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### **Trump reportedly paused Hormuz op after Saudis denied use of airspace; US awaits Iran deal response**

**Riyadh rejects report as US officials say Gulf states were surprised by Project Freedom, which triggered fears of fresh fighting; top Iranian negotiator mocks US for halting operation**

By [ToI Staff](#) Today, 10:34 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/trump-reportedly-paused-hormuz-operation-after-saudi-arabia-denied-use-of-its-airspace/>

### **Secret CIA analysis revealed: Iran can survive months of blockade, still has 70% of its missiles**

**Iran will be able to survive the US blockade for at least another 90 days, and perhaps much longer according to the intelligence agency, the Washington Post reports; 'Its economic situation is really not as dire as claimed'; It already has built new missiles**

ynet|12:50

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rk11yshqawx>

### **US-proposed Iran resolution at UN faces likely vetoes from China, Russia**

**A Chinese veto would be awkward ahead of US President Donald Trump's trip to China next week, where the Iran war is likely to be high on the agenda.**ByREUTERSMAY 7, 2026 21:44

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<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-895528>

### **Iran hit US bases harder than Washington first revealed, satellite imagery shows - report**

**New satellite images show Iranian strikes damaged more US military assets across the Middle East than previously disclosed, raising questions about base defenses and Tehran's targeting capabilities.**

ByJERUSALEM POST STAFFMAY 7, 2026 17:46

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-895499>

### **Investigation into oil market trades: Billions made just minutes before Trump Iran announcements**

**US investigates traders who made \$2.6 billion in bets that oil prices would fall, ABC reports; One trade made 15 minutes before Trump called off bombing Iranian power plants, and another 15 minutes before he extended the ceasefire**

ynet|13:21

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/bkgz489abl>

### **IDF cancels events in north amid concern over potential Hezbollah revenge attacks**

**Three said killed in villages across southern Lebanon as military targets Hezbollah infrastructure; Netanyahu warns no terrorist is safe after Radwan force chief killed in Beirut**

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) and [Lazar Berman](#)

Today, 7:22 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-cancels-events-in-north-amid-concern-over-potential-hezbollah-revenge-attacks/>

## **IDF kills top Hezbollah commander in first strike in Beirut in almost a month**

**Military says chief of terror group's elite Radwan Force, Ahmed Ghaleb Balout, advanced plans for invasion of Galilee; 7 soldiers hurt in Hezbollah drone attacks in south Lebanon**

By [Emanuel Fabian](#) and [Nurit Yohanan](#)

6 May 2026, 5:41 pm Updated: Today, 11:40 am

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/two-soldiers-hurt-in-hezbollah-drone-attack-in-south-lebanon-idf-hits-terror-sites/>

## **US to host third round of talks between Israel and Lebanon next week**

**Military representatives from each side set to participate for the first time, Israeli official says, as the sides aim to advance concrete measures for disarming Hezbollah**

By [Jacob Magid](#)

Today, 10:18 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-to-host-third-round-of-talks-between-israel-and-lebanon-next-week/>

## **After cancer revelation, court orders PM to submit sealed medical records in libel case**

**Judge says Netanyahu must file records by May 13, after journalist being sued by PM over claims he was in poor health requested that his doctors be summoned to testify on his medical status**

By [Jeremy Sharon](#)

Today, 4:51 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-cancer-revelation-court-orders-pm-to-submit-sealed-medical-records-in-libel-case/>

## **Levin says he'll let Supreme Court 'disappear' if his justice picks are not selected**

**Justice minister's comments come as deadline to submit timeline for convening Judicial Selection Committee is set to expire; office won't say whether he intends to comply with it**

By [Jeremy Sharon](#)

Today, 7:07 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/levin-says-hell-let-supreme-court-disappear-if-his-justice-picks-are-not-selected/>

## **Ministerial panel to vote on bill that would bar citizenship for non-Orthodox converts**

**Reform movement leader: 'Government slamming door in the faces' of Diaspora Jews amid rising antisemitism; MK Rabbi Kariv: Move would 'collapse the bridge' between Israel and Diaspora**

By [Sam Sokol](#)

and [ToI Staff](#) Today, 2:56 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/ministerial-panel-to-vote-on-bill-that-would-bar-citizenship-for-non-orthodox-converts/>

## **Abbas holding Palestinians hostage with Western help, Fatah opposition figure says - exclusive**

**Samer Sinjilawi told The Jerusalem Post that Western Leaders need to stop pushing the idea that Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is the moderate choice.**

By [DANIELLE GREYMAN-KENNARD](#) MAY 7, 2026 18:07 Updated: MAY 7, 2026 19:52

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-895501>

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## The Pakistani Muslim Judge Who Protected 2 Trump

### Assassins

A disturbing pattern by an extremist judge

[Daniel Greenfield](#) May 7



Last year, Edward Alexander Dana was charged over a rant in which he allegedly claimed that, “this is Donald Trump’s way of saying, hey, I can look like Putin” [and vowed](#) “to protect the Constitution by any means necessary. And that means killing you, officer, killing the President, killing anyone who stands in the way of our Constitution.”

Judge Zia Faruqui, a Pakistani Muslim federal magistrate judge, insisted that Dana, who had 23 prior arrests and 9 prior convictions, was a victim who deserved a government apology.

Faruqui apologized to Dana, claimed that America is “past the point of constitutional crisis”, and warned that “people like Mr Dana are suffering the consequences” of law enforcement in D.C.

The Pakistani Muslim judge blamed racism for Dana’s arrest, ranting that “the government’s message to people who look like Mr. Dana is ‘be very afraid’ and then claimed, “I’m afraid right now.”

“I really appreciate the judge, though, for being reasonable,” Dana said after his release.

After the latest assassination attempt against President Trump at the White House Correspondents’ Dinner, Judge Zia Faruqui has apologized to yet another Trump assassin.

This time it was Cole Thomas Allen who had come armed with a shotgun, handgun and knives, and had written a manifesto explaining why he was trying to kill President Trump. Allen’s lawyer had complained that the assassin hadn’t received a free tablet in prison and that he had been put on suicide watch after admitting that he had expected to die during his attack.

Once again, the Pakistani Muslim judge apologized to a presidential assassin for having been inconvenienced. “I am very troubled by what they indicate the conditions that you have been subjected to ... I’m sorry. It sounds like things have not been the way they’re supposed to ... Whatever you’ve been through, I apologize.”

Judge Faruqui, a magistrate judge who had been appointed by Judge Beryl Howell, a longtime Trump opponent, during the Obama administration, then said that he was “fascinated and concerned” that Allen, a presidential assassin, had been treated worse than J6 detainees.

“A lot of people seem to have forgotten January 6,” the Pakistani judge complained. “Pardons may erase convictions, but they do not erase history.”

Judge Zia Faruqui had long worked to sabotage the Trump administration’s effort to fight crime in D.C., falsely describing it as a “constitutional crisis”, contending that “the rule of law is being flushed down the toilet” and threatening to stop authorizing criminal charges after arrests.

It is debatable whether Faruqui, a member of the highly controversial Muslim Bar Association of New York ever met the basic standard for being appointed.

The MuBANY has claimed that Muslims were persecuted after 9/11, demanded the resignation of the NYPD commissioner over [the screening of](#) a movie about Islamic terrorism together with Muslim Brotherhood organizations linked to terrorism including CAIR. Some critics have accused MuBANY’s leadership of having Brotherhood links. The Muslim Brotherhood is the parent organization of numerous Islamic terrorist groups including Al Qaeda and Hamas.

MuBANY takes part in the National Association of Muslim Lawyers which as it boasts, “convened experts from CAIR, Muslim Advocates, and the ACLU to host a webinar on the Muslim Brotherhood terrorist designation.” CAIR is an unindicted terrorist funding co-sponsor whose leader praised the Islamic terrorist campaign of Oct 7.

Faruqui had previously pursued Islamist agendas by aiding the Organization of Islamic Cooperation’s case against Myanmar. Gambia, an unstable Muslim regime where [Christians are persecuted](#), had sued Facebook on behalf of the OIC, demanding information on Buddhists in Myanmar to justify its false claim that the ‘Rohingya’, an invasive Muslim group of illegal colonists responsible for violence against Buddhists, were actually victims of ‘genocide’.

Some Rohingya Jihadists had developed ties to ISIS and Al Qaeda had issued a statement warning that “the government of Myanmar shall be made to taste what our Muslim brothers have tasted in Arakan, with the permission of Allah.”

Rather than considering the actual merits of the case, Judge Zia Faruqui went on [another rant](#), mocking Facebook for trying to protect the privacy of Buddhist users worried about Muslim persecution, repeated Islamic and leftist propaganda in his ruling, and complained that Facebook posts had depicted “the Rohingya and other Muslims as an existential threat to Myanmar and to Buddhism. In the case of the Rohingya, it [went] a step further. It [was] accompanied by dehumanising language and the branding of the entire community as ‘illegal . . . immigrants.’”

Which is of course entirely accurate, but understandably objectionable to the Pakistani judge.

Much of the Rohingya operate out of Pakistan. And much like Al Qaeda, Rohingya Jihadist groups like the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army operate out of Judge Faruqui’s homeland.

In his ruling, Judge Zia Faruqui mischaracterized a call by a spokesman for the president of Myanmar (formerly Burma) to kill “Rohingya terrorists” as a call for “the destruction of the Rohingya.”

Is it any wonder that he’s apologizing to presidential assassins?

How many presidential assassins can a judge set out to protect and apologize to, how many Islamist causes should he advocate for and how many extremist organizations does he have to be associated with, and how many criminals does he have to enable before he’s removed?

The David Horowitz Freedom Center announced our new [‘Judicial Accountability Project’](#) whose goal is holding federal judges accountable. Faruqui is a federal magistrate judge. Magistrate judges do not serve for life and can be removed by district judges. But if they choose not to do so, Congress can act to remove Judge Faruqui from his position.

In the previous profile of [Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart](#), formerly Epstein’s lawyer, who had signed off on the Biden administration’s illegal raid on Mar-a-Lago, Congress was urged to call him in and ask him some pointed questions. Magistrate Judge Zia Faruqui has behaved unprofessionally, violated judicial ethical standards with his partisan rants from the bench, and appears to have a disturbing affection for presidential assassins. He can be removed.

The only question is whether Congress is willing to do it.

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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.

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**Your support will be appreciated.**

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