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JERUSALEM by artist Eitan Asraf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvOb0Pw0stk>

"American tyranny has come gradually, like a slowly rising river. Each of us does not realize the danger until the water comes in our door. Until then, it is merely someone else's problem and a problem that we fool ourselves into thinking won't reach us."

-- Charley Reese (1937-2013) American syndicated columnist

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 BB – Severe West Nile Fever –still not mobile- improving!

Pray for RBH – cancer recurrence

Pray for DH – Mother going into hospice.

Pray for GB – bad reaction from Cancer drug

Pray for Ella – Child with serious problems

NOTE: Our prayer list was getting very long and there will little follow up.

If you have people you want to have on the list please resubmit since we are revising it now– rdb]

Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world problems. – Have YOU made any preparations?

Genesis 31:⁴⁶And Jacob said to his brothers, Gather stones. And they took stones and they made a memorial pillar. ⁴⁷And Laban called it, Heap of the Testimony. And Jacob called it in Hebrew, Heap of Testimony. ⁴⁸And Laban said, This heap /is a witness between you and between me today; so he called its name Heap of Testimony; ⁴⁹also, Watchtower; for he said, May Jehovah watch between you and me, for we are hidden, when we are out of sight, each from his neighbor.

Iran says nuclear power plant shutdown was due to ‘technical fault’

Bushehr facility taken off power grid for a number of days; national electricity company calls on Iranians to minimize consumption during peak hours

By [Agencies](#) and [TOI staff](#) Today, 9:26 am

Iran’s southern Bushehr nuclear power plant has been temporarily shut down over a “technical fault,” the country’s atomic energy body said in a statement.

“Following a technical fault at Bushehr power plant, and after a one-day notice to the energy ministry, the plant was temporarily shut down and taken off the power grid,” the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran said on its website.

The statement said the plant will be reconnected to the grid and the issue will be resolved “in a few days,” but did not elaborate further.

Iran’s national electricity company had in a statement on Sunday called on Iranians to minimize consumption during peak hours due to a “predicted rise in temperature” and “limitations in power generation due to ongoing repairs at [the] Bushehr plant.” The company said that the repairs may continue until the end of the week, which is Friday in Iran.

The Bushehr plant, which produces 1,000 megawatts of power, was completed by Russia after years of delay and officially handed over in September 2013.

In 2016, Russian and Iranian firms began building two additional 1,000-megawatt reactors at Bushehr. Their construction was expected to take 10 years.

Iran's Gulf Arab neighbors have often raised concerns about the reliability of the Bushehr facility and the risk of radioactive leaks in the event of a major earthquake.

In April, Bushehr province was shaken by a 5.9-magnitude earthquake, leaving five people injured but causing “no damage” to the nuclear complex, according to authorities. There have been no significant earthquakes reported in the area in recent days.

Construction on Bushehr, on the coast of the northern reaches of the Persian Gulf, began under Iran's shah in the mid-1970s. After the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the plant was repeatedly targeted in the Iran-Iraq war. Russia later completed the construction of the facility.

The plant, which sits near active fault lines and was built to withstand powerful quakes, has been periodically shaken by tremors. There have been no significant earthquakes reported in the area in recent days.

MORE- <https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-says-nuclear-power-plant-shutdown-was-due-to-technical-fault/> [You have to wonder if the issue was a ‘natural problem’ or an incited problem. When you look at their history of outages and ‘accidents’ it always makes you wonder. – rdb]

Iran's president-elect says ballistic-missile program not up for discussion

Ebrahim Raisi also said he wouldn't meet with U.S. President Joe Biden, and that “the U.S. is obliged to lift all oppressive sanctions against Iran.”

(June 21, 2021 / JNS) “The U.S. is obliged to lift all oppressive sanctions against Iran,” Iran's president-elect Ebrahim Raisi said on Monday, taking a hardline position regarding ongoing nuclear talks in Vienna.

Speaking at a news conference shortly after his landslide victory in Iran's June 18 presidential election, Raisi also said that he wouldn't meet with U.S. President Joe Biden and that neither Iran's ballistic-missile program nor its support for regional militias was up for negotiation, AP reported.

The White House, which has called for building “a longer and stronger agreement” than the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the nuclear deal negotiated between Iran and world powers in 2015, did not immediately respond to Raisi's comments, according to AP.

American allies in the region, including Israel, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, have urged the Biden administration to include as part of a return to a nuclear deal the reining in of Iran's missile program and its militias.

“Lacking a modern air force, Iran has embraced ballistic missiles,” said a 2019 U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). It described Iran's missile arsenal as the largest and most diverse in the Middle East. Among its arsenal are missiles capable of carrying a nuclear payload.

Iran also relies on militias, including in Iraq, Yemen and Lebanon, to extend its reach in the region. Iran-backed militias have targeted U.S. forces in Iraq and America's allies in the region, including Israel and Saudi Arabia.

On Sunday, diplomats expressed optimism that a deal to restart the 2015 nuclear accord would be reached as the sixth round of negotiations drew to a close.

Raisi, who has served as the head of Iran's judiciary since 2019, also fielded a question about his role during the 1988 mass execution of 5,000 people, saying that he was a “defender of human rights.”

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett slammed the election results during his first Cabinet meeting on Sunday.

“In Iran, a new president was elected this weekend—Ebrahim Raisi. For those who have doubts, it is not the public who chose; it is Khamenei that allowed them to choose. They chose the ‘hangman from Tehran.’ The choice of Raisi is the last signal for the world powers to wake up, to see who they are doing business with, just before returning to the nuclear deal. A regime of executioners must not possess weapons of mass destruction.”

According to AP, the U.S. State Department said it hoped to push forward with the talks “regardless of who is in power.” <https://www.jns.org/irans-president-elect-wont-meet-biden-says-ballistic-missile-program-not-up-for-discussion/> **[the election of Raisi puts the world just one step closer to an all out middle east war with Israel as the object of the first aggression. The fellow is a ruthless murder and thinks nothing of it. A total ideologue. – rdb]**

In Washington, IDF chief warns US against rejoining Iran nuclear deal

Meeting with American counterpart, Kohavi lays out Israeli opposition to 2015 accord, saying it paves way to an Iranian bomb

By [Judah Ari Gross](#) Today, 10:58 pm



IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi, center-right, and US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley, center-left, salute outside the US Department of Defense in Washington, DC, on June 21, 2021. (Israel Defense Forces)

Military chief Aviv Kohavi warned American officials against their government's plan to reenter the 2015 nuclear deal this week during a visit to Washington, DC, as part of a last-ditch effort by Israel to affect the ongoing negotiations between the United States and Iran in Vienna.

The Israel Defense Forces chief of staff arrived in the United States on Sunday and spent the past two days in meetings with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff Mark Milley and US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin in the Pentagon, the military said.

"The chief of staff presented the failures of the current nuclear deal, which allow Iran to make significant advances in the coming years in the quantity and quality of centrifuges and in the amount and quality of enriched uranium, and he stressed the lack of oversight in the area of developing a nuclear weapon," the IDF said in a statement.

Kohavi's visit to the US, which was delayed due to last month's Gaza conflict, came as indirect talks between Washington and Tehran picked up steam, following the election last week of hardliner Ebrahim Raisi as Iran's next president.

Both the current and former Israeli governments have voiced opposition to the US rejoining the 2015 nuclear deal, known formally as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, which former US president Donald Trump abrogated in 2018, putting in place a crushing sanctions regime that prompted Iran to also abandon the agreement a year later.

US President Joe Biden has repeatedly stated his intention to return to the agreement, provided Tehran comes back into compliance with it as well. The Biden administration has said it plans to use the JCPOA as a starting off point for brokering a "longer and stronger" nuclear deal, though critics — including those in Israel — say that once the US eases the sanctions in place on Iran and Iranian officials as it returns to the JCPOA, Tehran will no longer have an incentive to negotiate.

Several delegations of Israeli officials, including former Mossad chief Yossi Cohen and National Security Adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat, have traveled to the US in recent months in an effort to dissuade the Biden administration from reentering the agreement.

In the past, US officials have said that the concerns raised by Israel during these talks will not change the White House's plans.

Shortly after Biden's inauguration in January, Kohavi made waves with a particularly [blunt speech](#) arguing against the US rejoining the deal, calling it a "bad" plan.

The newly inaugurated Israeli government has said that, while it opposes Biden's plan to rejoin the deal, it would voice its concerns behind closed doors.

Kohavi, however, has kept his criticism firmly in public.

"The chief of staff emphasized the inherent danger in returning to the original nuclear agreement and stressed that everything must be done to prevent Iran from obtaining military nuclear capabilities," the IDF said.

During his meeting with Milley, which was attended briefly by Austin, Kohavi also discussed Iran's expansionist efforts in the Middle East, the efforts being made by the Iran-backed Hezbollah terror group to develop precision-guided missiles, and Israel's recent conflict in the Gaza Strip with Hamas, the military said.

"The strategic and military alliance with the United States represents a facet of the State of Israel's national security that is of the utmost importance. Cooperation between the militaries is a force multiplier and of growing mutual interest in recent years, and we will continue to work together against our shared threats in the Middle East," Kohavi said during the meeting.

Pentagon officials largely refrained from discussing the contents of the meeting, with a spokesperson saying only that Milley “reaffirmed the US commitment to its relationship with Israel.”

Kohavi was joined on his nearly week-long trip by Maj. Gen. Tal Kalman, who leads the IDF’s counter-Iran efforts, as well as Brig. Gen. Amit Sa’ar, who leads Military Intelligence’s Research Division, and Israel’s defense attaché in Washington, Maj. Gen. Yehuda Fuchs, who is due to complete his tenure shortly.

In addition to Milley and Austin, the IDF delegation was scheduled to meet US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan, the head of the US Central Command Kenneth McKenzie, the head of the US Special Operations Command Richard Clark and other top American defense officials.

Kalman, Sa’ar, and Fuchs will also hold their own meetings with additional American defense officials, according to the IDF.

Kohavi was initially scheduled to travel to Washington in late April, but his trip was called off in light of rising tensions at the time between Israel and the Hamas terror group in the Gaza Strip, which culminated in a vicious 11-day battle last month.

Kohavi was also scheduled to meet with heads of think tanks and other “thought shapers” in the US, as part of Israel’s public relations efforts before returning to Israel on Friday, the military said. Deputy Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir is commanding the IDF in Kohavi’s absence. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/in-washington-idf-chief-warns-us-against-rejoining-iran-nuclear-deal/>

Fresh clashes at East Jerusalem flashpoint; 20 Palestinians, 1 Israeli wounded

2 Palestinians arrested for throwing stones, firebombs at Jewish homes; police use batons, tear gas, ‘skunk’ water cannons and sponge-tipped bullets to disperse Palestinians

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A Palestinian demonstrator is arrested by Israeli security forces during protests in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of in the Sheikh Jarrah on June 21, 2021. (Photo by AHMAD GHARABLI / AFP)



Israeli Border Guards in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah on June 21, 2021, during clashes between Israelis and Palestinians. (Photo by AHMAD GHARABLI / AFP)

Palestinian protesters and Jewish residents clashed late Monday in a volatile East Jerusalem neighborhood before police moved in to disperse the Palestinians, wounding at least 20.

Jewish residents of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood said protesters threw stones and Molotov cocktails at Jewish homes, lightly wounding a pregnant woman who was hit in the head with a stone.

The neighborhood has been the scene of frequent clashes in recent weeks over the impending eviction of Palestinian families and the violence has spilled over into wider conflict in Jerusalem and beyond. The Hamas terror group in the Gaza Strip used the clashes as a pretext to fire rockets at Jerusalem sparking a 11-day conflict with Israel.

After the protesters attacked a Jewish home, residents responded with rocks and pepper spray and a brawl broke out. Police then used riot dispersal means, including batons, tear gas, “skunk” water cannons and sponge-tipped bullets.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said 20 Palestinians had been treated, including 3 for pepper spray, 13 from tear gas inhalation, two hit by sponge-tipped bullets, and two with wounds from being hit by batons.

The rescue service also accused Jewish residents of stoning an ambulance.

At least two Palestinians were arrested for throwing firebombs at Jewish homes.



Israeli security forces spray Palestinian protesters with “skunk” water in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah on June 21, 2021, during clashes between Israelis and Palestinians.(AHMAD GHARABLI / AFP)

The pending Sheikh Jarrah evictions have sparked widespread anger among Palestinians and Arab Israelis and international condemnation.

They 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 during the 1948 war and the Knesset passed a law in 1950 barring them from reclaiming property lost.

According to Ir Amim, a left-wing human rights

group focusing on Jerusalem, around 200 families in East Jerusalem are under similar threat of eviction, with cases slowly moving through administrative bodies and Israeli courts.

Palestinians and members of the international community accuse Israel of seeking to “Judaize” East Jerusalem by slowly evicting hundreds of families and replacing them with Jewish ones. Israel maintains that East Jerusalem is a part of its undivided capital and that the Jews moving into neighborhoods there do so legally.

Recent days have seen frequent clashes amid fears of renewed fighting with Hamas over the situation in the Holy City. **MORE-** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/fresh-clashes-at-east-jerusalem-flashpoint-20-palestinians-1-israeli-wounded/>

Netanyahu, Lapid snarl over 'no surprises' on Iran policy with U.S.

Opposition leader claims foreign minister 'compromised sacred principle of Israel's security and independence'; Yesh Atid chief denies existence of such agreement with Biden administration

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Opposition Leader Benjamin Netanyahu accused Foreign Minister Yair Lapid of endangering Israel's security by pledging to keep the United States posted about any military actions Jerusalem could take against Iran ahead of time, allegations he denied.

"In a blink of an eye, de-facto prime minister Yair Lapid compromised the sacred principle of our security and independence," Netanyahu said at a meeting for his Likud party. "His commitment to a 'no surprises' policy with the United States against Iran is a telling blow to the core of our security."

"In my 15 years as prime minister of Israel was asked many times by the Americans to give such a commitment. I have always declined. Sometimes I updated them in advance about actions we intend to take, many times I did not. But I have never — never — I did not commit to notifying about all of our actions in advance, as such notice may invite pressure not to perform them, or leaks to the media that will foil our sensitive operations, and thereby deprive us of the freedom of action vis-à-vis Iran in existential matters.

"I did so only recently when this request was relayed to me by phone from President [Joe] Biden and his Secretary of Defense [Lloyd] Austin during his visit here. My answer was, 'we will your request into account' and nothing else. I explained that in matters related to our very existence, I maintain complete freedom of action in the hands of the State of Israel — without any need to report prior. It was also the official directive that I forwarded... to all security and government officials in Israel, so that we will have a uniform response to this request from the new administration in Washington."

Lapid later denied Netanyahu's allegations he had made such an agreement with the U.S.

The Yesh Atid chief "thanked" Netanyahu sarcastically for his "suggestions" and said that he and his government "will take it from here." <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/Hy0SA11Cju>

Lapid confirms plans for landmark visit to UAE next week

Trip will be first by Israeli minister to Gulf state, and Lapid's first as foreign minister; he will officially inaugurate Israeli embassy in Abu Dhabi

By Lazar Berman Today, 12:16 pm

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid will fly to the United Arab Emirates next Sunday for a two-day official visit, his office confirmed Monday, a day after the plan was first reported.

The trip will mark the first time an Israeli minister has visited the Gulf state in an official capacity.

Lapid will be hosted by Emirati Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan.

Israel's foreign minister will officially inaugurate the Israeli embassy in Abu Dhabi and the consulate in Dubai. This is Lapid's first trip abroad in the role.

"Israel-UAE ties are an important relationship whose fruits are enjoyed not only by the citizens of the two countries, but by the entire Middle East," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Last week the UAE and Bahrain issued statements welcoming the new Israeli government.

Following a call last week with bin Zayed, Lapid said he looked forward "to working with him to build on the warm and unique relations between our two countries for the benefit of our peoples and the entire Middle East."

I had the great pleasure of speaking to the Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates @ABZayed this evening and I look forward to working with him to build on the warm and unique relations between our two countries for the benefit of our peoples and the entire Middle East.

— יאיר לפיד – Yair Lapid???? (@yairlapid) [June 14, 2021](#)

The new government, an unlikely alliance of right-wing, left-wing, centrist, and Islamist parties, was sworn in last Sunday, ending Netanyahu's 12-year term in office.

Lapid in his first speech as foreign minister highlighted his diplomatic priorities, including building on the Abraham Accords, which also saw Israel sign deals with Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan.

"Part of our work will of course be to strengthen our presence in the region. Great things have happened this past year. We need to continue the development that started with the Abraham Accords. To work to strengthen the peace with the Gulf States, with Egypt and with Jordan," Lapid said last Monday. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/lapid-confirms-plans-for-landmark-visit-to-uae-next-week/>

TV: Police chief formally okays use of low-caliber bullets for riots in Israel

Kobi Shabtai also said to approve use of drones carrying tear gas, as well as to allow cops to decide on use of batons without the order coming from a senior officer

By [TOI staff](#) Today, 11:46 am

In the wake of rioting and unrest that swept a number of mixed Jewish-Arab cities last month, Police Commissioner Kobi Shabtai has approved the use of a controversial form of live ammunition as a crowd-control method within Israel, Kan news reported Sunday.

According to the report, Shabtai approved the use of low-caliber Ruger rounds, a type of munition normally used for riot dispersal in the West Bank and East Jerusalem as it is considered less lethal than the larger caliber rounds typically used by the military.

However, such rounds can kill, especially if used incorrectly. The use of the controversial rifle has been cited as a cause of death for Palestinians in clashes with Israeli troops.



File: Border Police patrol the streets of the central Israeli city of Lod after riots. May 19, 2021 (Yossi Aloni/Flash90)

The decision by police was apparently a formalization of a policy that had already been in effect. Police used Ruger rifles during the riots last month on at least one occasion, shooting a man in the legs as he tried to throw a firebomb toward a municipal hall in Lod.

However until now, the munition had officially been used as a riot-dispersal method only in the West Bank, as well as in East Jerusalem where it was used during a period of [violent clashes in the fall of 2015](#).

The report said that police stationed near the controversial nationalist flag march through Jerusalem's Old City last week had been armed with Ruger rounds amid concerns of violence.

According to Kan, use of the rifle by officers in the field will necessitate approval by high-ranking officers.

Police did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the report.

Israeli Police Chief Kobi Shabtai on January 8, 2021. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)



According to Kan, Shabtai also approved the use of drones that disperse tear gas as a crowd-control method and said that the use of batons would now be left to the discretion of individual police officers rather than senior officers.

Also on Sunday, Shabtai submitted a preliminary report to Public Security Minister Omer Barlev on the [violence](#) between police and residents on Saturday in the northern Arab town of Deir al-Asad that left one man seriously injured and four officers lightly hurt.

The clashes occurred after officers responded to reports of gunfire during a wedding in the northern Arab town of Deir al-Asad. Celebratory gunfire is a common phenomenon at some celebrations in the Arab community.

According to Kan, Shabtai's report said that officers only understood that the shooting was at a wedding when they arrived on the scene and that they fired into the air because they felt that their lives were in danger.

A 43-year-old local resident was shot and seriously injured. Local witnesses claimed the man, Muhammad Amar, was shot by police.

Four police officers were lightly wounded, one of them hit by a rock thrown from a building, and two police cars were set alight amid the clash. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/tv-police-chief-formally-okays-use-of-low-caliber-bullets-for-riots-in-israel/>

Elkin accuses ex-ally Netanyahu of paying 'thugs' to protest outside his home

Opposition's Gafni blames PM Bennett for resurgence of COVID, as new government defeats first no-confidence motions 59-50

By [TOL staff](#) Today, 8:52 pm

The first motions of no confidence in the newly installed government were defeated in the Knesset on Monday, with 59 lawmakers opposed and 50 in favor, during a raucous plenary session.

The motions were spearheaded by Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud, which was ousted from power last week, after 12 years, with the establishment of the new government of right-wing, centrist, left-wing, and Islamist parties led by Prime Minister Naftali Bennett.

The votes on Monday were preceded by a heated debate that saw New Hope coalition MK Ze'ev Elkin — formerly Netanyahu's confidant and a Likud cabinet minister — go head-to-head with his former party leader, accusing him of sending "thugs" to protest outside his home and frighten his children.

"When you create a discourse of hatred and division, it's legitimate, but when others think differently than you and criticize you — that's illegitimate," said Elkin, the housing minister, in comments directed at opposition leader

Netanyahu. "When there are demonstrations outside your official residence, that's illegitimate. But when you send thugs — using party funds — to my home and the homes of others here, to wake up a 5-year-old girl at 11 p.m. to frighten her, that's legitimate."

Elkin also defended the new government sworn in last week.

"When you, Netanyahu, offer Bennett to become prime minister in a rotation with you, with six Knesset seats, that's legitimate. But now, when you're not in this government — it's illegitimate," he continued. **MORE-** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/elkin-accuses-ex-ally-netanyahu-of-paying-thugs-to-protest-outside-his-home/>

Israel cites progress in airborne laser that shoots down drones

Military official says plane-mounted prototype successfully shot down several drones in a recent test over the Mediterranean Sea and hails cost-effective technology, complementing country's existing air defenses

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The IDF said Monday it has successfully tested an airborne high-power laser that can shoot down drones, a technology it hopes to deploy on a larger scale in the coming years.

A prototype, developed with Elbit Systems, was mounted on a civilian plane and successfully shot down "several" drones in a recent test over the Mediterranean Sea, according to Brig. Gen. Yaniv Rotem, head of military research and development at the Defense Ministry.

One of the UAVs shot down in the experiment (Photo: Defense Ministry)



"We successfully intercepted several UAVs in the air," Rotem told the media. "This is a groundbreaking technological achievement and it is critical for further development of our airborne high-power laser system."

"The ability to intercept and destroy threats from the air is groundbreaking. Israel is among the first countries to use such capabilities," he added.

In the recent test, the system shot down drones from within a range of about 1 kilometer (0.6 miles). In the coming years, Israel hopes to deploy a ground-based system with a range of 20 kilometers (12 miles) that can intercept rockets, mortar rounds and drones.

The experimental laser being used

The electricity-powered lasers provide a significantly cheaper solution to complement Israel's existing air defenses.

The lasers would be used alongside Israel's short-range Iron Dome system, as well as its medium-range David's Sling system, and the Arrow, Israel's highest-altitude missile interception system.

During the latest conflict with Hamas in Gaza last month, some 4,300 projectiles were said to be fired by Palestinian terrorists towards Israel. The Iron Dome defense system managed to successfully intercept about 90 percent of the rockets that were heading for populated areas.

Each Iron Dome missile costs tens of thousands of dollars.

Defense Minister Benny Gantz congratulated both Elbit and the Defense Ministry for the successful experiment.

"Today you have brought ourselves closer to yet another important milestone in the development of the defense of Israel," said Gantz. "It is significant both in terms of cost-effectiveness and defense capabilities."

"The laser system will add a new layer of protection at greater ranges and in facing a variety of threats... I am confident that Israel's defense industry will succeed in this important development program, and I will personally work together with the entire defense establishment to ensure its success."

<https://www.ynetnews.com/business/article/r1swf7CoO#autoplay> **[This would be a tremendous advance in Israel's defensive arms and would literally save millions of dollars if the process can be enhanced/expanded to include longer range targets and big missiles. – rdb]**

Hundreds of settlers march against Palestinian construction

Right-wing rallies call for government to demolish unauthorized building in Area C of the West Bank

By [TOI staff](#) Today, 9:37 pm



Israelis march with a national flag along a hillside near the settlement of Bat Ayin in the West Bank on June 21, 2021, as right-wing activists and settler leaders hold 14 simultaneous marches to stop 'illegal Arab control' in Area C. (Emmanuel DUNAND / AFP)

Hundreds of right-wing activists demonstrated in the West Bank on Monday against unauthorized Palestinian construction in Area C, which constitutes some 60 percent of the territory, and is under full Israeli security and civil control.

The settler protests were held in the Hebron Hills, Binyamin, and Etzion bloc regions of the West Bank, along with other areas. Some 100 demonstrators also marched

from the Tapuah Junction to the new illegal Israeli outpost of Evyatar, the site of recent deadly clashes between Palestinians and Israeli security forces.

The protesters accused the Israeli government of turning a blind eye to rampant illegal Palestinian building in the area, and called for greater enforcement.

Israel occasionally demolishes Palestinian structures in Area C that it says lack the necessary permits. Palestinians say obtaining permits is extremely hard. Such demolitions frequently draw international condemnation.

Between 2016 and 2018, just 21 of the 1,485 Palestinian applications for construction permits in Area C were approved by the Defense Ministry, or 0.81 percent.

Yossi Dagan, the head of the Samaria Regional Council, said the marches aimed to raise awareness of the "reality and the hypocrisy" of Israel's uneven response to unapproved Jewish and Palestinian building in the area.

"This is political persecution against the residents of Judea and Samaria," he claimed, referring to the West Bank by its biblical name.

The marches came as the Israel Defense Forces rejected out of hand an appeal against the planned evacuation and demolition of Evyatar.

Settler residents of the outpost had hoped to stop the planned evacuation, but the military denied their request on Sunday. "The Evyatar outpost was established illegally. Everything was done in complete violation of the law and without any proprietary or planning agreements," the IDF Central Command wrote. The residents can now appeal to Israel's top court, the High Court of Justice, but their petition is unlikely to be accepted there.

The land on which Evyatar was reestablished in April historically belonged to the adjacent Palestinian villages of Beita, Kablan, and Yitma, though residents have been barred access to it for decades, for what the IDF has said are security reasons.

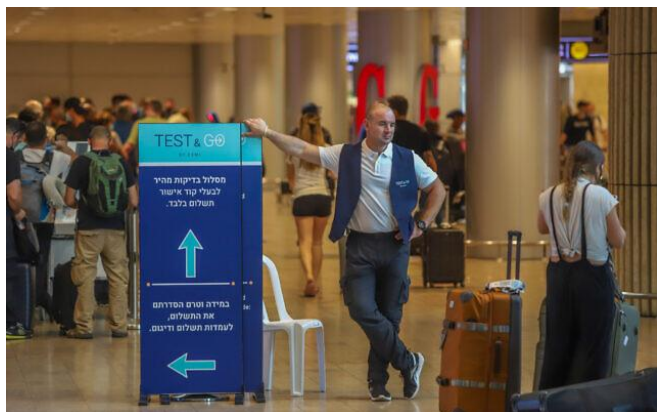
The outpost has quickly grown over the last two months, swelling to roughly 50 buildings for dozens of families. The outpost's Facebook page boasts that Evyatar prevents contiguity between the surrounding Palestinian villages while connecting the Israeli settlement of Tapuah to the Za'atara Junction and Migdalim settlement.

The area around Evyatar has seen repeated clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinians in recent weeks following the reestablishment of the outpost.

Palestinians near the adjacent Beita hurled stones at troops and burned swaths of land, while Israeli soldiers responded with riot dispersal munitions and, in some cases, live bullets. In recent weeks, [four Palestinians were killed](https://www.timesofisrael.com/hundreds-of-settlers-march-against-palestinian-construction/) by Israeli fire in the clashes. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/hundreds-of-settlers-march-against-palestinian-construction/>

As virus infection rate rises once more, health experts say: Don't panic
40% of cases in past month said to come from abroad, amid Delta variant fears; Binyamina designated 'yellow' town; but professionals say Israel likely protected from serious wave

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Travelers line up for COVID-19 testing at the Ben Gurion International Airport, on June 20, 2021. (Yossi Aloni/FLASH90)

Israel's virus transmission rate has risen to 1.77 amid several renewed local outbreaks of the coronavirus, according to Health Ministry data Monday.

And the town of Binyamina, as one such outbreak site, became the first locale since early May to be designated "yellow" in the color-coded ranking system, after the number of people infected there rose from 45 to 80.

According to Health Ministry data, nearly 40 percent of COVID-19 cases found in Israel this month arrived

from abroad. Of the 264 cases identified in the country since the beginning of June, 112 of them were people who flew into the country. [Makes you wonder what their concentration/cycle rate is on their PRC tests. – rdb]

Health officials tie the recent outbreaks to the Delta variant of the virus, first identified in India, which is more contagious than other variants and may be better able to bypass vaccines.

Officials have expressed concern at the potential for the variant to cause something of a relapse of the pandemic, and are reportedly weighing renewing the indoor mask mandate lifted on June 15. Children are considered particularly vulnerable, as most are not vaccinated.

In light of these fears, Defense Minister Benny Gantz on Monday told the military to prepare to delay the closure of its coronavirus task force, known as the Ella Unit, which was scheduled for the end of this month.

"In light of the data, Gantz ordered [the military] to prepare to postpone the closure of the Ella Unit, which is responsible for epidemiological investigations and coordinates the investigations in cities that have outbreaks," Gantz's office said.

The defense minister also instructed the military to prepare for the possibility that it may have to again perform coronavirus tests or transport samples.

Amid these concerns, two of Israel's main health maintenance organizations announced Monday that appointments for 12- to 15-year-olds to receive the shot have increased significantly in recent

days. The Maccabi HMO said requests had quadrupled compared to previous weeks, and the Clalit HMO said appointments had gone up by roughly 100%, according to the Walla news site.

However, several experts urged calm on Monday, saying the country was doing well, and was unlikely to see a serious new outbreak.

“We may now see an increase in the number of infections of young people who are not vaccinated,” Eran Segal, a computational biologist at the Weizmann Institute of Science who has been studying the pandemic closely, told Channel 12. “But I do not think we are facing a resurgence [of the virus].”



Eran Segal (courtesy of Eran Segal)

“The Indian variant is a continuation of COVID’s evolution, just like when the British variant was discovered. Whenever a new variant arrives it spreads rapidly following viral changes.”

According to Segal, Pfizer’s vaccine appears to be effective against the variant, and therefore the country likely won’t see a rise in serious cases and deaths as a result of the virus.

Ran Balicer, an epidemiologist who directs health policy planning for the Health Ministry, told the Ynet news site that there is no reason to panic, as a significant portion — some 85% — of Israel’s elderly population is vaccinated.

“Israel is largely immunized, and the chances of a wave of serious illness and mortality are not what they were in January,” he said. “The destructive potential of the virus is more contained here than in any other country, so everything must be done to prevent it from spreading, but also to calm the panic on the other hand.”



Professor Ran Balicer, head of innovation at Clalit, Israel’s biggest health services provider, in Tel Aviv on June 10, 2020 (EMMANUEL DUNAND / AFP)

On Friday, the Health Ministry temporarily suspended the requirement for travelers entering Israel to be tested for the coronavirus upon arrival, following crowding at the airport as a bottleneck formed around passengers waiting to be swabbed. At least 1,000 people entered without being tested, according to Kan news, though those arriving from countries deemed high risk — Argentina, Brazil,

South Africa, India, Mexico and Russia — were not allowed to skip the test even if vaccinated, according to Hebrew media reports.

Balicer said that “there is no doubt that what happened at Ben Gurion Airport is unfortunate and should have looked different,” but added that the new variant was already in the country.

“The barrier of vaccination we have built may be sufficient to allow these outbreaks to remain contained and prevent a widespread community spread,” he told the site.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett announced late Sunday that Israel would step up COVID-19 testing and restrictions at Ben Gurion Airport, as well as enforcement of quarantine for those arrivals required to self-isolate.

**A national inoculation drive has seen most of the adult Israeli population vaccinated against COVID-19 and brought down new daily cases from thousands at the beginning of the year to 48 people diagnosed on Sunday and another 57 as of Monday morning — a slight rise on the rates seen in recent weeks. MORE-
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/as-virus-infection-rate-rises-once-more-health-experts-say-dont-panic/> [I was under the impression that Israel was requiring all incoming people to demonstrate proof of vaccination before they could take off and to show a negative PCR test result or antibodies to the virus. If that is true there should not have been as many positives as indicated OR the vaccine(aka The Jab) simply isn’t as effective as people are making it out to be. – rdb]**

Israel pushes vaccines for teens as fast-spreading Delta variant stokes fears

Health Ministry also plans crackdown at airport, with Minister Horowitz threatening heavy fines on Israelis who travel to forbidden ‘red countries’

By [Amy Spiro](#) Today, 8:27 pm

The Health Ministry on Monday urged rapid vaccination for teens and began working on measures to curb COVID-19 infections linked to international arrivals, amid signs that the extra-contagious Delta variant is spreading in Israel. Ministry officials strongly recommended that 12- to 15-year-olds get

vaccinated against COVID as soon as possible. The vaccine has been available to that age group for several weeks, but until now the ministry stopped short of recommending teens receive the shot. [most unfortunate. – rdb]

Health Ministry Director General Chezi Levi ordered Israel's health maintenance organizations to prepare for a ramped-up vaccination drive among teenagers.

Levi told Channel 12 on Monday evening that about 20,000 12- to 15-year-olds have already been vaccinated, and the Health Ministry will accelerate its efforts in the coming days.

"We will call people to come, we will explain to them, we will recommend they get it and reassure them the vaccine is safe," he said, noting that half of the new cases in Israel in recent days are among under children under the age of 16.

According to Health Ministry data publicized by Channel 12 on Monday, 70 percent of new COVID cases in Israel are traced to the Delta variant, which originated in India and is believed to be the most contagious form of the virus so far.

"The Indian variant is significantly strengthening in Israel," a senior health official told Channel 12. "The assumption is that the Indian strain is dominant in more than 70% of the newly infected."

Travelers at Ben-Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv on June 21, 2021. (FLASH90)

The biggest concern in Israel is unvaccinated children, who represent most of the new COVID cases

in the country over the past week. Two recent outbreaks in schools in Modi'in and Binyamina have been tied to people who tested positive after returning from abroad.

Thus, the Health Ministry is also working to halt the virus entering the country by cracking down further on restrictions. Currently, Israelis are forbidden from traveling to Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, India, Mexico, and Russia. Anyone who enters the country from those countries — even if they are vaccinated — must enter home quarantine for 14 days or 10 days with two negative tests.

Health Minister Nitzan Horowitz vowed on Monday to hand heavy fines to Israelis who travel to "red countries" against the law.

"Within a few days, we will impose strict enforcement at the airport on those who fly to forbidden countries, dangerous countries with high COVID morbidity," he said. "There will also be heavy fines on those who ignore the instructions and endanger the health of the citizens of Israel."

The list of countries in the "dangerous" COVID level, but where travel is not currently forbidden, include the United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Uruguay, Seychelles, Ethiopia, Bolivia, Maldives, Namibia, Nepal, Paraguay, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Tunisia. If the situation in those countries does not improve, they could be added to the list of "red countries."

Horowitz said the government is already working to expand the testing area at the Ben-Gurion Airport arrivals gate, "but it is not enough. We have to get ready for the crowds expected this summer. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-pushes-vaccine-for-teens-amid-fears-over-fast-spreading-delta-variant/>

Three countries said to ask Israel for vaccine doses Palestinians don't want

Palestinians return 90,000 soon-to-expire doses already sent by Jerusalem, which had planned to deliver over 1 million vaccines before PA canceled agreement

By [Aaron Boxerman](#) and [TOI staff](#) Today, 2:13 am

Three countries have contacted Israel to inquire about the possibility of obtaining vaccines rejected by the Palestinians in recent days if Ramallah indeed decides it doesn't want them, the Haaretz daily reported Sunday.

Citing an unnamed diplomatic source, the paper said Israel was in touch with the countries about a batch of doses set to expire in July.

If an agreement is reached it would be under the same terms as the deal with the Palestinians, whereby Israel would be repaid out of future vaccine shipments to those countries. The deal would need the approval of Pfizer.

Meanwhile, the PA Health Ministry said on Sunday that it will seek to renegotiate the terms of its recent deal for one million coronavirus vaccine doses with Pfizer and the Israeli Health Ministry, hoping to receive Pfizer vaccines from Israel that do not expire until the end of July.

Israel announced the planned transfer on Friday and immediately sent an initial shipment of 100,000 vaccines to Ramallah. Under the terms of the deal, Israel was handing over its soon-to-expire vaccines in exchange for an equivalent part of the PA's shipment of fresh Pfizer vaccines, which are scheduled to arrive later in 2021.

Ramallah has been slow to roll out its coronavirus vaccine response, and fewer than one-fifth of West Bank Palestinians are currently vaccinated. But the PA canceled the deal on Friday night, claiming that the vaccines it received did not meet its safety standards as they were set to expire in just 10 days, at the end of June.

"We won't use them, and they will be returned [to Israel]," said PA Health Minister Mai al-Kaila at a press conference.

The Palestinian Authority will now seek to receive Israeli vaccines from Pfizer that do not expire until the end of July, al-Kaila told the official PA Wafa news agency on Sunday.

Al-Kaila said an Israeli delay in accepting Ramallah's conditions precipitated the PA's decision to cancel the deal. Al-Kaila said the deal had originally been concluded last May, with the notion that the vaccines would arrive at the end of the month. **MORE-** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/three-countries-said-to-ask-israel-for-vaccine-doses-palestinians-dont-want/>

Hamas, UN meeting on ceasefire with Israel falls through

Hamas leader Sinwar describes meeting as 'bad' after Jerusalem rejects all of terror group's demands, says Israel fails to understand the Palestinians' motivations and accuses it of 'extortion'

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The leadership of the Hamas terrorist group met in the Gaza Strip on Monday to consolidate a ceasefire agreement with Israel but failed to reach an understanding.

The parties met in order to prevent last month's conflict between the Jewish State and Gaza's terrorist factions from rekindling, but Israel refused to comply with any of Hamas' demands.



Hamis leader in the Gaza Strip Yahya Sinwar (Photo: TPS)

Hamis leader in the Gaza Strip Yahya Sinwar told the media that Jerusalem's steadfastness was an outgrowth of its failures to understand the motivations of the Palestinian people.

"Israel continues with its policies against the Palestinian people, against the [Palestinian] prisoners and against the Gaza Strip and tries to extort us when it comes to the issue of easing the living conditions of the residents of the Gaza

Strip," S. [This is the typical 'trash' from Hamas. Everything is always someone else's fault even though they wouldn't have had their little crippling episode had not Hamas lobbed shells into Israel. Israel responds defensively to attacks and not offensively. You can always bank on seeing someone else go first to incite the problem. – rdb]

"We have informed the UN representatives that we would not accept this. The meeting was bad, it was not good at all."

Sinwar also said that the different factions in Gaza will convene in the near future to discuss their next steps.

The meeting came on the heels of last week's spate of incendiary balloon attacks launched from Gaza into Israeli soil which caused dozens of fires that consumed large swathes of farmland and endangered residential areas near the border.

The Israeli military responded with a series of attacks on several Hamas targets in the southern and northern Gaza Strip, including several buildings and at least one rocket launching pit.

These strikes were preceded by warnings from both Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, who warned of heavy retaliation if Hamas kept encroaching on Israeli sovereignty. The Gaza-ruling faction brushed off the Israeli attacks as "merely a show" enacted by the new Israeli government "designed to improve the morale of soldiers that collapsed in the face of the resistance's attacks during the last campaign." Hamas threatened to respond if attacks persisted. <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rkEPE11Rid>

EU commissioner calls to reconsider aid after antisemitism in PA textbooks

The commissioner's remarks came the day after the European Commission released the report showing instances of antisemitism and incitement to violence in PA textbooks.

By [LAHAV HARKOV](#) JUNE 22, 2021 00:21

The EU must review the conditions by which it gives funding to education in the Palestinian Authority, European Commissioner for Neighborhood and Enlargement Oliver Varhelyi said Monday, after the release of an EU-sponsored report that found [antisemitism and incitement](#) in Palestinian textbooks.

“Firm commitment to fight antisemitism and engage with Palestinian Authority and UNRWA” – the UN agency for Palestinian refugees and their descendants – “to promote quality education for Palestinian children and ensure full adherence to UNESCO standards of peace, tolerance, coexistence, non-violence in Palestinian textbooks,” Varhelyi tweeted.

Firm commitment to fight anti-semitism & engage with Palestinian Authority + [@UNRWA](#) to promote quality education for Palestinian children & ensure full adherence to [@UNESCO](#) standards of peace, tolerance, co-existence, non-violence in Palestinian textbooks.

— Oliver Varhelyi (@OliverVarhelyi) [June 21, 2021](#)

The commissioner, the equivalent of a cabinet minister but for the entire EU, added: “The conditionality of our financial assistance in the educational sector needs to be duly considered.”

Varhelyi’s remarks came the day after the European Commission released the report it sponsored on Palestinian Authority textbooks, four months after its completion, showing instances of antisemitism and incitement to violence.

Varhelyi seeks to immediately slash funding to the Palestinian Authority, but EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Josep Borrell objects, a source in Brussel said.

Responding to a question about the matter earlier Monday, European Commission spokesperson Ana Pisonero said the report presents a “complex picture” and repeated the claim in its introduction, that the “textbooks largely adhere to UNESCO standards and adopt criteria prominent in international education discourse, with a strong focus on human rights.”

Yet, like the report, Pisonero soon contradicted that argument, saying that the textbooks “express a narrative of resistance,” which, as examples in the report show, is often violent, and “display an antagonism towards Israel.”

Though Pisonero did not mention antisemitism or incitement to violence in the textbooks, she said that “the EU has no tolerance for incitement to hatred or violence as a means to achieve political goals and antisemitism in all its forms. These principles are nonnegotiable for this commission.”

“The EU will step up engagement with the PA on the basis of this study with the aim to ensure further curriculum reform addresses problematic issues in the shortest possible time frame and the PA takes responsibility to screen textbooks not analyzed in the study,” she stated. “We have agreed to work with the PA on a specific roadmap... [that] must include a process of screening and monitoring of educational material for which the PA will be fully responsible and will ensure coherence with UNESCO standards.” **[It is absolutely amazing how ignorant and delusional most of those who rule in the EU can be. Either they are totally naive or blind, deaf and dumb, or simply evil and wicked with their pronouncements. Personally I think it is the latter. – rdb]**

Brussels directly funds the salaries of teachers and the writers of textbooks, which, the report indicates, encourage and glorify violence against Israelis and Jews.

The EU commissioned the report in 2019 from the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research and received it in February.

Almost 200 pages long, the report examines 156 textbooks and 16 teachers’ guides. The texts are mostly from 2017-2019, but 18 are from 2020.

The report includes dozens of examples of encouragement of violence and demonization of Israel and of Jews. MUCH MORE- <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/eu-commissioner-calls-to-reconsider-aid-after-antisemitism-in-pa-textbooks-671683>

UK govt gave contract to IT firm that is ‘openly plotting’ to turn vaccine passports into a national ID card, privacy group warns

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The British government has been accused of aiming to covertly implement a national ID programme, after it partnered with a company that has advocated turning vaccine passports into a multi-purpose document.

Entrust, an IT firm that bills itself as a “global leader in identities, payments, and data protection,” was awarded a contract by the Department of Health and Social Care last month to work on the UK’s Covid-19 vaccine certificate system. The company was given £250,000 (\$346,000) to provide cloud-computing services for the government’s Covid-status certification scheme, iNews reported. The contract is due to expire in March 2022, but the government has the option of extending it for an additional year.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock stated last month that proof of vaccination will be “necessary” for international travel, and in recent weeks reports have emerged claiming that the UK government may require the document of people attending sporting events or other large gatherings.

Judging from Entrust’s own stance on the issue, it’s possible that the government may have even more ambitious plans for the digital certificate. In a February blog post published on the company’s website, Jann Markey, Entrust’s product marketing director, argued that the advent of the vaccine passports could be used as an opportunity to roll out a national ID as part of *“the infrastructure of the new normal.”*

“Consider a national ID strategy: With the infrastructure and investment necessary to ensure a viable vaccine passport, why not redeploy this effort into a national citizen ID programme that can be used for multiple purposes including the secure delivery of government services, secure cross-border travel, and documentation of vaccination,” the blog, which explores vaccine passports in the *“post-pandemic world,”* states.

Notably, the US-based company has already helped Albania, Ghana and Malaysia deploy national ID systems, iNews said.

Entrust’s partnership with the UK government has already raised alarm among civil liberties organisations and lawmakers.

Tory MP David Davis, a member of the anti-lockdown Covid Recovery Group, demanded an explanation from the government. He told iNews that it was *“extraordinary”* that the health department could ink deals with such companies without first getting permission from Parliament, adding that it was particularly worrying that a contract could be given to a firm *“with this sinister attitude to surveillance of citizens.”*

Former Conservative leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith echoed similar displeasure, claiming that the contract contradicts the “stated position of the government” and should be nixed.

Big Brother Watch, a privacy and civil liberties group, said the Entrust contract represents an attempt by the government to issue ID cards *“by the backdoor.”*

“The fact that the government has done a deal with Entrust, a company which is openly plotting a route from vaccine passports to digital identity cards, only underlines what a serious threat Covid passes would be to our civil liberties and our privacy,” the organisation’s head of research, Jake Hurfurt, warned.

A health department spokesperson insisted that the NHS app used to certify vaccination status will not be used as a national ID system, describing the scheme as a *“simple and secure means”* to allow for international travel. Entrust declined to comment when contacted by iNews. <https://www.rt.com/uk/527132-vaccine-passport-national-id-entrust/> **[The day of the ID passport is coming very soon. Keep watch. Fight and avoid this at all costs. – rdb]**

Richard Grenell: Biden killing Trump agenda for 'European feelings first'

'Meaningless global statements with empty rhetoric to feel good'

By [Bob Unruh](#) Published June 21, 2021 at 11:25am

President Trump's agenda of "America First," through which the international stature and influence of the United States surged, its borders were made more secure and more, is over, confirms Richard A. Grenell, the former acting Director of National Intelligence.

And now it's the age of "European feelings first."

Grenell wrote in a commentary at the [American Center for Law and Justice](#) that the flip-flop became evident as President Biden met with Vladimir Putin in Europe.

"Gone are the days of dealing from a position of strength and unapologetically standing up for America’s interests. Instead, we have returned to the swampy old model of prioritizing the applause of the elites in Europe and joining meaningless global statements with empty rhetoric to feel good," he warned.

He pointed out that Biden is bragging about the tone of his meeting with Putin, but the Russian leader has plenty to boast about, since the Biden administration essentially made him a gift of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

That provides Russian energy to Germany and other prominent European points, and the project will end up giving Putin "power, leverage, and a lot of cash for decades to come," he said.

Good relations with all nations are important, "but convivial relations should *never* come at the expense of our real tangible goals. That isn't putting America First; it's putting European feelings first," he said.

He said **Russia ignores moral arguments**, but responds to tangibles like money, trade, oil and cash.

"With Nord Stream 2, Russia gets all of these plus the added bonus of economically vice-gripping Germany, a core NATO member, to Russia for the foreseeable future."

While much of Europe shares America's values, they diverge on threat assessments, he warned.

"We should expect our NATO allies to not only pay their financial obligations freely and without being begged, but also be Western-facing in all their policies," he said, calling the accommodations imposed to get business with China or Iran a mistake.

"Temporary economic gain will never outweigh the risks of enabling these regimes to brutalize their people and destabilize the globe," he said.

America's role, as "the world's indispensable leader," should always be to try engagement, but should not confuse discussions with accomplishments.

"Diplomacy is a tactic, but not a goal within itself. When we confuse the means for the end, we end up in situations where enemies and allies alike can take what they want from us and we get nothing in return," he wrote.

That's exactly what's happening under Biden, he said.

"European leaders ... know they can get away with this behavior while President Joe Biden is at the helm, and they celebrated his election because they want a U.S. president who doesn't demand results but celebrates consensus with European leaders.

"And in case you haven't noticed, Europe doesn't put America first." <https://www.wnd.com/2021/06/richard-grenell-biden-kills-trump-agenda-european-feelings-first/> [**The Obamanation and his "Bi-dumb" surrogate are back at their old tricks of placating everyone else so that they can denigrate the USA which they view is a colonialist "WHITE" regime and therefore bad. The trouble is the only colonialists are those in the EU who held millions of acres of colonial holdings for years. – rdb]**

Man who led militia movement to occupy federal land runs for governor

'I'm tired of our freedoms being taken from us'

By [WND News Services](#) Published June 21, 2021 at 6:28pm By [Steven Hall](#) Daily Caller News Foundation



Ammon Bundy (Twitter profile)

Anti-government activist Ammon Bundy, who led a militia in 2016 to occupy federal land in Oregon announced on his website on Saturday that he is running to be governor in Idaho.

Ammon Bundy said he announced his run after seeing "untold corruption" in Idaho's government. His website lists the "Top 5 Reasons to Support Ammon Bundy," including removing property taxes, personal income taxes, selling all federal land in Idaho, and signing an executive

order to end abortions.

Bundy's fifth reason is that he promises to implement a system of restitution and restoration laws where victims of crimes can receive their stolen property back. "If someone steals your iPhone, it must be immediately returned to you along with a judgment in your favor for an additional 20% of the value of it," according to his site. [Sounds rather Biblical to me. – rdb]

The Republicans Bundy will be running against include incumbent [Gov. Brad Little](#) and [Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin](#).

"I won't bore you with the typical platitudes from politicians about how they're strong conservatives," Bundy said on his website. "I'm tired of our freedoms being taken from us and I'm tired of the corruption that is rampant in our state Government."

What will I do as Governor of Idaho? Visit <https://t.co/J0srZvFeyo> for my plan to [#KeepIdahoIdaho!](#) [#votebundy pic.twitter.com/WcUSzn7JXP](#)

— Ammon Bundy (@RealABundy) [June 20, 2021](#)

Bundy also claimed in his announcement that the "deep state" controls Democratic President Joe Biden, and that Biden will take away America's gun rights, freedom of religion, and parental rights.

The gubernatorial candidate was [arrested](#) at the Idaho State Capitol in August 2020 for refusing to leave after a state legislature hearing on coronavirus-related bills.

Bundy [posted](#) a video on Facebook in 2018 where he called for compromise between “bleeding hearts” liberals’ support of immigration and conservatives’ opposition to immigrants “based upon fear.”

Bundy led a 41-day [occupation](#) in 2016 of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon. Bundy and his followers protested two ranchers convicted for burning federal lands. He was [acquitted](#) of his charges in October 2016 through jury nullification, when members of a jury believe that a defendant is guilty, but feel the law is unfair and choose to acquit, according to [Cornell’s Legal Information Institute](#).

He [claims](#) on his site that he never broke the law and was trying to stop “corrupt government officials” that were attempting to “steal” his neighbor’s land.

“And contrary to the popular media accounts, we had the support of the local people who were there and we never broke a single, solitary, law. Let that sink in. We never broke any laws,” his website stated. <https://www.wnd.com/2021/06/managed-militia-movement-occupy-federal-land-runs-governor/>

Whites told they must pay \$50 'reparations' to attend city park event

'Keep this event free of cost for BLACK AND BROWN Trans and Queer Community'

By [Bob Unruh](#) Published June 21, 2021 at 2:23pm

A radio talk-show host has revealed that organizers of a black "pride" event at a public park in Seattle are insisting that white people pay a "reparations" fee of up to \$50 in order to enter in a race-based manipulation that has the endorsement of mayoral candidate Lorena Gonzalez.

Jason Rantz at his MyNorthwest site explains that those organizing what they are calling the "Taking b[ll]jack pride" events have stated that, for their event, "All are free to attend HOWEVER this is a BLACK AND BROWN QUEER TRANS CENTERED, PRIORITIZED, VALUED, EVENT. White allies and accomplices are welcome to attend but will be charged a \$10 to \$50 reparations fee that will be used to keep this event free of cost for BLACK AND BROWN Trans and Queer Community."

Rantz pointed out that **Seattle Municipal Code (18.12,280) requires, "It is unlawful** for any person occupying or using any park or recreation facilities for any event, activity or exhibition open to the public, whether or not under a permit and whether or not an admission or entrance fee is charged, **to deny to any other person the full use and enjoyment of such park and recreation facility because of race...**"

Rantz reported that Charlette LeFevre and Philip Lipson, who are supporting their Capitol Hill Pride, complained of the "reverse discrimination" to the Seattle Human Rights Commission, an activist group that advises the city on human rights issues, but the organization rejected their concerns.

In its response, the commission said, "Black trans and queer peoples are among the most marginalized and persecuted peoples within the LGBTQIA2S+ community. They often face shame not only from the cis-heteronormative community, but within the queer community at large as well. In making the event free for the Black Queer community, the organizers of this event are extending a courtesy so rarely extended; by providing a free and safe space to express joy, share story, and be in community."

Gonzalez was so offended by the questions about the race-based discrimination and she canceled her appearance at Capitol Hill Pride, the report said.

Those who announced the racist actions defended their plans, with, "Our allies, supporters, and accomplices, pay our sliding scale donation 'reparations' because they are able to understand that as folks with privilege, equity can start with making sure that people who possess various levels of marginalization are able to have spaces that center their needs, safety, identities, and contributions to LGBTQI culture."

Apparently being offered, the report said, are performances, commentators, healing spaces, prizes and a vaccination clinic.

Seattle parks managers did not respond to Rantz' request for comment. <https://www.wnd.com/2021/06/whites-told-must-pay-50-reparations-attend-city-park-event/> **[This is totally outrageous. There is no way this should happen in the USA today. If they want a race war this is certainly the way to get one. – rdb]**

Hydroxy hell: The deadly attack on a long-proven COVID treatment

Exclusive: Joel S. Hirschhorn trumpets Fauci's previous praise for HCQ in countering coronaviruses

By [Joel S. Hirschhorn](#) Published June 21, 2021 at 7:39pm

Sadly, many people have every reason to mistrust science, medicine and the public health system because of the endless pandemic lies.

The biggest, long-lasting lie is the attack on the use of hydroxychloroquine for early COVID home/outpatient treatment. It was always more about politics than medicine and health care.

The chief protagonist in the battle against HCQ is Anthony Fauci, the darling of big media. The details of this travesty were laid out in my book, ["Pandemic Blunder."](#)

Recently, a physician in India made this fascinating observation: "In the 1985-86 edition of 'Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine' [a highly recommended book for students in medical school], Dr. Fauci wrote that HCQ worked as an anti-viral agent despite being an anti-malarial drug. There was no COVID-19 back then. HCQ's anti-viral properties were known."

Did Fauci forget what he knew 35 years ago? He had no hesitancy in ignoring a mountain of evidence for the effectiveness of HCQ against the COVID virus. Maybe that can be explained by the fact so ignored by big media that Fauci is not a trained virologist. As a loyal friend of the drug industry, he has shown no skill in following any science that conflicts with that industry's interests.

This reference to such an early work explains why physicians in Europe and the U.S. in the early months of 2020, when the pandemic was just exploding, thought to use hydroxychloroquine. Dr. Vladimir Zelenko in New York became famous for his cocktail based on HCQ that worked to safely cure his mostly elderly patients hit with the COVID virus. In France, Dr. Didier Raoult was one of the earliest to discover its usefulness. He treated over 1,000 patients with azithromycin and hydroxychloroquine, and [almost 99% recovered.](#)

But **there was much more scientific data to justify what pioneering doctors did early in the pandemic. Jump forward by about 20 years and see still more evidence** that Fauci had a long-time positive view of HCQ. In 2005, he pushed HCQ as a treatment for all types of coronaviruses. It was reported that he was a [strong proponent of HCQ](#), because it worked against SARS, a cousin of the current SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. He admitted that HCQ "completely abolished SARS-CoV infection."

This came about because of research done in connection with the SARS outbreak that [concluded](#) HCQ was effective at stopping the SARS coronavirus in its tracks. COVID-19 is a coronavirus, and though not exactly the same virus as SARS, it is genetically related to it and shares 79% of its genome. They both use the same host cell receptor, which is what viruses use to gain entry to the cell and infect the victim.

[The Virology Journal](#) published what now seems a historic article on Aug. 22, 2005, under the heading, "Chloroquine is a potent inhibitor of SARS coronavirus infection and spread." Five of the eight authors were from the CDC. "We report ... that chloroquine has strong antiviral effects on SARS-CoV infection of primate cells. These inhibitory effects are observed when the cells are treated with the drug either before or after exposure to the virus, suggesting both prophylactic and therapeutic advantage." What works with chloroquine will likely work with its safer cousin hydroxychloroquine.

Now **known as an unrepentant flip-flopper, Fauci used his considerable power to block HCQ use in 2020, despite what science was saying. The follow-the-science hypocrite suddenly decided that HCQ could not be widely used, despite extremely positive results from both research and frontline doctors. He pushed the clinical results aside as "anecdotal." Real-world data endorsed in a 2016 federal law were dismissed arrogantly by Fauci.**

Which brings us to this understanding: Despite compelling real-world data starting in March 2020 that cheap, safe and FDA-approved hydroxychloroquine really worked, big media, federal officials and public health despots maintained their vicious attacks. Even into the present.

Despite **recently revealed new medical data from early June proving once again HCQ's lifesaving capability, big media in conjunction with Fauci have suppressed the remarkable results.** If you doubt this, do an internet search for something like "recent positive hydroxychloroquine results." I did and found no major news outlet covering the newest positive data on HCQ summarized below.

Why all the lies, disinformation and information suppression?

The **biggest reason for steadfastly condemning hydroxychloroquine was to protect the global market for COVID vaccines.**

This has been a bigger commitment by Fauci than saving and protecting lives. Importantly, HCQ was shown in many studies not only to cure COVID, but also to act as a prophylactic to prevent infection. Considering the endless reports of deaths and many serious health impacts from COVID vaccines, having a cheap, safe way to stay protected is clearly a threat to the trillion-dollar global market for them.

Early in June, the two studies showing HCQ effectiveness were released but largely ignored. They merit serious attention.

The first provided very good results for hospitalized COVID patients, which stands out because for the most part HCQ was never seen as relevant for those late-stage cases. Most studies have demonstrated its effectiveness for early home/outpatient treatment. The title of the [article](#) is "Observational Study on 255 Mechanically Ventilated Covid Patients at the Beginning of the USA Pandemic." The patients were in a New Jersey hospital. The

impressive result was that a high dose for HCQ with zinc and the antibiotic azithromycin improved survival by nearly 200% in this population of seriously ill patients.

This was the same kind of cocktail used by the early frontline doctors in France and the U.S.

Though big media ignored the New Jersey study results, former Trump administration official Peter Navarro spoke out: "I had 60 million tablets of HCQ that Tony Fauci wouldn't allow the American public to use because of Hydroxy Hysteria." To his credit, last summer Navarro attempted to distribute those 60 million tablets of hydroxychloroquine that were stored in the Strategic National Stockpile. However, that did not happen because the FDA refused to issue an emergency use authorization, or EUA (which it did for the experimental COVID vaccines), despite all the evidence that HCQ was effective. Navarro was correct in saying that Fauci and big media had "blood on their hands."

Rather than treating infected people, the second new [study](#) determined that HCQ is an effective prophylactic or means of preventing COVID. The highest prevention rate of 72% was found among those given HCQ over six weeks or a longer duration. The authors of this study said this "is the largest multicenter study on HCQ prophylaxis on HCWs (healthcare workers), covering over 12,000 HCWs at the risk of COVID-19."

To be clear, there is a mountain of evidence for the effectiveness of HCQ that can be accessed by going to this website: [HCQmeta.com](https://www.hcqmeta.com). This regularly updated material shows there have been positive results for 191 studies involving 270,418 patients. The studies can be accessed.

Further, a survey from Jackson & Coker in April 2020 is worth attention today. It showed an overwhelming majority of doctors would prescribe HCQ to a family member suffering from COVID. Specifically, "Sixty-five percent of physicians across the United States said they would prescribe the [HCQ] to treat or prevent COVID-19 in a family member," revealed the survey, which questioned 1,271 doctors in 50 states. "Only 11 percent said they would not use the drug at all." Moreover, a significant number of doctors said they would prescribe HCQ to those exposed to the virus as a preventative measure and would take it themselves if they became sick from the disease. And many have.

One of the most trustworthy experts, Dr. Harvey Risch of Yale University, made this wise observation back in July 2020: "HCQ is a political drug now, not a medical drug, and that's caused the complete population's ignorance. And I think we're basically fighting a propaganda war against the medical facts."

To sum up, the preponderance of all the medical evidence has always been that HCQ worked to safely and cheaply treat and prevent COVID. **Yet big media refuse to admit this, as does Fauci. Anyone who says otherwise is a pandemic liar who belongs in hydroxy hell, because so many American deaths – over 500,000 – and so much suffering could have been prevented. The American public deserves the truth. When more people know the truth, maybe the judicial system will prosecute those responsible for so many deaths, especially Fauci.** <https://www.wnd.com/2021/06/hydroxy-deadly-attack-long-proven-covid-treatment/> **[Every word of this article is true. People have known for a long time that HCQ worked and denied it on the basis of FDA approval for off label use and the PR blitzkrieg of Fauci and friends from NIH only because they want the JAB which will change your DNA contrary to what they say and may inoculate you with God only knows what. Gates, the WHO staff, the NIH Staff, the CDC staff and the FDA staff all need to be prosecuted for malpractice and murder. I am absolute appalled at the 'sheeple' in the medical profession that stood buy like dummies and spewed the trash coming from CDC and others rather than taking the time to look more carefully and demand the AMA (who also colluded with these vile evil critters) stop their parroting of trash. The AMA lost its credibility probably 40 years ago when it became a political organization and a union. – rdb]**

Commentary:

COVID Injections: Whistleblowers & Horrific Number of Dead

By [Devvy Kidd](#)/June 21st, 2021

The new June 11, 2021, data dump on VAERS is stale, by design, I believe. Personally, I've believed for months the CDC has been deliberately dragging their feet getting the data posted to VAERS for political reasons. Weeks behind but there's more to what's been going on than we knew.

June 11th dead: **5,993**. But, are those the real numbers of dead Americans? It's estimated that only 10% of 'events' get reported. Adverse reactions: **358,379**. You can see the posting of all the categories plus *all* the reports by ID number [here](#).

[COVID hospitalizations, deaths for the vaccinated more than triple in one month, CDC reports](#), June 7, 2021

Another beautiful young girl dead: [19-Year-Old College Freshman Dies From Heart Problem One Month After Second Dose of Moderna Vaccine](#), June 15, 2021 – They had to give her a heart transplant; she still didn't make it.

As I wrote in my last column, [Will COVID Lawsuit Lead to Indictments?](#), there's a lot more going on the majority of Americans have no idea, but the rebellion is growing. One area where there's been a big change has been coming from doctors and scientists since last summer.

One of them is Dr. Peter McCullough; if you haven't read his bio [it's here](#). On June 11, 2021, Dr. McCullough did a webinar with Dr. Reiner Fuellmich and other experts. (Bio for Dr. Fuellmich, [see here; also covers COVID tests fraud lawsuits](#).) That interview is one of the most important I've seen to date. Quoting Dr. McCullough:

"We have now a whistleblower inside the CMS (Center for Medicaid) and we have two whistleblowers in the CDC," the doctor revealed. "We think we have 50,000 dead Americans. Fifty thousand deaths. So we actually have more deaths due to the vaccine per day than certainly the viral illness by far. It's basically propagandized bioterrorism by injection."

Dr. McCullough also discusses the Houston Methodist lawsuit kicked to the curb by another ignorant judge. Houston Methodist is getting ready to fire 117 nurses for refusing to take one of the experimental gene editing technology injections being passed off as vaccines. That case is being appealed.

There are some who believe employers cannot force employees to get one of those experimental injections under EEOC (Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) rules. Employers can but there's also 'reasonable accommodation' under their rules but if you read from their [What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws](#), for most nurses – with the exception of them working remote – it simply would not be possible. See [COVID-19 Vaccinations: EEO Overview, K.2](#)

Going back to that webinar. Now we have three whistleblowers who apparently are feeding Dr. McCullough information, exactly what he did not say. My interpretation is it has to do with data collection and actual numbers. That's real interesting. I wonder if any governors or state lawmakers will attempt to interview them? Down in the comments section someone said those whistleblowers should contact Project Veritas. I concur.

This wholesale destruction of our economy, the lives and dreams of tens of millions of Americans destroyed and all the draconian edicts by power mad governors and mayors has all been based on damnable lies. Lies about how many Americans even had that coronavirus because a PCR test was used to test and *massively* over inflated number of deaths. In my opinion fraud played a big part by manipulating death certificates.

[Colorado coroner expresses shock over 'inflated' COVID death tallies, including bodies with gunshots](#), Dec. 18, 2020 – "Would you want to go to a county that has really high death numbers? Would you want to go visit that county because they are contagious?" she asked. "You know I might get it, and I could die if all of a sudden one county has a high death count. We don't have it, and we don't need those numbers inflated."

"Colorado's health department defended itself, emphasizing that they are just following protocol established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which requires them to report anyone who has died with COVID-19 in their system, as a public health measure."

Here's just one more example:

[California County COVID-19 Death Toll Lowered by 400 After Counting Method Change](#), June 7, 2021: The number of [COVID-19](#) deaths in Alameda County, [California](#), fell by about 25 percent after health officials changed their methodology for total mortality count, removing deaths that weren't a "direct result" of the disease or "in whom death caused by COVID-19 could not be ruled out."

Denial of life saving treatments like Hydroxychloroquine and other safe drugs was deliberate in an effort to make everyone believe the only thing that is going to save everyone is a new vaccine. Desperate from being locked down for nearly a year, forced to wear dangerous face masks destroying their health and nonsense like "social distancing" – the only way to get back to normal is get one of those injections. Sadly, tens and tens of millions have gotten an injection. One is tied to the other.

Like I said in my Lawsuits column: There's a whole lot of individuals who should go to prison. I don't know if RICO would apply but I'm sure some of my genius lawyer friends would know.

[Renowned doctor reveals government concealing "unprecedented number" of vaccine deaths](#), May 24, 2021 – "During a November 2020 testimony before the *U.S. Senate*, he said that sequenced oral multi-drug therapy could have saved "about 85 percent" of patients who die of COVID-19. But authorities instead focused on vaccines. "We're sitting on, right now, the biggest number of vaccine deaths ... all attributable to the vaccine, and going strong," McCullough said."

"He named the CDC, FDA, *National Institutes of Health* (NIH), *World Health Organization*, Big Pharma and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as having made "a commitment to mass vaccination" to address the pandemic. Mainstream media and Big Tech have also tied up to suppress any news about vaccine dangers through the Trusted News Initiative (TNI). (Related: Coronavirus pandemic finalized merger between Big Tech and Big Pharma.)"

Include the FDA (Federal Drug Administration) who refused to give "permission" for doctors to treat their patients with 'sequenced oral multi-drug therapy' in violation of the law. U.S. Supreme Court:

[Linder v. United States, 268 U.S. 5, 18, 45 S. Ct. 446](#) (1925): "Obviously, direct control of medical practice in the states is beyond the power of the federal government."

Medical practice includes a doctor prescribing certain medicines and treatments for his/her patient. The FDA is an agency of the federal government.

[Lambert v. Yellowly, 272 U.S. 581, 598, 47 S.Ct. 210](#) (1926): "It is important also to bear in mind that 'direct control of medical practice in the States is beyond the power of the Federal Government.' *Linder v. United States, 268 U.S. 5, 18*. Congress, therefore, cannot directly restrict the professional judgment of the physician or interfere with its free exercise in the treatment of disease. Whatever power exists in that respect belongs to the states exclusively."

I doubt they could be prosecuted but how about the pharmacists who refused to fill prescriptions from doctors for Hydroxychloroquine to treat that coronavirus around summer time last year? A treatment that could have saved a huge number of lives.

There is a distinct pattern of deception by the CDC, the FDA, WHO, Fauci, NIH and those injection manufacturers for financial gain while the prostitute media and big tech giants continue working overtime to suppress the truth from the American people. Courts have ruled the media can lie to the American people and not be held accountable.

Further from the link above about concealing the number of deaths: "The doctor also insinuated an "incestuous relationship" between the U.S. government and pharmaceutical firms. This relationship causes regulators to turn a blind eye when confronted with safety issues, he continued. McCullough elaborated:

"A lot of Americans don't understand how tight these stakeholders are. Keep in mind that the NIH is a co-owner of the Moderna [vaccine] patent, so they have a vested financial interest in keeping these vaccines going." (Related: Fascism on display: The NIH owns HALF of Moderna's new coronavirus vaccine.)

Keep putting the heat on your governor, state reps and senators who sit on health safety committees. Stop all "vaccinations" now. Those COVID shots are not vaccines and they are [killing infants](#) (through breast milk), teens and adults. It's not just about those poor souls who die within a week or a month or six months after getting one of those injections. It's what's going to happen to those who did take the shots about a year or so later: [COVID "Vaccines" and Auto Immune Diseases](#)

The mRNA Moderna experimental injection [contains SM-102](#). Now go look at this: [Cayman Chemical Safety Data Sheet](#) acc: OSHA HCS. Trade Name: SM-102: "**For research use only, not for human or veterinary use.**" So why is it being pumped into humans? It seems to me recipients of Moderna's experimental injection might have grounds for a lawsuit.

Watch that webinar and get this column out to as many social media platforms as possible. We need millions to view it:

[Dr. Peter McCullough on with Reiner Fueelmich June 11, 2021](#)

I also **highly recommend** you watch this one, too. He stresses how incredibly risky those injections are, especially for children and should NOT be given to them as well as addressing sterilization in both men and women:

[Dr. Roger Hodgkinson on the weekly Reiner Fueelmich stream](#)

The men and women, doctors and scientists alike, are giving up so much to bring the truth to the American people while this rot so fashionable today by ungrateful individuals who have zero understanding of the sacrifices made giving them the right to vomit their filthy America-hating propaganda. The real American Patriots are those standing up against Goliath. We have their backs.

Macy Gray is a five-time Grammy. She recently wrote an op-ed piece in which she said, “The American flag is “tattered, dated, divisive, and incorrect” and needs to be updated. Old Glory has “replaced” the Confederate flag, implying it is a symbol of racism. “It no longer represents ALL of us,” Gray wrote. “It’s not fair to be forced to honor it. It’s time for a new flag.”

NYT Editor Calls American Flags ‘Disturbing’

WATCH: Leftists Stomp, Dance on U.S. Flag Outside White House on July 4th

Kentucky Mayor Orders American Flags to be Removed – Doesn’t fly with We the People

American Flag used as a mop to clean toilets by NYC Parks Dept. employees

PHOTOS: Rioters Fly Mexican Flags as American Flags are Torched Across U.S.

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And then...

How the European Union Could Soon Force America into the ‘Great Reset’ Trap

Justin Haskins Posted: Jun 21, 2021 12:01 AM

In June 2020, the World Economic Forum — working alongside officials from large corporations, banks, financial institutions and activist groups — launched a far-reaching [initiative](#) that aims to push the “reset” button on the global economy. They ominously called it the “Great Reset,” and since its creation, it has received a massive amount of support from leaders of the ruling class, both here in the United States and around the world.

The Great Reset has two primary components. The first is an expansion of government programs, taxes and regulations, which together affect virtually every industry in the world, from oil and gas to health care and technology.

The second, arguably much more important part of the Reset is the complete alteration of the way most of the world’s largest businesses are evaluated.

In a free-market economy, or even one that heavily relies on markets, businesses are subject to supply and consumer demand. The companies with the best goods and services rise to the top and expand. Poorly run companies eventually contract or even close altogether, freeing up capital and investment for new companies.

Of course, anyone who has been paying attention to public policy and economic developments over the past 50 years knows that a truly free-market system does not exist in America, or most other places. Cronyism, corruption and government manipulation are rampant throughout the U.S. economy, routinely distorting markets and allowing some to unfairly get rich at the expense of others.

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Rather than try to improve markets by ridding them of corruption, Great Reset supporters want to double down on cronyism by giving the ruling class — including central banks, academics, government officials, union leaders and corporate titans — greater control over markets.

The way they plan to do this is through something called environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards, which are also sometimes referred to as “sustainable investment,” “inclusive capitalism” or “stakeholder capitalism.”

Under an ESG system, corporations are given scores based on dozens of metrics that go far beyond the quality of a company’s goods and services, its profits and other factors investors and consumers normally consider. With ESG

measures in place, businesses are evaluated based on the racial and gender composition of their staff, their carbon footprint, the size of their buildings, how committed they are to fighting climate change and a bunch of other social justice concerns.

After being evaluated, companies are then given (or they self-report) ESG scores that are meant to help investors, regulators and governments have a better understanding of who the “bad” and “good” companies are.

You might be surprised to learn that over the past several years, thousands of companies around the world, including many of the most famous American corporations, have voluntarily adopted ESG scores. One study indicates about [82 percent](#) of all large businesses in the United States already have ESG scores in place.

There are many reasons why businesses have been willing to build substantial ESG systems within their own companies, but the two biggest are money and fear of future government action. Tens of trillions of dollars have [already been committed](#) or allocated toward funding ESG businesses and other forms of “sustainable investment,” and investors and financial institutions have repeatedly [said](#) in recent months that they will phase out their business relationships with those who don’t support some or all ESG goals.

ESG systems are incredibly worrisome, because those with the power to alter them have the ability to control, or at least significantly influence, society.

When this concern has been brought up in the past, supporters of the Great Reset have said that there is nothing to worry about, because ESG systems are not mandated. Companies and banks are freely choosing to adopt them.

However, the truth is, companies have not embraced ESG systems because they support ESG causes, but rather because they have been coerced to do so, and, even more importantly, because they have known for at least the past year that ESG government mandates were just around the corner. Recent developments in Europe prove these fears were not unfounded.

In March, the Parliament of the European Union passed a [resolution](#) that seeks to require nearly all of the EU’s largest companies — and many smaller businesses, too — to adopt and prioritize ESG metrics. And especially important for U.S. businesses and consumers, the resolution would further require that EU companies only work with those who share the European Union’s environmental, social and governance standards.

As the Shearman and Sterling law firm noted in a [report](#) about the resolution, “If adopted, all EU Member States will be required to implement the Directive into their national laws. This will result in substantive due diligence requirements being imposed on companies, whether based in the EU or selling their products and services into the EU, across their entire value chain, with potential sanctions for non-compliance.”

It is vital to take note of the term “value chain.” In the resolution, it is defined as “all activities, operations, business relationships and investment chains of an undertaking and includes entities with which the undertaking has a direct or indirect business relationship, upstream and downstream, and which either: (a) supply products, parts of products or services that contribute to the undertaking’s own products or services, or (b) receive products or services from the undertaking.”

This provision would apply to virtually every U.S. business that works in the European Union or has a business relationship with an EU company, giving substantial influence over American society to EU officials.

Although the EU resolution has already been approved in the European Union’s Parliament, it is not yet binding. It first must be formally introduced by the European Commission and the final version approved by representatives of the EU’s member states. However, the support for the resolution in the EU Parliament is a strong indicator that ESG systems could soon become mandated throughout Europe.

This move is straight out of the Great Reset playbook, and, if completely put into place, has the potential to fundamentally transform the world — a stated [goal](#) of the highest-profile members of the Reset movement.

This is an important and potentially catastrophic moment for the pro-liberty movement. If Americans and their elected representatives do not push back against the European Union soon, as well as stop efforts to impose ESG systems within America, there will be no way to prevent the Great Reset from becoming a reality.

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German media firm CEO: If you're anti-Israel, look for a new job

CEO of Axel Springer responds to complaints about company flying Israeli flag in show of solidarity with Jews against anti-Semitism.

Dan Verbin, Jun 21, 2021 8:08 PM

During a meeting on Thursday for employees of German media company Axel Springer, CEO Mathias Döpfner spoke to complaints raised about an Israeli flag flying outside the company's Berlin headquarters.

He had a strong message for any employees who complained about the Israeli flag being outside their building in a message of solidarity with the Jewish community and Israel as a wave of anti-Semitic demonstrations took place last month.

His message to them: They should look for new jobs.

He made the statement during a meeting for the company's 16,000 workers where he addressed complaints from some of the company's employees about the Israel flag, reported the *Daily Wire*.

"I think, and I'm being very frank with you, a person who has an issue with an Israeli flag being raised for one week here, after anti-Semitic demonstrations, should look for a new job," he said. "After these weeks of terrible anti-Semitic demonstrations, we at our building headquarters raised next to the European flag, and the German flag, (and) the Berlin flag, said let's raise for one week the Israeli flag as a gesture of solidarity. We do not accept this kind of aggressive anti-Semitic movements."

He said that some employees said they didn't want to work for a company that flies the Israeli flag.

"So, I think that is also a good point... This person does not fit the company and its values... It's very simple," he said.

Axel Springer, which was founded in West Germany in 1946, is the main digital publisher in Europe, owning Bild, Die Welt, Business Insider, Politico Europe and other media organizations. It also owns Israel's largest classified ad website, Yad2.

On its website, as one of its five essential values, Axel Springer lists: "We support the Jewish people and the right of existence of the State of Israel." <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/308487>

Diplomat: Netanyahu is knowingly harming Israel-US relations

Senior diplomat says 'Netanyahu knows the value of the partnership with the US and is aware of the damage he is doing.'

Arutz Sheva Staff, Jun 21, 2021 9:16 PM

A senior diplomat harshly criticized Opposition chairman Benjamin Netanyahu and claimed that Netanyahu is knowingly harming Israel's relations with the United States, Channel 12 News reported.

According to the report, although the former prime minister claimed that Foreign Minister Yair Lapid caused "serious damage to the core of national security" when he assured Secretary of State Antony Blinken that Israel would not surprise the United States in any action it takes against Iran - the Americans know that Israel maintains freedom of action on the issue.

According to the source, Netanyahu is acting irresponsibly and sacrificing national interests for his political needs. "He is well aware of the significance of the strategic alliance with the United States, and is aware of the damage he is doing. that's sad. A change of government is a routine thing in a democracy. His inability to accept the fact that there is another person in the position of prime minister harms the citizens of Israel."

Another senior official also claimed that Netanyahu continues to jeopardize the strategic relationship with the United States on the altar of his personal needs. "It's trolling. Even the White House knows it's trolling. It's just a cynical use of political knowledge."

Earlier, Netanyahu attacked the Bennett-Lapid government, saying that Foreign Minister Yair Lapid's commitment not to act against Iran without first informing the United States is a commitment that harms Israel's security.

"Last Thursday, Alternate Prime Minister Lapid pledged to the US Secretary of State that there would be a 'no surprises' policy between the parties. This is an incredible Israeli commitment that severely damages the core of national security. If this were the case, we would not have destroyed the Iraqi nuclear reactor. I never had such a policy in my 15 years" as prime minister, Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu added: "Many times we acted even without the prior approval of the Americans. I rejected a similar request recently, even when it was made by Biden and his defense secretary. All I promised was to consider the request. Alternate Prime Minister Yair Lapid waived freedom of action." **MORE-**

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/308491> **[It would appear that Bibi needs to totally remove himself from any aspect of government. Former PM's need to simply fade into the past and avoid media contact Just as former Presidents in the US should do (and for the most part did do until the Obamanation). – rdb]**

Austrian soldier imprisoned for showing photos of swastika tattoo on testicle

29-year-old soldier in Austria gets 19 months in prison for posting pictures online of a Nazi tattoo on genitals.

Cnaan Liphshiz, JTA, Jun 22, 2021 7:25 AM

An Austrian soldier who posted online pictures of a swastika tattoo on one of his testicles was sentenced to 19 months in prison. [OUCH! – rdb]

The sentence handed out earlier this month by an Austrian court to the 29-year-old soldier, who was not named in the Austrian media, owes also to an earlier conviction for displaying Nazi symbols, which is forbidden in Austria. He had received a suspended prison sentence for posting online pictures of Nazi World War II memorabilia.

That sentence was activated, however, when the soldier showed others with whom he had served the pictures of the swastika tattoo. The soldier said he had been very drunk when he got the tattoo earlier this year, the *Kleine Zeitung* newspaper reported earlier this month <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/308509>

Report: Health Ministry eyeing mask mandate for summer school

Ministry weighing return of mask mandate in schools, as broader plans for renewed mask requirement under consideration.

Arutz Sheva Staff, Jun 22, 2021 12:17 PM

Israel's Health Ministry is considering imposing a mask mandate on students in summer schools and other indoor summer programs, officials from the Health Ministry and the Education Ministry said Tuesday.

A report by *Ma'ariv* published Tuesday morning cited officials who said the Health Ministry is deliberating on whether to advise the government to reimpose the mask mandate in schools for upcoming summer school programs.

The deliberations come following a string of COVID outbreaks, including a number of cases in schools in Modi'in and Binyamina. A total of 125 new cases of the virus were reported Monday, the highest number in roughly two months.

"Since the outbreaks in schools began, we've been getting dozens of calls from concerned parents," one senior Education Ministry official said.

"I understand the parents who are worried. We're trying not to interfere in local initiatives," the official added, as several municipalities imposed their own mask mandates in local schools.

SARS-COVID-2 and the recent string of outbreaks aren't the only reasons health officials are considering imposing a new mask mandate in schools.

One Health Ministry official claimed masks could help prevent the spread of other diseases, adding he saw no basis for opposition to renewed mask mandates in schools.

"The public needs to understand that a mask doesn't just protect against the coronavirus, it also protects against other viral infections, so that there really is no reason to oppose it much. I think that in the coming days we'll end up having to change the regulations again, and the possibility of making masks mandatory is definitely on the table."

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