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Russian advance from north and south on Avdiivka: Ukrainians out of reserves & ammo due to Bakhmut – Fortify coke plant

Dozens dead, wounded and captured

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Extremely critical is the situation of the Ukrainian forces in Avdiivka (or Avdeevka) which forced A/GETHA V.Zaluzny to inform V.Zelensky that the city will soon be lost due to the commitment of all reserves to Bakhmut .

The Ukrainians are trying with all their available forces to keep the remaining supply routes open and to prevent a complete operational encirclement of the city. The city is already semi-encircled.

Russian sources note that Bakhmut's plan is also being implemented here by cutting off Ukrainian formations from the main supply routes.

The Russian units attacking the area are the DPR 1st Army Corps, the 53rd Mechanized Brigade, the 72nd Mechanized Brigade, the 6th Independent Sniper Battalion, units of the 59th Mechanized Infantry Battalion, as well as the 55th Artillery Brigade.

The city is a strategic hub and has an industrial center where the Avdiivka Coal and Chemical Plant (AKHZ) is located, and is the largest producer of coal tar and other materials in Europe.

The civilian population of the city before the start of the war was 32 thousand people.

[Video: Ukrainian prisoners](#)

Avdiivka: She will become "the second Bahamut"

Ukrainian official says eastern city of Avdiivka could soon become a 'second Bahamut'

The spokesman for Ukraine's military command in Tavria said he agreed with British intelligence's assessment that Russia was putting pressure on the supply lines to Avdiivka, as it did around Bakhmut.

"The enemy is constantly trying to surround the city of Avdiivka. I very much agree with my colleagues from the UK that Avdiivka may soon become the second Bahamut," Ukrainian official Oleksiy Dmytrashkivskyi said.

"However, I would like to say that the Russian units do not have successes in their attacks in this direction," he added, which does not correspond to reality.

[Video: Russian drone hits Ukrainian soldiers in Avdiivka](#)

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B.Putin-Xi Jinping deal kills the petrodollar: Yuan new global reserve currency for energy market – The petroyuan was born!

Xi Jinping: "Changes are coming that haven't happened in 100 years"

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B. Putin, after marathon discussions with the President of China, Xi Jinping, agreed to adopt the Yuan in Russia's commercial transactions with third countries by creating an "Economic Zone that will trade in Yuan"

This is a world-historical development as Russia has agreed to convert the Chinese currency Yuan into a reserve currency through which energy purchase and sale arrangements will be made.

This development will directly lead to the death of the petrodollar and the birth of the petro-yuan, bringing rapid developments to the American and global financial system.

In this equation we should already take into account that Saudi Arabia has already agreed to price the "black gold" in Yuan and has asked to join the BRICS. Something that Iran has already requested. All three major oil producing countries are converging towards the use of the Yuan!

All this leads to the de-dollarization and internationalization of the Petro-Wan.

B. Putin emphasized in his speech:

"We are in favor of using the Chinese yuan for trade settlements between Russia and countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Already 2/3 of trade between Russia and China is carried out in rubles and yuan."

We must note that the first meeting between the delegations of the two countries lasted 4.5 hours and the second over six hours!

UK's depleted uranium plan threatens all of Europe – Moscow

The Ukraine conflict could descend into a fight "to the last European," a top Russian lawmaker has warned



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Russian State Duma Chairman Vyacheslav Volodin. © Sputnik/Vladimir Fedorenko

The British decision to supply depleted uranium munitions to Kiev is part of a dangerous trend that makes the Ukraine conflict a threat to the whole of Europe, Russian State Duma Chairman Vyacheslav Volodin has warned.

"The war to the last Ukrainian could become a war to the last European," the politician said in a social media post. **Numerous Russian officials have claimed that Kiev's Western backers are prepared to sacrifice every Ukrainian for their geopolitical interests.**

Volodin argued that Kiev's acquisition of depleted uranium munitions, which can contaminate the battlefield and cause health risks for generations to come, could become a stepping stone to even more dangerous weapons.

The next step "could be the use of a dirty bomb by the Kiev regime or the deployment of a tactical nuclear weapon," added Volodin.

President Vladimir Putin expressed concern about the British decision earlier this week, warning that Russia "will be forced to react accordingly, bearing in mind that the collective West has already started to use weapons with a nuclear component."

The Russian military claimed last October that two organizations in Ukraine had been given instructions to build a so-called 'dirty bomb', using materials that Kiev has had access to since it was part of the

Soviet Union. The Russian Defense Ministry previously provided a list of locations in Ukraine where nuclear fuel and nuclear waste is held.

A dirty bomb has a conventional explosive core surrounded by a radioactive jacket that when detonated, causes serious contamination.

Kiev denied the allegations and invited the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN's nuclear watchdog, to inspect several of its atomic facilities, including the Eastern Mineral Enrichment Plant in Dnepropetrovsk Region and the Institute for Nuclear Research in the Ukrainian capital.

IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi reported in November that monitors found no evidence of undeclared activities at those two locations or a third site, a rocket-building plant in the city of Dnepr.

The British government announced on Monday that it will send Ukraine armor-piercing rounds containing depleted uranium, alongside previously-promised Challenger 2 main battle tanks.

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A. Lukashenko: Russia will give a terrifying response with nuclear weapons if the Ukrainians use depleted uranium! (video)

"It will serve as a lesson to the whole planet"

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Moscow will "give a terrifying" response to any possible use of depleted uranium munitions by Kiev, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said on Wednesday (22/03/2023).

"Once these munitions hit Russian troop positions, you will see that there will be a terrifying response.

It will serve as a lesson to the entire planet," Lukashenko said during a visit to the Khatyn Monument to mark the 80th anniversary of the massacre of civilians by Nazi detachments in the Belarusian village of the same name.

The Belarusian president pointed out that ***"Russia has much more than just depleted uranium."***

"Russia will provide us with real uranium ammunition, i.e. nuclear," Lukashenko noted, speaking of a real possibility.

"If they (Western officials) have gone mad, then they will pull the trigger for this process. This is the scariest and most dangerous.

So everyone needs to take a step back from pure madness," he added.

The British Challenge

On Monday (20/3/2023), the British Defense Secretary said, in a written response to an inquiry by a member of the House of Lords, Annabel Goldie, that the British authorities would provide Ukraine with shells containing depleted uranium, which are highly effective against armored vehicles.

The British Ministry of Defense called depleted uranium a "standard component" of the munitions and noted that "the British Army has used such material in its tank-piercing shells for decades."

In addition, the ministry characterized Moscow's reaction to London's plans as a deliberate disinformation ploy.

The Russian embassy in the UK has warned London not to send such munitions to Kiev.

Revealed: NATO's plan to send US troops into Ukraine - What is the AASC Force

Serious development - What are they discussing in NATO?

22/03/2023 - 20:41 in Ukraine

American officials realize that Ukraine will not be able to play the role of battering ram against Russia for long, even with all the support of the West. Kiev does not have the resources to win the conflict with Moscow and this makes the Americans look for "solutions".

The website Foreign Affairs, in a hosted article, suggested an interesting solution:

It is about the creation of a new military security group – the Atlantic-Asian Security Community (AASC).

The new union would include NATO countries, Ukraine, its allies and any neutral states that would like to join. In short, it is NATO 2, as Pravda comments.

"This mission could be led by a non-NATO officer from another country considered neutral, but it must include US troops. Only American boots on Ukrainian soil can ensure Ukraine's democratic future," wrote the author of the article.

Why do they need it?

This new formation will be able to officially, without cover, deploy its military forces in Ukraine, the publication said. NATO will exist separately, as if it has nothing to do with it. And bingo! Moscow will have no reason to retaliate against member countries. In addition, according to Foreign Affairs, it will even be possible to continue cooperation with Russia in the future.

Will we witness such a theater?

According to the masterminds of the plan, long-term peace with Moscow would guarantee that once the Putin regime falls and is replaced by a government committed to peace, Russia should perhaps be selected for NATO 2 membership.

How the new union should work

"The world now needs a flexible body that keeps Putin out – but can then bring in Russians (of a different mindset), along with the Americans, to keep Ukraine and its neighbors safe," the US publication wrote, adding that the AASC should be clearly distinguished from NATO;

Conditions:

- the AASC should not be called an organization like NATO.
- it should not compel members to defend each other in case of attack.

The icing on the cake is as follows. The AASC "could help enforce a future peace deal between Armenia and Azerbaijan, help with migrant crises or deal with terrorist threats."

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Crimean naval base attacked by drones – governor

A sea incursion targeting Sevastopol was repelled by the city's defense systems, Mikhail Razvozhaev has claimed



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At least three naval drones were involved in an early morning attack on Russian warships stationed at the port of Sevastopol, local Governor Mikhail Razvozhaev has reported. The city hosts Russia's Black Sea Fleet and is occasionally targeted by Ukrainian forces.

The Russian Navy's assets were not damaged in Wednesday's raid, but the windows of several buildings near the coast were shattered by blast waves from the destroyed drones, the senior official wrote on social media. Russian air defenses were used to engage an aerial target during the incident, he added.

Despite sporadic attacks by Ukraine on the city of Sevastopol, located on the Crimean Peninsula, the use of naval

drones, which can carry more explosives than their airborne equivalents, is a rare event.

The **last major incident involving such weapons was reported by the Russian military in late October last year, when Kiev deployed seven unmanned watercraft and nine unmanned aircraft against ships** in Sevastopol harbor. Ukrainian forces managed to damage a Natya-class minesweeper, the Defense Ministry said at the time.

The Russian military claimed the Ukrainian operation was conducted with the help of British advisers and targeted vessels that were providing safe passage for ships under a UN-mediated Black Sea grain deal. The Defense Ministry briefly suspended participation in the scheme as a result.

The grain deal, which allows Ukraine to export agricultural produce by sea, was extended for a second time last week. Moscow warned that the UN had 60 more days to deliver on the promise to have Western nations lift the restrictions hampering Russian grain and fertilizer trade, which it gave when the original agreement was signed.

<https://www.rt.com/russia/573402-sevastopol-naval-drones-attack/>

Russia and China ironing out new gas megadeal – deputy PM

The two sides want to seal an agreement on the Power of Siberia 2 pipeline as soon as possible, Aleksandr Novak says

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Moscow and Beijing are actively working on the implementation of the Power of Siberia 2 energy project, which was among the issues discussed during President Xi Jinping's official visit to Russia this week.

That's **according to Russian Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandr Novak, who talked to Izvestia news agency on Tuesday about** the proposed megadeal.

"The project has support. Companies have been instructed to work out the details of the project and sign it as soon as possible," he said.

It is envisaged that the Power of Siberia 2 pipeline will supply 50 billion cubic meters (bcm) of gas each year, which Novak described as a fairly large volume that would "completely replace the Nord Stream energy network."

Russian President Vladimir Putin stated during his meeting with the Chinese leader on Tuesday that almost all parameters of the agreement on the new gas pipeline had been agreed.

He **also stressed that energy cooperation between the two countries has been growing, with Russia becoming China's strategic supplier of oil, gas, coal and electricity.**

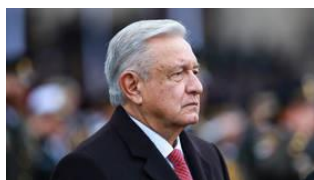
The Power of Siberia 2 project, which involves the construction of a gas pipeline to China through the territory of Mongolia, is part of a western gas route.

China currently gets most of its Russian gas via the Power of Siberia pipeline, which has an annual capacity of 38 billion cubic meters. It is a section of the so-called Eastern Route, which was partially launched in December 2019, becoming the first pipeline to supply Russian gas to China. The Eastern Route includes the 3,000km-long Power of Siberia pipeline in Russia and a section in China that extends to 5,111km (3,175 miles).

The **mega pipeline is part of a \$400 billion, 30-year agreement between Russia's Gazprom and the China National Petroleum Corporation**, which was inked in May 2014. <https://www.rt.com/business/573408-russia-china-gas-megadeal/>

US must respond to Nord Stream accusations – Mexican president

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has called on Washington to answer claims about the pipeline sabotage



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Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador © Getty Images / Manuel Velasquez

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has argued that the US should respond to allegations that it sabotaged the Nord Stream pipelines. The remarks came as the Mexican leader hit out at Washington following criticism of his country.

"If we are talking about acts of violence, how is it that an award-winning journalist in the United States claims that the US government sabotaged the gas pipeline from Russia to Europe?" Lopez Obrador asked during a press conference on Tuesday.

The **Mexican president was referring to claims by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh that the Biden administration blew up the Nord Stream pipelines linking Russia and Germany last year.**

Lopez Obrador's remarks came as part of a rebuttal to accusations of "violence" by Mexican authorities, made in an annual human rights report issued by the US State Department this week. The report alleged "significant human rights issues" in Mexico and cited "credible reports" of unlawful or arbitrary killings by the police, as well as torture and forced disappearances.

Lopez Obrador rejected the findings as "lies," and noted Washington's own list of alleged wrongdoings. According to the Mexican president, that includes the US extradition demands against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who remains in detention in the UK.

In addition, Lopez Obrador pointed to failed American efforts to halt the opioid crisis plaguing the country, which caused over 71,000 deaths in 2022 alone from fentanyl-linked overdoses and drug poisonings.

The Mexican leader went on to argue that "lying" and "politicking" is in Washington's nature, and asserted that the US "do[es] not want to change, so they believe they are the government of the world, and they only see the speck in someone else's eye and not the beam in their own."

State Department deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel responded to Lopez Obrador's remarks by insisting that the US has "never been ones to indicate that we are the government of the world or some kind of edict like that."

Patel suggested that the Mexican police, military, and other government structures were responsible for serious acts of corruption and unlawful killings, which is why these issues were highlighted in the State Department report.

Lopez Obrador, however, has repeatedly insisted that there is an "anti-Mexico" conservative element within the US government that is trying to inflame tensions between the two countries. "Mexico is safer than the United States," Lopez Obrador insisted earlier this month. <https://www.rt.com/news/573416-us-mexico-nord-stream/>

Amman's parliament displays Israel with Palestine-Jordan flag, calls to expel envoy

Hitting back at Smotrich's use of map of 'Greater Israel' that includes Jordan, lawmakers show Israel under Jordanian-Palestinian rule; Foreign Ministry working to ease tensions

By [Tol Staff](#) Today, 4:25 pm



Jordan's parliament displays a map of modern day Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza painted with the Jordanian and Palestinian flags, in Amman, March 23, 2022. (Video screenshot: used in accordance with Clause 27a of the Copyright Law)

Jordan's parliament on Wednesday recommended expelling Israel's ambassador, while displaying a map at the center of its chamber featuring Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — all under the colors of the Jordanian and

Palestinian flags.

The vote and the map came in response to a speech by Israel's Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich over the weekend in which he claimed the Palestinian people are an "invention" while standing by a map of "Greater Israel" that included the territory of the Hashemite Kingdom, in accordance with the hardline aspirations of some fringe extremists.

The expulsion of Israeli Ambassador Eitan Surkis would require approval from the Jordanian government, which is an unlikely scenario. Surkis was [summoned](#) by Amman's foreign ministry on Monday night in protest of Smotrich's speech.

Israel's Judiciary: Reform or Ruin?

Symbolic votes to expel Israel's envoy are common during times of heightened tensions between Jerusalem and Amman. In May 2021, Jordanian lawmakers [unanimously called](#) for the government to

expel Israel's envoy amid Operation Guardian of the Walls, an 11-day war between Israel and terror groups in the Gaza Strip.

Speaking in Paris at a private memorial service on Sunday for a prominent right-wing Likud activist, Smotrich claimed the Palestinian people are "an invention" from the last century and that people like himself and his grandparents were the "real Palestinians."

Smotrich said there was "no such thing as Palestinians because there's no such thing as the Palestinian people," a comment that was met with applause and cheers from attendees in footage posted online.

MORE - <https://www.timesofisrael.com/ammans-parliament-displays-israel-with-palestine-jordan-flag-calls-to-expel-envoy/>

Israeli airstrikes hit Aleppo airport for second time in weeks — Syrian media

No reports of casualties in early morning attack, which has forced runway in northern Syrian city to close again

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) and [Tol Staff](#) Today, 5:06 am Updated at 7:33 am

The Israeli Air Force allegedly carried out an airstrike at the airport in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo in the early hours of Wednesday morning, according to Syria's state-run media outlet.

There **were no immediate reports of casualties, but the state news agency, SANA, said some damage had been caused at the airport. It was the second time Aleppo International Airport has been hit in recent weeks.**

According to an official notice sent by Syrian aviation authorities, known as a NOTAM, **the runway at the airport was closed.**

SANA, citing a military source, said the Israeli fighter jets launched several missiles at the airport from over the Mediterranean sea, causing explosions to be heard in other regions.

Two unnamed "regional intelligence sources" speaking to the [Reuters news agency](#) said the airstrike also **targeted an underground munitions depot at the adjacent Nairab military airport.** The sources said the site was used to store missile-guided systems that had been delivered by Iranian cargo flights.

There **was no comment from the Israel Defense Forces**, in line with its policy of not generally commenting on air raids in Syria. Israel is believed to have carried out hundreds of strikes on targets inside government-controlled parts of Syria in recent years, including attacks on the Damascus and Aleppo airports, but it rarely acknowledges or discusses the operations.

Israel has acknowledged, however, that it targets bases of Iran-allied groups, such as Lebanon's Hezbollah, which has sent thousands of fighters to support Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces. Israel views Iran's expansion throughout Syria as a continued threat to its national security, and has conducted strikes across a broad range of targets in an effort to curb Iran's forces in the region. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/syrian-media-reports-israeli-airstrikes-against-aleppo-airport/>

IDF soldiers arrest Hamas terrorist in middle of day in Nablus

The Hamas operative was identified as Muhammad Saleh Hamdan. who has been arrested in the past by both Israeli and Palestinian authorities.

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IDF soldiers from the Duvdevan unit arrested a Hamas operative in Nablus on Wednesday morning.

The operative was identified as Muhammad Saleh Hamdan. Hamdan has been arrested in the past by both Israeli and Palestinian authorities.

The Hamas operative was shot and wounded during the arrest after attempting to run away. Hamdan was transferred for questioning by security forces.

What else did Israeli forces do in Nablus?

Earlier on Wednesday morning, the IDF, Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) and Border Police entered Nablus and mapped the house of the terrorist who conducted the shooting attack in Huwara in which Yagel and Hallel Yaniv were murdered. The mapping was conducted in order to examine the possibility of demolishing the house.

During the mapping, Israeli forces fired at armed terrorists who fired at them and threw explosives at them.

Additionally, 26 individuals were arrested overnight on suspicion of terrorist activity as part of [Operation Break the Wave](#), including in Ya'abad, Ni'lin, Kalkilya, Ain Umm Ashrat, Abu Dis, Aqabat Jaber and Beit Ummar, among other locations. <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-735066>

After strong US rebuke, PM says no plan for 'new' settlements in northern West Bank

Statement from Netanyahu's office comes as Israeli envoy is summoned over Knesset's repeal of part of Disengagement Law; not clear if commitment applies to Homesh outpost

By [Ash Obel](#) Today, 2:00 pm

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was forced to issue a clarification on Wednesday that his far-right government would not build any new settlements in the northern West Bank after the US heavily criticized legislation by the Knesset this week that allows resettlement of evacuated areas.

A statement from Netanyahu's office, issued after the US State Department summoned Israeli Ambassador Mike Herzog for clarifications on the repeal of part of the Disengagement Law, sought to portray the legislation as symbolically righting a historic injustice.

"The decision of the Knesset to cancel parts of the Disengagement Law brings to an end discriminatory and humiliating legislation that prevented Jews from living in areas of the northern West Bank, which is part of our historic homeland," the statement said.

"However, the government has no intention of building new communities in these areas," the statement said, noting that several members of the opposition had supported the law.

The new legislation, which was passed early Tuesday morning, rolled back clauses of the 2005 Disengagement Law that banned Israelis from the area where the settlements of Homesh, Ganim, Kadim and Sa-Nur once stood.

The destroyed settlements have been a symbol to supporters of an injustice they have sought to undo, while to Palestinians the areas are viewed as another section of West Bank territory stripped from them. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-strong-us-rebuke-pm-says-no-plan-for-new-settlements-in-northern-west-bank/>

As more reservists refuse to serve, IDF said seeing drop in troops reporting for duty

Multiple new letters Wednesday by soldiers from air force, armored corps, infantry and more warn government of consequences of judicial overhaul

By [Tol Staff](#) Today, 11:53 pm

Reports proliferated Wednesday of reservist soldiers from multiple units throughout the military declaring they would not show up for duty, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government pushes forward with its plan to overhaul the judiciary.

Meanwhile, a report in Haaretz said that the IDF has identified a significant drop in the number of ground force troops reporting for reserve duty.

In the elite 551st Paratroopers Brigade, only 57 percent of reservists reported for duty this week — down significantly from the usual turnout of 90%, according to the Wednesday report. The unit had been expecting a 78% turnout rate among its 700 reservists amid opposition to the government's effort to radically restrict the Supreme Court's power, but army officials were dismayed to learn that the protest's scope had gone much further than they anticipated.

A military source told Haaretz that the low turnout rate was an indicator of what lies ahead if the government continues to move forward with the overhaul.

The 551st Brigade is one of two reserve battalions in the IDF's 98th Division. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/as-more-reservists-refuse-to-serve-idf-said-seeing-drop-in-troops-reporting-for-duty/>

IDF fears more pilots will refuse to serve over judicial overhaul — report

Top security officials, including IDF chief and defense minister, express deep concern over growing military protest movement to Netanyahu, TV report says

By [Tol Staff](#) Today, 6:40 am

Military officials are concerned that hundreds more elite service members in the reserves will refuse to serve in protest of the government's judicial overhaul, joining others who have already said

they will halt their service over the legislation, if the coalition goes through with its plans to pass into law the first part of its legislative effort to curtail the judiciary, according to a Tuesday report.

Israel Defense Forces officials estimate that hundreds of air force pilots and supporting aircrew members, as well as some career officers in the ground forces, will join the growing military protest movement, Channel 13 reported.

The spreading opposition in the military ranks has sparked deep concerns among top security officials, including IDF chief Herzi Halevi and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who have both expressed their fears to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in recent meetings, the report said. **MORE -**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-fears-more-pilots-will-refuse-to-serve-over-judicial-overhaul-report/>

UAE, Jordan consider reducing diplomacy with Israel - report

Khaldoon al-Mubarak, the senior advisor to the President of the UAE, is currently visiting Israel.

By [JERUSALEM POST STAFF](#) Published: MARCH 22, 2023 01:32 Updated: MARCH 22, 2023 12:47

The Jordanian parliament voted on Wednesday to demand that the government expel Israel's ambassador, according to Jordanian newspaper Al-Dustur.

The vote came after [Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich](#) said that "there is no such thing as a Palestinian people" in Paris at a podium that showed a map of Israel whose borders extended into Jordan.

At the vote, a map was exhibited showing Jordanian territory covering Israel.

Saudi reports on Monday also claimed that The United Arab Emirates is considering reducing its level of diplomatic representation in Israel.

According to the report, the Emirati Foreign Ministry ordered Emirati Ambassador to Israel Mohammed Al Khaja not to meet with any Israeli government officials.

Khaldoon al-Mubarak, the senior advisor to the President of the UAE, is currently visiting Israel, according to Walla News.

Netanyahu denies Israel-UAE relations in crisis

"Until we can be sure that Prime Minister Netanyahu has a government he can control, we will not be able to jointly operate."

Emirati President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed

The office of Prime Minister [Benjamin Netanyahu denied allegations by Channel 12 that Israel is experiencing a crisis in its relations with the UAE](#) after the country announced that it plans to stop a purchase of Israeli-made defense systems in protest of Netanyahu's government, *The Jerusalem Post* reported earlier this month.

"Until we can be sure that Prime Minister Netanyahu has a government he can control, we will not be able to jointly operate," Emirati President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed had reportedly told Israeli officials.

Smotrich Huwara controversy

Last month, the UAE was among numerous countries that [condemned a comment by Smotrich](#) that the West Bank Palestinian town of Huwara "needs to be wiped out," calling the comment "racist."

Smotrich had later claimed that his comment had not been sincere and had apologized for it.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-735037> **[This is a very bad course of events for Israel. Most of the previous improvements are evaporating. – RDB**

Despite PM's assurances, Christian Zionists bedeviled by anti-missionary bill

UTJ-sponsored bill, submitted at start of every Knesset, is not meant to become law, says spokesman — but millions of Christian supporters of Israel globally have taken notice

By [Lazar Berman](#) Today, 9:29 pm

A bill making religious proselytization punishable by jail time induced alarm among Christian Zionists in Israel and around the world, despite assurances by government officials that it would not become law.

The proposal, submitted by United Torah Judaism's Moshe Gafni and Yaakov Asher, claims that "missionary groups, mainly Christians," have stepped up efforts to convert people in Israel.

The language of the bill would make soliciting an adult to change his faith punishable by one year in jail. The penalty would increase to two years if the individual being solicited was a minor.

The bill, which Gafni submits at the start of every Knesset and seemingly has no expectation of advancing, was submitted on January 9, but only made waves when it was picked up in recent days by Christian media.

The Trinity Broadcasting Network's Joel Rosenberg, a messianic Jew, first broke the story last week. It was then picked up Tuesday by Newsmax, a right-wing American outlet that reaches tens of millions of viewers.

On Wednesday morning, the Foreign Ministry began receiving calls from heads of parliamentary friendship groups, diplomats, Christian Zionist leaders, and Jewish leaders around the world, an Israeli diplomat said. **MORE -** <https://www.timesofisrael.com/despite-pms-assurances-christian-zionists-bedeviled-by-anti-missionary-bill/>

Another 50 US banks could fail – ex-Lehman VP

The former senior executive says the Fed must cut rates and guarantee deposits held by regional lenders

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The banking crisis could swallow another 50 regional lenders in the US if the country's authorities don't take appropriate steps to resolve structural issues, former vice-president at Lehman Brothers Lawrence McDonald has said in an interview with RIA Novosti.

"Policy-makers will most likely be forced to introduce a much larger withholding to maintain outflows of deposits from bank accounts that significantly exceed \$250,000," he said.

The collapse of Lehman Brothers, which caused funding markets to seize up and made it hard for global lenders to get a hold of US dollars, marked the beginning of the global financial crisis in 2008.

According to McDonald, the current problems challenging the US banking sector are very similar to those preceding the infamous collapse of the financial giant.

The former executive added that US regional banks are expected to lose *"hundreds of billions of dollars"* with these funds inevitably moving to larger lenders, and then to treasury bonds.

The **US authorities will have to heavily boost deposit guarantees compared to the existing ones**, McDonald said.

On **Tuesday, several media outlets reported that officials at the US Department of Treasury were discussing increasing deposit insurance in case of a deterioration in the banking sector.** The step will reportedly require funds from the Treasury Department's Exchange Stabilization Fund.

McDonald accused Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell of following inadequate policies in tightening monetary policy.

"They seem to be smoking in a dynamite shed. Ten days ago, Powell on Capitol Hill told us that the banking system was OK... He either lied or did not understand what he was doing," the former banker suggested.

According to McDonald, the Fed will have to cut rates and then have a deposit guarantee, a larger one.

"That's what they're going to come up with... That's a bailout. That's basically the federal government taking on bank-deposit risk," he concluded. <https://www.rt.com/business/573406-us-banks-collapse-lehman/>

U.S. doctors group: Withdraw COVID shots from market now!

'Regulatory agencies are corrupted by conflicts of interest, lack of transparency, lack of accountability'

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Although ignored by most of the news media, the CDC's own internal database for documenting reports of vaccine-caused injuries, the "Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System," or VAERS, currently tallies over 34,000 reported deaths related to the COVID-19 vaccines – far more than any vaccine, ever – not to mention 18,000-plus heart attacks, 26,000 myocarditis and pericarditis cases, 64,000 cases of permanent disability, almost 5,000 miscarriages and many other "adverse events" following vaccination.

And yet, a CDC panel in October unanimously voted (15-0) to add the controversial COVID vaccines to the recommended regimen of routine childhood shots, virtually guaranteeing that untold

numbers of very young children, who have the least risk from COVID of any demographic, would receive the flawed shots.

To seal the deal, in late January, the Food and Drug Administration, despite the ever-growing body of damning evidence, likewise announced that it is pushing for all Americans, including children, to get a COVID booster shot every year.

However, now a respected U.S. physicians group has announced that, because of the extraordinary amount of data demonstrating that the current crop of COVID-19 vaccines are neither safe nor effective (causing the CDC to actually change the definition of “vaccine” in 2021 to accommodate the flawed COVID shots), the organization is officially calling for the COVID vaccines to be removed from the market entirely.

Founded in 1943, the Arizona-based [Association of American Physicians and Surgeons](#) briefly introduces its bold [10-point statement](#), released March 21, as follows:

Is your doctor pressuring you to “get boosted”?

Most doctors probably are. And so are radio ads. An annual COVID shot may become the “new normal,” along with the flu shot.

“Safe and effective” is a constant refrain. But most people probably assume that it is – or else our protective government wouldn’t allow it! Right?

A number of physicians, some former vaccine enthusiasts, are now warning about adverse effects – including sudden death – and saying “it’s time to stop the shots.”

That intro is followed by the AAPS’s [10-point statement](#):

- 1. COVID-19 injections are under Emergency Use Authorization and must be considered experimental. Informed consent is a bedrock principle of medical ethics, yet millions of people have taken COVID-19 injections under duress.**
- 2. The long-term effects of the novel mRNA or DNA technology and the lipid nanoparticles involved in their administration – including carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, autoimmune phenomena, and impairment of fertility – cannot possibly be known.**
- 3. There are numerous safety signals, including excess sudden deaths, that would in the past have prompted immediate withdrawal of vaccines or drugs from the market.**
- 4. The expected intensive, sophisticated investigations of reported adverse effects associated with COVID-19 vaccination, including myocarditis, pericarditis, paralysis, thromboembolism, menstrual abnormalities, and unusual cancers, have not been undertaken.**
- 5. COVID-19 genetic injections have not been shown in randomized, controlled trials to be effective in preventing infection, transmission, hospitalization or death.**
- 6. In children who have virtually zero likelihood of death from COVID, there is no evidence of benefit exceeding risks for these products.**
- 7. Regulatory agencies are corrupted by conflicts of interest, lack of transparency, and lack of accountability.**
- 8. Vaccine-injured patients have little if any expectation of compensation, and manufacturers are shielded from liability. This liability protection must be ended.**
- 9. All mandates, including requirements for school attendance or work, should immediately be withdrawn.**
- 10. COVID-19 genetic injections should be withdrawn from the market.**

<https://www.wnd.com/2023/03/u-s-doctors-group-withdraw-covid-shots-market-now/> **[Folks this is all 100% true. There is no rational reason to let this genocidal program persist. – rdb]**

