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Please Note:

I am now home from having triple bypass surgery. I will attempt to start looking at the news and sending something out in the near future but it will be very abbreviated with only titles and links You can also subscribe to one of the many Israel reviews that are mailed out daily.

Thank you for your patience. rdb

Hezbollah fires missile at southern port of Ashdod as IDF strikes launchers in Lebanon

No injuries in overnight attack, which sets off sirens in Tel Aviv due to falling interceptor debris; home in Misgav Am hit by rocket; Lebanese reel from major Israeli strikes

By [Emanuel Fabian](#),

[Agencies](#) and [Tel Staff](#) Today, 7:31 am Updated at 9:00 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/hezbollah-fires-missile-at-southern-port-of-ashdod-as-idf-strikes-launchers-in-lebanon/>

Hezbollah steps up rocket fire on northern Israel as 5 IDF divisions press deeper into southern Lebanon

Rocket sirens sounded in Nahariya, Safed and nearby communities as Hezbollah increased fire toward northern Israel, while the IDF said five divisions are operating in southern Lebanon, where troops have killed more than 1,400 terrorists and destroyed 4,300 terror sites

ynet|10:08 <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/ryvvg5i3zl#autoplay>

The war in numbers: 650 Iranian missiles fired; 24 killed in Israel, West Bank; 10,800 Israeli strikes

All 20 fatalities in Israel and 4 Palestinians were civilians, most of whom were outside bomb shelters; 16 conventional missiles, hundreds of cluster bomblets hit populated areas

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

Today, 6:01 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/650-iranian-missiles-fired-24-killed-and-10800-israeli-strikes-the-war-in-numbers/>

Israel and Lebanon envoys to hold talks as Beirut reportedly seeks ceasefire gesture before negotiations

Israel's ambassador to Washington and Lebanon's envoy are set to discuss terms for formal talks due to begin next week, as Lebanese officials reportedly seek a temporary ceasefire and insist the United States must serve as guarantor of any future agreement

[Itamar Eichner](#), [Lior Ben Ari](#)|12:49 <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/hj00sl282bg>

Over 100,000 Muslim worshipers at Al-Aqsa in first Friday prayers after Jerusalem holy sites reopen

The mosque on the Temple Mount had been largely closed to the public, along with other Muslim, Christian and Jewish holy sites due to safety restrictions amid Iran missile fire

By [AFP](#) and [Tel Staff](#) Today, 9:30 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/over-100000-muslim-worshipers-at-al-aqsa-in-first-friday-prayers-after-jerusalem-holy-sites-reopen/>

With all quiet, for now, on the Iran front, Israel turns its sights on Hezbollah

IDF expands operations in Lebanon despite ceasefire with Tehran, while US seeks to contain fallout, leaving trajectory of northern fighting increasingly unclear

By [Stav Levaton](#)

Today, 12:47 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/with-all-quiet-on-the-iran-front-israel-turns-its-sights-on-hezbollah/>

Government approves a record 34 new settlements, as it acts to deepen hold on West Bank

Security cabinet decision constitutes largest number of settlements okayed by any government at one time, brings total number approved by current government to 103

By [Jeremy Sharon](#)

9 April 2026, 6:28 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/government-formally-approves-34-new-settlements-as-it-acts-to-deepen-hold-on-west-bank/>

IRGC commander, Iranian FM Araghchi clash over negotiating team before US-Iran talks - report
The sources shared that IRGC Commander-in-Chief Ahmad Vahidi is attempting to curb the authority of Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and Speaker of Parliament Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf.

By [DANYA SAPERSTEIN](#) APRIL 10, 2026 18:58

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-892602>

Israel excludes France from talks with Lebanon, sources tell 'Post'

An Israeli official said that “France’s conduct over the past year...has led Israel to view France as an unfair mediator.”

By [AMICHAEL STEIN](#)

<https://www.jpost.com/international/article-892598>

Inside America: How Iran’s regime built a decades-long influence network inside the United States

IRAN AFFAIRS: The Islamic Republic has spent 47 years trying to root itself inside America, building a network of institutions designed to shape influence in Washington along the regime’s ideals.

By [ALEX WINSTON](#) APRIL 9, 2026 20:23

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-892533>

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Penalty for Terrorists Bill’

Daniel Greenfield



In 2003, [Limor Son Har-Melech](#) was 7 months pregnant and driving home with her husband, Shalom, an ambulance driver, when Islamic terrorists attacked them. The car rolled over, killing her husband and injuring Limor. Seriously injured, the 24-year-old mother survived. So did her newborn daughter. Limor, still carrying the scars of the attack, married again, had children and decided to run for public office in Israel to protect others from what she had suffered.

Last year, MK Limor, a member of the Knesset, was [stunned to learn](#) that her husband’s killer was being freed as part of the disastrous deal trading 2,000 Islamic terrorists for hostages.

“This morning I woke up to the news that the terrorist who murdered my husband was released in a deal – no one told us about it,” she said.

So she sponsored a new bill, the ‘Death Penalty for Terrorists Bill’. The bill calls for the “death penalty” for anyone “who intentionally caused the death of a person in an act of terrorism”.

The bill was supported by family members of the victims of Islamic terrorist attacks in Israel.

Deborah Gonen, the mother of Danny Gonen, a young man murdered in a terrorist attack, who founded the ‘[Choosing Life Forum](#)’ to stop terrorist funding, [endorsed the bill](#), saying, “We, the bereaved families, demand the death penalty so that there will be no more victims like my son Danny.”

Haim Smadar, a Jewish refugee from the Muslim world working as a security guard, and a father of deaf children, died stopping an Islamic terrorist from blowing up in a supermarket, telling him, “You are not coming in here. You and I will blow up here.”

“I call on all Knesset members to vote for this bill, as it saves lives, stopping those who are coming to kill us again and again,” [his son said](#).

Eliyahu Libman, who lost his brother in a terrorist attack, and who lost his son, a security officer who was saving lives at the Nova festival, on Oct 7, [declared that](#) “a terrorist “doesn’t deserve to live after he took the lives of others. And I say this from my personal experience.”

“The killers of my brother were freed in the Shalit deal (during which over 1,000 Islamic terrorists were released in exchange for one hostage). They killed my son and all the others. The terrorists want to kill and go on killing. When they are executed, it saves many lives.”

When an Islamic terrorist burst into the Solomon home on the Sabbath, the family were celebrating the birth of their grandson. The terrorist stabbed to death the 70-year-old grandfather, Michal Solomon managed to hustle her three children, including two infants, into a room and held the door against the attacker. Her husband was murdered.

Dan Landau, Michal’s father, [endorsed the bill](#) saying, “Enough with terrorists who get vacations, enough with terrorists who receive good conditions in prison. It’s time they pay the full price for the blood they spilled.”

The parents of Rita Gusak, 21, murdered by Hamas terrorists at the Nova musical festival on Oct 7, [spoke out in](#) favor of the bill.” The terrorist standing before us doesn’t even try to hide it — he proudly publishes it and documents it.”

“I am in favor of the death penalty law for terrorists, because they murdered my father,” the son of [Meir Lixenberg](#), a murdered father of 5, said.

Many other family members also spoke out in favor of a death penalty for terrorists.

However, once the bill was signed, it was immediately condemned by European governments and a social media campaign based on lies was quickly whipped up, claiming that the bill was racist because it would execute Arab Muslims rather than Jews. All of that is completely false.

The bill only applies to non-citizen terrorists who live under military jurisdiction. It doesn’t apply to Israeli citizens, Jews or Arabs, or whatever their religion may be. The legal basis for this is much the same as the Article III military tribunals that were used in Gitmo after 9/11.

Media and social media accounts chose to completely ignore MK Limor Son Har-Melech, whose bill it was, because her story was too sympathetic, in favor of retweeting a brief clip from a Hamas-linked account, featuring Itamar Ben Gvir, a leader of her party, celebrating the bill.

There was no mention that the bill had come from a survivor of terrorism, that it had been championed by family members of terror victims, or that it was made necessary by disastrous hostage deals like the Shalit deal and the Hamas hostage deal which freed thousands of Islamic terrorists to kill again and which incentivized future attacks and future hostage taking.

The European Union claimed that the bill was “deeply concerning” because “the death penalty is a violation of the right to life”. The terrorists facing the death penalty violated the right to life of others and will do so again if they are set loose. As the EU would indeed like to see happen.

The UK, French, Australian and German governments claimed that the bill was “discriminatory” and would undermine “Israel’s commitments with regards to democratic principles”, contending that “the death penalty is an inhumane and degrading form of punishment without any deterring effect.” If their countries had the death penalty, their crime rate wouldn’t be out of control.

The UK has resorted to banning kitchen knives rather than cracking down on criminals.

France last executed a Muslim pimp by guillotine in 1977 for running a sex grooming gang and kidnapping, torturing and strangling a French woman to death. Imagine if France were willing to do that today. And would thousands of girls have been raped in the UK if the Pakistani Muslim sex grooming gangs knew that they faced not a cushy few years in prison, but death?

European foreign ministers have had little to say about Saudi Arabia, Iran, Yemen, Brunei and Mauritania’s Islamic death penalties for gay people. They don’t mind when Muslim countries kill gay people in the name of Islam, only when Christians and Jews stand up to Islamic terrorism.

The ‘Palestinian Authority’ has a law on the books calling for the death penalty for their own people who sell land to Jews. And there are of course no objections to that racist decree.

Israel has lived through generations of Islamic terror and genocide. Only now, after the largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, did it pass a death penalty bill. The law will almost certainly be blocked by Israel's leftist supreme court and terror victims will be denied justice. Islamic terrorists will get fake life sentences that only last until the terrorists take a hostage.

If opponents of the 'Death Penalty for Terrorists Bill' had a legitimate argument to make, they wouldn't have to lie about the bill, distort it, hide who it came from and who supports it. But the Left wants to pretend that it's humane and decent even as it unleashes terrorists who stab, rape and kill their victims while running them through a revolving door system that rewards terrorism.

[Limor Son Har-Melech](#) refused to give up when the car rolled over and she lost her husband. Her courageous fight to hold Islamic terrorists accountable should be an example to us all.

by: [Daniel Greenfield Email Post](#)

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STEP BY STEP

STEP BY STEP: Good news is that many friends and supporters of Lev U'Neshama (Heart and Soul) donated towards the Education Fund project to provide basic school supplies for actually 350 children within our Lev U'Neshama families.

We are grateful that the school supply part of our effort has been successful.

According to the Israel Population and Statistics office, Tzfat's population is about 40,000, and one third live at the poverty level. We do what we can so at least the children within our struggling LUN families can get the things they need.

Every week we are providing new sport shoes and eye exams/eyeglasses to the children on our request list. However, previous donations are rapidly dwindling. I am reaching out now before the fund has been emptied and we will have to say "no" to additional requests.

We work with two local shoe merchants who give Lev U'Neshama a discount but they advised us the cost of the shoes has increased. Also, we work with an accredited optician in town who also gives us a discount but his cost is stable.

Lev U'Neshama is an Israeli registered non-profit charity organization, volunteer run, no business expenses whatsoever and every \$ goes into our programs.

Shoes: \$45 per pair regular and \$60 for First Steps, baby shoes.

Eye Exam/Eyeglasses: \$60 per child.

Your support is urgently requested.

Or use the Zelle US to US bank transfer system (contact me at mortsmo@aol.com for bank information.

US Donors may also send checks made payable to

Simcha Smolensky, my son, who is also a volunteer. Send to:

Rabbi Simcha Smolensky, 6739 N Mozart St Chicago IL 60645

Your support will be appreciated.

Yaffa Smolensky