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## **Soldier killed, 15 injured in Hezbollah drone attacks; IDF strikes in Lebanon**

**Terror group targets artillery position in northern Israel, forces stationed inside Lebanese villages; Lebanon says 9 killed by strikes, including 2 children**

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

and [Agencies](#) Today, 4:13 pm Updated at 10:30 pm



**Sgt. Liem Ben Hamo, 19.**

An Israeli soldier was killed, and three were moderately wounded in two Hezbollah explosive drone attacks in southern Lebanon on Thursday morning, as another drone launched by the terror group struck an artillery position on the border, wounding twelve other troops.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/12-soldiers-injured-by-hezbollah-drone-in-northern-israel-idf-strikes-in-lebanon/>

## **Growing Hezbollah drone threat shows Israel's innovation race is in its infancy - analysis**

**The terror organization intends to confront the IDF through the use of new drones. The question is whether countering them will become an accepted norm.**

By [SETH J. FRANTZMAN](#) APRIL 29, 2026 16:23 Updated: APRIL 29, 2026 17:32

<https://www.jpost.com/defense-and-tech/article-894593>

## **'The city is dead': Israel's north struggles to recover as war leaves uneven economic scars**

**In Kiryat Shmona and across the Galilee, shuttered businesses, slow returns and shifting demand for homes indicate a patchy recovery after more than two years of conflict**

By [Zev Stub](#)

Today, 9:29 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/the-city-is-dead-israels-north-struggles-to-recover-as-war-leaves-uneven-economic-scars/>

## **CENTCOM chief to brief Trump on new plans for military action against Iran — report Adm. Brad Cooper to present options for 'short and powerful' strikes, seizing parts of Strait of Hormuz, and special forces action to capture enriched uranium, Axios says**

By [Agencies](#) and [Tol Staff](#) Today, 12:17 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/centcom-chief-to-brief-trump-on-new-plans-for-military-action-against-iran-report/>

## **Khamenei fires back at Trump: 'We will protect our nuclear, missiles — US belongs at bottom of Persian Gulf'**

**Iran's new supreme leader, injured and unseen in public, said in a statement read on state TV that he seeks a 'future without America' in the Gulf, accusing Washington of acting out of greed and vowing 90 million Iranians will defend nuclear and missile capabilities**

y.net, [News Agencies](#) | 06:34

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rk5bn3gr11e>

## **In defiant message, Mojtaba Khamenei signals 'new chapter' for Iran's control of Hormuz**

**Marking 'Persian Gulf Day,' written statement from still unseen new supreme leader says Iran will protect missile, nuclear programs as 'national assets,' bucking US effort to curb them**

By [AP](#) and [Tel Staff](#) Today, 7:10 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/in-defiant-message-mojtaba-khamenei-signals-new-chapter-for-irans-control-of-hormuz/>

**US seeks new int'l coalition to get ships moving again in Hormuz, internal cable says US embassies should deliver the demarche orally to partner nations by May 1, but not to Russia, China, Belarus, Cuba, and "other US adversaries," said the cable.**

By [REUTERS](#) APRIL 30, 2026 07:39

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-894661>

## **Trump: Iranian naval blockade stays until Tehran agrees to nuclear deal - Axios**

**US President Donald Trump says Iran will remain under a naval blockade until a nuclear deal is reached, with CENTCOM preparing for potential military strikes if negotiations fail.**

By [JAMES GENN](#) APRIL 29, 2026 21:34

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-894640>

## **Pentagon Iran war cost estimates may exclude billions added from damaged US assets - CNN**

**While a Pentagon official has given a \$25 billion figure, CNN sources warned the cost including rebuilding damaged US assets may cost tens of billions more.**

By [DANYA SAPERSTEIN](#) APRIL 30, 2026 16:43

<https://www.jpost.com/international/article-894732>

## **US says PA continuing to pay security prisoners despite reformed welfare criteria**

**Citing information from Israeli government and groups critical of the Palestinian Authority, State Department informs Congress that Ramallah not meeting benchmarks for lifting sanctions**

By [Jacob Magid](#)

Today, 5:02 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-says-pa-continuing-to-pay-security-prisoners-despite-reformed-welfare-criteria/>

## **Navy detains over 20 flotilla ships, 175 activists en route to Gaza Strip**

**Leading up to the reports of Israeli boarding, the activist ships were allegedly approached by Israeli fast boats "pointing lasers and semi-automatic assault weapons."**

By [MICHAEL STARR](#) APRIL 30, 2026 00:10 Updated: APRIL 30, 2026 17:30

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-894648>

**Starmer booed at site of Golders Green terror; promises to tackle antisemitism, extremism**

**Anti-terror chief says attacks on Jews are UK's 'biggest national security emergency' after terror stabbing wounds two; government adds \$33 million for community's security**

By [Zev Stub](#)

Today, 4:58 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/starmer-booed-at-site-of-golders-green-terror-promises-to-tackle-antisemitism-extremism/>

**Inquiry finds that days before Bondi massacre, Jewish group warned Aussie cops attack was 'likely'**

**Despite warning, royal commission investigating the terror shooting says Australian police didn't send officers to protect Hanukkah celebration, instead having mobile patrols 'check in'**

By [Agencies](#) Today, 6:44 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/inquiry-finds-that-days-before-bondi-shooting-jewish-group-warned-aussie-cops-attack-was-likely/>

**House to consider bipartisan resolution condemning Hasan Piker, Candace Owens for antisemitism**

**The resolution aims to condemn antisemitic hate-filled rhetoric and content disseminated by prominent online personalities," according to its proponents, Reps. Mike Lawler and Josh Gottheimer.**

By ANDREW LAPIN/JTA APRIL 30, 2026 04:20

<https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-894655>

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## Party of Assassins

*Wed, 29 Apr 2026 8:00 AM PST by Daniel Greenfield*



There was nothing radical about Cole Tomas Allen: the attempted White House Correspondents' Dinner assassin. Allen's manifesto reads a lot like that of the previous three-named assassin Ryan Wesley Routh who was stalking President Trump at a golf game.

Apart from the explicit murder plots, there is nothing in Routh's 'Dear World' letter and Allen's manifesto that you wouldn't find in the Washington Post, a Jimmy Kimmel or Stephen Colbert monologue or a rant by a

Democrat member of Congress. Routh was obsessed with Iran and Ukraine, sounding like Thomas Friedman when he complained that Trump had "ended relations with Iran like a child and now the Middle East has unraveled."

Allen offered even more generic foreign policy criticisms that seemed plucked from network newscasts and fake news coverage of Trump's campaign against illegal alien criminals, drug cartels, Islamic terrorists in Iran and the cutoff of funds to USAID, ranting about being ("raped in a detention camp", "fisherman executed without trial" "schoolkid blown up" or "a child starved").

Did Allen really care about events in Iran or Latin America? Could he even tell them apart?

There's a vagueness to the litany that suggests Allen had a weak grip on where these supposed things were even happening and what the connection to it was beyond justifying his attack.

Rather than Marxism, Routh and Allen offered tepid shopworn liberalism as their justification for murder, "U.S presidents must at bare minimum embody the moral fabric that is America and be kind, caring and selfless and always stand for humanity" and "the United States of America are ruled by the law, not by any one or several people. In so far as representatives and judges do not follow the law, no one is required to yield them anything so unlawfully ordered."

This is the stuff of a Ken Burns op-ed and it shows that both men were more influenced by liberal Trump Derangement Syndrome media products than by Antifa or radical groups.

Allen slurs President Trump as a “pedophile, rapist and traitor”. This line is so commonplace in liberal circles that you can find it all across Bluesky, where the attempted assassin had an account, sold on t-shirts and popping up in op-eds. Social media personalities, talk show hosts and members of Congress have used similar rhetoric to refer to the 47th president.

There’s not much of a political critique. Just a grab bag of lines from MSNBC.

The truly revealing moment comes at the end of Routh’s manifesto. “I experience rage thinking about everything this administration has done.” That is a common enough symptom from liberals who doomscroll daily through social media rants about Trump until they get more blackpilled. Trump Derangement Syndrome isn’t a punch line. Much like any social media obsession, it is a social contagion that genuinely makes people dangerous and deranged.

But even while people are talking about Cole Tomas Allen becoming ‘radicalized’, there’s no evidence that he was ideologically radicalized. And it’s important for us to understand this.

Unlike Thomas Crooks, the Butler assassin, Allen wasn’t quoting Mao about power coming from the barrel of a gun. Unlike Austin Tucker Martin, who was shot and killed while breaking into Mar-a-Lago while armed with a shotgun back in March (notably there are so many attempts to kill Trump that they quickly vanish from the media coverage) he didn’t go down a social media conspiracy rabbit hole (Martin was obsessed with conspiracies tying Trump to Epstein.)

Allen and Routh’s views were generally those of mainstream liberal Democrats. They were no more extreme than your average MSNBC viewer. Probably even a smidgen more moderate.

And they were probably no more radical than the average committed Democrat.

The only difference between the two assassins and the rest of their political movement was that they didn’t just buy t-shirts calling for Trump’s murder (Amazon has a Google search result ‘Trump Dead Shirt’ to cash in on this trend) or put up ‘Is He Dead Yet’ signs on their lawns or confine themselves to fulminating on social media... they did something about it.

That doesn’t make them more radical than the average Democrat. Just more serious.

There are two distinct but related things going on with the Democrats. One is that the party is rapidly moving ideologically leftward and embracing previously inconceivable positions ranging from socialism to treason and the other is that much of the party is not ideologically radicalizing so much as it’s driven by a violently fervent hatred of Trump and a conviction that he’s Hitler.

This is not some grassroots phenomenon but the messaging from the top down of the party and its media apparatus. That’s why Allen’s views are entirely reflective of their rhetoric. He wasn’t a Marxist, a Communist or a Socialist... his views were those of the mainstream of his party. (The amount of distance between the Democrats and the Marxists of course is rapidly shrinking.)

But Allen didn’t try to kill Trump and members of his administration officials in the name of socialized medicine, a command economy, the working class or any affirmative leftist cause.

He did it because he had been brainwashed into believing he was stopping Hitler 2.0.

And Allen certainly wasn’t alone. The No Kings rallies and the ActBlue contribution tolls (Allen predictably donated to Kamala through ActBlue) are filled with millions like him. They don’t really believe in anything except stopping Trump, Republicans, and conservatives at any cost.

Most don’t take a gun in their hands. Instead they donate to and vote for genuine leftist radicals whose agenda only starts at stopping Trump and then goes to actual Communist action points.

The Democrats have become a party of assassins, willing to shoot President Trump, members of the Secret Service and anyone else, and most of all, to shoot America in the head, because they have been brainwashed into believing the rhetoric of their party and their media.

When you believe that the president is Hitler 2.0, then shooting him becomes reasonable.

The fault certainly lies with men like Allen and Routh who let themselves be brainwashed, but it also lies with a party whose officials and media have spent a decade pouring that poisonous rhetoric into the ears of the nation for their own political gain all the while knowing it was a lie.

Now after several assassinations, the killing of Charlie Kirk and numberless incidents of street violence, and murderous attacks on ICE and other federal law enforcement, they have not repented. They formally condemn violence and day after day they make the case to men like Routh and Allen why Trump should be removed from office by any and every means possible.

Their only possible defense is that they don’t expect their followers to take them seriously.

But the record number of assassinations shows that they have created a party of assassins. Those who have created a party of assassins bear the ultimate responsibility for the violence.

A Party of Assassins cannot offer America anything except murder, treason and death.

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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](mailto: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:

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**Your support will be appreciated.**

Yaffa Smolensky