,” said the president.

He noted that such sights and deeds should be a matter of concern to the Arab leadership no less than they are to the Jewish leadership, and that if there is no clear expression of concern about damage to Israel’s holy sites and to the fabric of shared existence, the damage could become irreparable.

He added, “I appeal to you to do whatever you can to calm the situation. The Israeli people, Jews and Arabs alike, need to hear the Arab leadership speak out strongly and clearly against violence, against damage to synagogues, against this outburst of disorder.”

The president noted that the police will do everything necessary to restore public order and requested the cooperation of the Arab leadership to bring quiet and law and order back to the streets.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305985>

Khamenei calls on Palestinians to unite against Israel

Iran's Supreme Leader: All Palestinians must unite in order to attack Israel.

Elad Benari , May 11 , 2021 6:41 AM

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Monday called on Palestinian Arabs to unite in order to attack Israel.

“All Palestinians, including those in Gaza, in Quds, in the West Bank, in the lands of 1948 and even those in refugee camps, form a single unit. They should adopt a Strategy of Coalescence. Every part should defend other parts and under pressure use the tools at their disposal,” he tweeted.

The tweet came as Gaza terrorists fired more than 150 rockets at Israel, including seven rockets that were fired at Jerusalem and many more towards communities in southern Israel.

Responding to Khamenei’s tweet, Israel’s Ambassador to the US and UN, Gilad Erdan, tweeted, “Typical that Khamenei, leader of the axis of evil, would urge Palestinians to unite in violence and hatred towards Israel.”

“I will continue to urge moderate and peace loving nations in the Middle East to adopt a strategy of coalescence in opposition to Iran’s nuclear program,” added Erdan.

Khamenei, who regularly attacks Israel, last Friday [called on Muslim nations](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305959) to keep fighting against Israel, which he said was not a state but a "terrorist garrison" against Palestinian Arabs.

In one incident, the Iranian Supreme Leader [posted a tweet](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305959) in which he threatened to implement the Nazi "Final Solution" against the Jewish state.

After Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu responded to those threats, [Khamenei asserted](https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305959) that, in using the term “Final Solution”, he did not refer to Jews but rather only to the State of Israel.

Khamenei was later at it again, threatening that "the Zionist virus will not last long and the Zionist regime will not survive - and will be destroyed." <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/305959>

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