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# Westlife - You Raise Me Up

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"My kind of loyalty was to one's country, not to its institutions or its officeholders. The country is the real thing, the substantial thing, the eternal thing; it is the thing to watch over, and care for, and be loyal to; institutions are extraneous, they are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out, become ragged, cease to be comfortable, cease to protect the body from winter, disease, and death."

-- Mark Twain [Samuel Langhorne Clemens] (1835-1910) American author and humorist

# Read the Prophets & PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! That is the only hope for this nation!

Please	<b>Pray that the world would WAKE UP!</b> Time for a worldwide repentance!
Remember	ALL US soldiers fighting for our freedom around the world
These	Pray for those in our government to repent of their wicked corrupt ways.
Folks	Pray for "A" family – three admitted with Covid very sick. Multiple Comorbidities - Two passed
In	away
Prayer-	Pray for J P– sick with flu bad episode 5 years ago
Check often	Pray for RR – young man with enlarged heart ventricle
They	Pray for family of RY – Passed away from Covid
Change!	Pray for EL – Had clot embolized to brain – successful 'clot buster' but long road to go.
	Pray for BB – Severe West Nile Fever –still not mobile- improving!
	Pray for RBH – cancer recurrence
	Pray for GB – bad reaction from Cancer drug
	Pray for Ella – Child with serious problems
	Pray that The Holy One will lead you in Your preparations for handling the world
	problems Have YOU made any preparations?

Genesis 48:<sup>20</sup>And he blessed them that day, saying: 'By thee shall Israel bless, saying: God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh.' And he set Ephraim before Manasseh. <sup>21</sup>And Israel said unto Joseph: 'Behold, I die; but God will be with you, and bring you back unto the land of your fathers. <sup>22</sup>Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.'

# Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is expected to visit Israel on Sunday.



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Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid in a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov (photo credit: Kobi Amsalem/GPO)

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is expected to visit Israel on Sunday for meetings with Prime Minster Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid. The visit was announced the day after an alleged Israeli bombing of the Latakia port in Syria, near the Russian Khmeimim Air Base. Israel and Russia have a deconfliction mechanism for IAF

**strikes in Syria**, where Russia has a substantial military presence, but Israeli strikes in Latakia and in Syria more broadly, have been points of contention between Jerusalem and Moscow in recent years.

Lavrov last visited Israel with Russian President Vladimir Putin for the World Holocaust Forum in January 2020, but his last trip to Jerusalem for meetings with top Israeli officials was in 2018.

The Russian Foreign Minister will also be in Jerusalem as nuclear negotiations between world powers and Iran continue in Vienna.

Russia continued to call for a restoration of the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, which limited Iran's uranium enrichment until 2030 while gradually lifting sanctions on the regime.



Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS) Enrique Mora and Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani wait for the start of a meeting of the JCPOA Joint Commission in Vienna, Austria, December 3, 2021. (credit: EU DELEGATION IN VIENNA/HANDOUT VIA REUTERS)

"We are fully convinced that we have a good chance to find common language at the Vienna Talks," Russian Ambassador to international institutions in Vienna Mikhail Ulyanov tweeted on Monday.

In contrast, American and European diplomats have expressed deep skepticism that Iran is actually seeking an agreement, in light of the regime presenting what the Western JCPOA parties see as an unserious proposal and

advancing its nuclear program even as negotiations take place. <a href="https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/russian-fm-headed-to-israel-after-latakia-strike-688132">https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/russian-fm-headed-to-israel-after-latakia-strike-688132</a>

After alleged Syria strike, Bennett says Israel fighting 'bad forces' night and day PM alludes to ongoing military campaign as he heads into summit with Greek and Cypriot leaders; vows, 'We will continue to act'

By <u>Lazar Berman</u> Today, 3:23 pm

Hours after Syrian media accused Israel of striking the port city of Latakia, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said on Tuesday that the military was constantly fighting "bad forces" in the Middle East.

"We're pushing back on the bad forces of this region day and night," he said in English alongside Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades. "We won't stop for one second. This happens almost daily."

"In the face of destructive forces we will continue to act, we will be persistent, and we will not tire," Bennett pledged.

Turning to the trilateral relationship, Bennett said that the regional EastMed Gas Forum — which includes Israel, Egypt, Greece, Cyprus and the Palestinian Authority — was progressing.

"We are expanding our ties in the fields of security, the economy, technology, tourism, and emergency services," he said, referencing mutual aid provided over the summer in the face of forest fires in all three countries.

"This trilateral alliance between Israel, Cyprus, and Greece is good for our people, good for our countries, and good for the region," Bennett declared.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett meets with Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades in Jerusalem, December 7, 2021 (Amos Ben Gershom/GPO)

The three leaders spoke before sitting down for lunch at the Orient Hotel in Jerusalem as part of the eighth Israel-Cyprus-Greece summit.

Speaking after Bennett, Anastasiades laid out the areas under discussion in the summit — COVID-19 and its long-term effects, climate change and its regional implications, creating an emergency management forum,

energy cooperation in the EastMed Gas Forum, the latest developments in the Abraham Accords, and EU-Israel relations.

Anastasiades stressed Cyprus's and Greece's support for reconvening the "very long overdue" annual EU-Israel Association Council meeting, suspended since 2013. Cyprus will assume the presidency of the EMGF in January.

While Bennett did not mention Turkey, a regional rival of all three countries, Anastasiades laid into Ankara in his address, calling it a country that is "actively sabotaging any effort for regional understanding."

He accused Turkey of "practicing a revisionist policy in which might is right," and of violating Cyprus's exclusive economic zone in the Mediterranean.

Anastasiades said he would brief his counterparts on ongoing tensions with Turkey in Cyprus. Turkey is the only country that recognizes the breakaway Northern Cyprus republic on the northern part of the island.

While firmly rejecting a two-state solution in Cyprus, Anastasiades called for negotiations that would result in a "just and viable two-state solution which will address the legitimate security concerns of the State of Israel, and will enable Israelis and Palestinians to live side by side in security and peaceful co-existence with all their neighbors."

In his statement, Mitsotakis also assailed Turkey for the "unacceptable provocations when it comes to... this Turkish change of approach vis-a-vis the resolution of the Cyprus problem."

"The only viable solution to the Cyprus problem is one that fully respects all the decisions taken by the Security Council," he said, saying that third parties such as Turkey had no right to intervene in Cypriot affairs.

"Unfortunately, what we see from Turkey is a continued intransigence and unacceptable aggression, both on land and in the maritime zones of Cyprus," he continued.

After a bilateral meeting earlier Tuesday between Bennett and Anastasiades, Innovation, Science and Technology Minister Orit Farkash-Cohen signed a cooperation agreement with the Cypriot deputy Innovation and Technology Minister Kyriacos Kokkinos. According to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office, the agreement strengthens scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries.



President Isaac Herzog met with Anastasiades earlier in the morning at the President's Residence. He underscored the importance of the trilateral relationship, and expressed a desire to expand cooperation in security, energy, diplomacy, and trade, according to a statement from Herzog's office.

Herzog also invited the Cypriot business community to take part in new economic opportunities that are emerging in the wake of the 2020 Abraham Accords. The president will host Mitsotakis later in the afternoon.

President Isaac Herzog hosts Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades at Beit Hanasi in Jerusalem, December 7, 2021 (Haim Zach/GPO)

The summit was originally scheduled to take place in

**November** but was pushed off as all three countries sought to play host.

Israel, Greece and Cyprus are regional allies and cooperate on economic efforts in the Mediterranean Sea, including on electricity and gas. They also share an enmity toward Turkey, which has been trying to expand its presence in the eastern Mediterranean. The three countries held a naval drill earlier this year in a sign of their deepening military ties.

In August, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid <u>hosted</u> his Greek and Cypriot allies in Jerusalem, speaking of his vision of a future regional alliance to include the UAE, Bahrain, Jordan, Egypt, Cyprus, Greece, and others as a "key part of the change that is happening in the region. A moderate, pragmatic and forward-looking alliance." <a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-alleged-syria-strike-bennett-says-israel-fighting-bad-forces-night-and-day/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-alleged-syria-strike-bennett-says-israel-fighting-bad-forces-night-and-day/</a>



# Comptroller probing IDF preparation for stopping nuclear Iran

Englman is concerned about the possibility of Israel becoming the victim of cyberattacks.

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State Comptroller Matanyahu Englman at Tuesday's Maariv Conference. (photo credit: MARC ISRAEL SELLEM)

The state comptroller's office is probing the efforts of the defense establishment and intelligence agencies to prevent the nuclearization of <u>Iran</u>, State Comptroller Matanyahu Englman said on Tuesday, but that due to the sensitivity of the issue, some of the reports would be classified.

"Part of Israel's resilience is that everyone is subject to oversight, and that includes the defense system, intelligence agencies and the IDF," Englman said at the Maariv Conference.

Englman said he was concerned about the threat to Israel from cyberattacks, and was investigating whether the Israel Tax Authority had suffered a cyberattack.

"The Tax Authority has one of the most detailed databases on the citizens of Israel," Englman said. "It is a critical database for the functioning of the economy, so attacking it could cause serious damage."

On a related note, Englman said the Tax Authority owes NIS 3.6 billion to Israeli citizens.

But key information from Englman's reports cannot be released without a vote in the Knesset State Control Committee. The committee, scheduled to be headed by an MK from Likud, has not been formed yet, due to the ongoing dispute between the coalition and opposition. <a href="https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/comptroller-probing-idf-preparation-for-stopping-nuclear-iran-688083">https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/comptroller-probing-idf-preparation-for-stopping-nuclear-iran-688083</a>

# 'A wall of iron, sensors and concrete': IDF completes tunnel-busting Gaza barrier IDF chief Aviv Kohavi says new 40-mile above- and below-ground fence is changing the reality along the restive border, where subterranean attacks have dogged the military for years

By <u>Judah Ari Gross</u> Today, 4:45 pm



A portion of the 40-mile barrier along the Gaza Strip, upon completion on December 7, 2021. (Defense Ministry)



A portion of the 40-mile barrier along the Gaza Strip, upon completion on December 7, 2021. (Defense Ministry)

NETIV HA'ASARA — Standing in the shadow of a 30-foot-high concrete wall, top defense officials announced Tuesday that Israel had completed construction of a massive barrier running the length of the Gaza Strip both above and, critically, below ground.

The NIS 3.5 billion (\$1.1 billion) project has taken over three years to complete and is meant to end the threat of cross-border attack tunnels from the Palestinian enclave, which the Strip's Hamas rulers have utilized to deadly effect.

"This barrier, a creative, technological project of the first order, denies Hamas one of the capabilities that it tried to develop and puts a wall of iron, sensors and concrete between it and the residents of the south," Defense Minister Benny Gantz said at the ceremony on Tuesday afternoon.

Construction of the barrier was a massive industrial undertaking, requiring some 1,200 workers, the removal of 330,000 trucks' worth of sand, dirt and rocks, two million cubic meters of concrete and enough rebar that if laid out in a single line would reach Australia, according to Brig. Gen. Eran Ofir, who oversees construction of defensive barriers for the Defense Ministry.

The 40-mile (65-kilometer) barrier lies all along the Gaza border and extends out to sea in order to ensure that terror groups in the Strip do not dig underwater tunnels, as they have attempted in the past.

The barrier is made up of several components: an underground reinforced concrete wall that is studded with sensors to detect tunnels; a 20-foot (six-meter) steel fence; a network of radar arrays and other surveillance sensors; and remote-controlled weaponry. The Defense Ministry also constructed a number of command centers along the border as part of the project, Ofir said.

In his speech, Gantz warned that Israel could be seeing "the calm before the storm," following recent threats by Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups against Israel over what they say are slow reconstruction efforts in the Gaza Strip following the last conflict with Israel in May.

Israel and Hamas have been negotiating an extended ceasefire, which would see additional aid and international assistance flown into Gaza in exchange for calm. However, Israel has conditioned full reconstruction on the return of two Israeli civilians and the remains of two IDF soldiers held in Hamas captivity since 2014. The terror group is thought to be holding out for the release of large numbers of Palestinian terrorists in Israeli prisons in exchange, which Jerusalem has refused.

"We will continue to prepare to neutralize every attempt to harm Israeli civilians from the Strip — with the threat of rockets particularly in our sights. We will prevent Iranian knowledge and technology from reaching



Gaza and we will continue to thwart every attempt by Hamas to use its proxies in the West Bank and Israel. These attempts fail time and again," Gantz said.

The decision to construct the barrier arose after the 2014 Gaza war, known in Israel as Operation Protective Edge, which focused primarily on countering the tunnel threat.

The concern in the IDF has long been that Hamas or another terror group would use cross-border tunnels to send fighters into an Israeli community near the border, where they could kill those inside and, even if only for a short while, conquer a portion of Israel.

IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi (right) speaks with Defense Minister Benny Gantz at a ceremony marking the completion of the Gaza barrier on December 7, 2021. (Ariel Hermoni/Defense Ministry)

Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, used tunnels to carry out deadly attacks for the first time in 2004, digging under Israeli positions within the enclave and detonating powerful bombs beneath them. In 2006, Hamas members tunneled into Israel, killing three soldiers and capturing a fourth, Gilad Shalit, whom it kept captive for five years before a swap deal with Israel.

The tunnels, both border-crossing ones and those within Gaza, were used extensively during the 2014 Gaza war, though in recent years Hamas has seemingly stopped relying on them to the same extent as Israel has gotten better at discovering them. MORE - <a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/a-wall-of-iron-sensors-and-concrete-idf-completes-tunnel-busting-gaza-barrier/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/a-wall-of-iron-sensors-and-concrete-idf-completes-tunnel-busting-gaza-barrier/</a>

# Ex-aide testifies Netanyahu 'tried to rob state funds for personal needs'

Nir Hefetz says then-PM knew he was in 'criminally problematic place'; backtracks on claims of being pressured by police: 'I was in negotiations'

By TOI staff Today, 5:00 pm



A key witness for the prosecution in Benjamin Netanyahu's trial alleged Tuesday that the former premier tried "to rob the state's funds for personal needs" on dozens of occasions.

Former Netanyahu family spokesman and confidant Nir Hefetz told the Jerusalem District Court that he had tried to warn the then-premier that he was crossing the boundaries of legality.

Hefetz said Netanyahu was reluctant to pay for anything out of pocket "a la Case 1000," in which the former prime minister is

accused of accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of gifts from two billionaires — Hollywood-based Israeli movie mogul Arnon Milchan and Australian magnate James Packer.

"He continued [with this behavior] when I was sure he knew he was in a criminally problematic place," Hefetz said.

"I am talking about a lot of cases in which he stood by and tried to rob the state's funds for personal needs. It happened dozens of times," Hefetz said.

Hefetz also said he had warned Netanyahu about what later became Case 2000, in which the former premier is accused of attempting to reach a quid pro quo with Yedioth Ahronoth publisher Arnon Mozes for positive media coverage in exchange for legislation weakening rival newspaper Israel Hayom.

"I went into the room and told [Netanyahu] there was a problem with antitrust law in [Case] 2000," Hefetz said.

At the start of his cross-examination, Hefetz was questioned about the period leading up to his decision to turn state witness and recounted the conversation he had with investigators.

"I said that as a state witness, I am going to pay an unbearably heavy price, for example in being branded as a 'traitor.' I was aware of the price," he said, adding that "under no circumstances was I pressured into this deal. I was in negotiations."

On Monday, Hefetz had testified that he thought authorities handled the case more like "a persecution than an investigation." Days earlier, he told the court that police interrogators threatened to destroy his relationships with his family members if he did not turn on his ex-boss.

Nonetheless, Hefetz said last week that despite the heavy pressure, his testimony was "unequivocally the truth." The defense has attempted to have his testimony thrown out for having been given under pressure.

Hefetz is the state's star witness in Case 4000, the most serious of the three cases in which Netanyahu is facing charges. The ex-premier is alleged to have worked to illicitly and lucratively benefit the business interests of Bezeq's controlling shareholder Shaul Elovitch in exchange for positive coverage on the Walla news site owned by Elovitch, but Hefetz said he did not believe there was bribery.

"Is positive coverage a bribe? That borders on delusion," he said. "I thought then, and I still think, that Case 4000 would not have come into being if Netanyahu had not been prime minister."

"I have been in the media for many years and I know it's a give-and-take. I thought the investigative authorities came close to having an agenda" against the premier, he said.

Hefetz left a long career in journalism in 2009 to work as a spokesman for Netanyahu's government, and in 2014 became the Netanyahu family's spokesman and adviser.

On Monday, Hefetz said that he left his position because he feared the former prime minister was not fit to serve. Hefetz alleged that there was a top-secret security incident during his tenure that endangered thousands.

"I told my interrogators, 'It's incredible that until today it still hasn't been revealed," he said. 'I left my job with Netanyahu in September 2017 because I believed that he was no longer fit to make security decisions for the State of Israel due to the situation surrounding him. I still believe that today."

Hefetz did not further elaborate on the alleged incident, but Hebrew media reports said he was referring to Israel's placement of metal detectors at the Temple Mount after three Arab Israeli terrorists shot dead two police officers at the Jerusalem holy site in July 2017.

The **metal detectors were decried by local Muslim officials** as an attempt to change the status quo. The weeks that followed saw numerous bloody clashes between police and East Jerusalemites, who refused to pass through the detectors and instead held at times violent protests outside the compound.

A degree of calm was restored to the capital after the government agreed to remove the metal detectors and other security measures from the entrances to the Temple Mount on July 25.



Muslims pray in front of metal detectors placed outside the Temple Mount, in Jerusalem's Old City, July 16, 2017. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

Hefetz had claimed during police testimony that Netanyahu's decision-making following the 2017 attack was unduly influenced by his eldest son Yair Netanyahu and wife Sara Netanyahu.

Netanyahu's Likud party dismissed Hefetz's remarks as "absurd," saying Hefetz did not take part in any "security forum" in 2017.

Netanyahu denies all allegations against him, and says the charges were fabricated by a biased police force and state prosecution service, overseen by a weak attorney general, in

league with political opponents and the media. <a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/ex-aide-testifies-netanyahu-tried-to-rob-state-funds-for-personal-needs/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/ex-aide-testifies-netanyahu-tried-to-rob-state-funds-for-personal-needs/</a> [The question is "does this testimony represent sour apples from Hefetz or are allthese accusations accurate and Bibi has been a chameleon and dreadfully two faced. The tenor of politicians today is such that there can be little trust in them or their behavior. Unfortunately this is pretty much of a worldwide problem. It seems they are all in it for power, ego and money. – rdb]

# Fear and loathing in Israel's wild, wild south

Locals describe a reality redolent of a war zone, with constant gunfire ringing out throughout their neighborhoods and an endless spate of burglaries and robberies as the government fails to crack down on organized crime

Attila Somfalvi | Published: 12.07.21, 19:25

Israel's southern region has long been bedeviled by organized crime, but in recent years, rogue elements within the Bedouin population have been terrorizing locals in ever-growing frequency and intensity.

The mayor of the southern city of Dimona Benny Bitton even said that southern Israel was overrun by crime "militias" and joined Be'er Sheba Mayor Ruvik Danilovich in his call on the government to bring back governance to the region "immediately, with full force and with no compromise."



Bedouin crime syndicates in southern Israel hold large arsenals of illegal firearms (Photo: Israel Police)

Ynet spoke to some locals who describe a reality redolent of a war zone, with constant gunfire ringing out throughout their neighborhoods and an endless spate of burglaries and robberies.

"This is a national issue that no one can address. We suffer from it day by day, hour by hour. No one can give us answers," says Tzipora Khalfon from Be'er Sheba. "Lots of cops are quitting. This has to set off the alarm for us. We're facing a serious crisis and if nobody

puts an end to this, I've got no idea who will keep us safe.

Khalfon says she decided to volunteer with the Border Police to guard herself, her home and her children to retrieve some sense of security.

"If I cannot drive on the roads of the Negev at night, if I am afraid to go to all kinds of places because I know there is no one to take care of me, then I will do it myself," she said.

"We can't just pick up a weapon and take the law into our own hands. Say I live on the ground floor and somebody's trying to break into my home. What am I supposed to do? I see it on the roads too. I see how farmers are getting looted. The produce they worked so hard to grow is being stolen right out of the farmland they worked so hard to toil. Who can stop this?"

Barak Dvir lives in the town of Omer near Be'er Sheba and says gunshots have already become inextricably embedded in the area's atmosphere.

"After 5pm, you can hear bursts of gunfire and bullets land in our yards here in Omer where our children play. Some families have even found bullets in their living room," he said.

"We can't keep living like this, we want the government to declare a national emergency. We call on the government to intervene. Don't send the prime minister on a visit and then have the situation persist like this. Provide us with tools, with solutions.

It's scary. All my friends consider leaving. Job prospects are not that great either. Our personal safety is compromised time and time again and it is impossible to walk down the street here peacefully, so we're thinking about leaving." <a href="https://www.ynetnews.com/magazine/article/bjf4sgtyt">https://www.ynetnews.com/magazine/article/bjf4sgtyt</a> [A side of Israel outside the tourist path which all too often gets overlooked. There are some major problems going on. – rdb]

#### Mass overcrowding at Israeli schools as children return after Hanukkah

Lines at entrances to educational facilities appear to be a result of the Education Ministry rule, requiring each child entering the school to present a negative COVID antigen test; out of 900,000 potential tests, so far only 500 returned positive

Tamar Trabelsi-Hadad, Riki Carmi | Published: 12.07.21, 14:51

Massive crowds of students, parents and teachers were reported at entrances to many Israeli schools on Tuesday as children returned to educational facilities across the country following the week-long Hanukkah holiday.

Eyewitnesses said many of those massing at entrances to schools did not have masks on and did not adhere to social distancing <u>despite the spread</u> of the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus.



A large crowd gathered outside a school in Tel Aviv (Photo: Adit Mizrahi)

Crowds and lines at entrances appear to be a direct result of the Education Ministry's rule, requiring each child entering the educational facility to hand over a negative COVID antigen test and have the school official register the child as coronavirus-free, before being allowed to enter.

So far, out of thousands of antigen tests conducted on children after the Hanukkah holiday, only 500 returned positive.

The Education Ministry said it has so far received results of 500,000 (out of potential 900,000) tests online, however quite a few parents had chosen not upload the results online as per requirement, instead

bringing them school personally.

In addition, as a result due to some 3,000 school and kindergarten teachers currently being in isolation, having returned from abroad, educational facilities appear to be dangerously understaffed this week. As a result, many schools are expected to allow the students to go home earlier than usual.

In the meantime, during the meeting between the representative from education and health ministries, along with local authorities officials and the Home Front Command, it was decided that the vaccination campaign for children aged 5-11 will expand to some 20 schools later this week.

Most of the schools appear to be in the Arab sector, but next week the campaign is set to expand to all schools throughout the country. <a href="https://www.ynetnews.com/health-science/article/rj4a1phtt">https://www.ynetnews.com/health-science/article/rj4a1phtt</a>

## Dutch court rejects suit claiming Gantz liable for civilian deaths in Gaza airstrike

Dutch-Palestinian Ismail Ziada seeking damages for 6 relatives killed in 2014; court rules it is not competent to judge case, senior IDF officers were carrying out official policy

By Agencies and TOI staff Today, 1:15 pm

A Dutch appeals court ruled on Tuesday that Defense Minister Benny Gantz cannot be held liable in a case brought by a man who lost six relatives in a 2014 airstrike in Gaza.

Ismail Ziada, a Dutch-Palestinian man, lost his mother, three brothers, a sister-in-law, a young nephew and a friend in the strike during Israel's Operation Protective Edge, a violent clash with the Hamas terror group that rules the Gaza Strip. He is seeking 600,000 euros (\$660,000) in damages over the airstrike deaths.

Ziada had appealed against a ruling by The Hague district court in January 2020 that it had no jurisdiction under international law in the case, which named Gantz and former Israeli Air Force chief Amir Eshel.

"Dutch courts are not competent here to judge the claim. The (lower) court rightly decided that," The Hague appeals court said.

"High-ranking military personnel have carried out official policy of the State of Israel, which renders a judgment on their actions moribund."

The court added that it was "not blind to the plaintiff's suffering."



Gantz, who has been defense minister since last year, was the chief of general staff of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) at the time of the airstrike on the Bureij refugee camp in Gaza on July 20, 2014. Dutch-Palestinian Ismail Ziada and his lawyer Liesbeth Zegveld, after a Dutch appeals court in The Hague upheld a lower court's decision to throw out a civil case against Israel's defense minister and another former senior military officer over their roles in a deadly 2014 airstrike in Gaza which killed six members of the Ziada family, Dec.ember7, 2021. (Peter Dejong/AP)

The lower district court had also said that Ziada was free to sue the men in Israel. At hearings in 2019, Ziada rejected the idea that he had access to justice in Israel as "farcical as well as vicious."

"I am seeking justice," Ziada told judges at the time. He would not get a fair hearing before an Israeli court, he argued, because it "discriminated against Palestinians seeking accountability for war crimes."

Zegveld had argued that the case could be heard under Dutch law, which says that it has universal jurisdiction in civil cases for citizens who are unable to get justice for war crimes elsewhere.

Ziada's arguments, however, were dismissed by lawyers representing Gantz and Eshel, who did not themselves attend the hearing.

"It is not up to the Dutch court to judge military actions of Israel, just as it is not up to an Israeli court to judge Dutch military actions in Afghanistan, Iraq and the former Yugoslavia," Thom Dieben told the judges in 2019.

"There is no good reason why the plaintiff cannot and has not filed his claim before the Israeli courts," another lawyer, Cathalijne van der Plas, added.



Presiding Judge Boele, center, prepares to read the verdict in an appeals court in The Hague, Netherlands, December 7, 2021. (Peter Dejong/AP)

Israel's Justice Ministry told the court before the 2020 decision that an internal Israeli military investigation determined the airstrike had killed four Palestinian fighters hiding in the house. It said the attack was permissible under international law. Gaza's Hamas rulers themselves have said that two of its fighters were in the building.

Israel said it launched the seven-week Operation Protective Edge at the time to stop rocket fire against its citizens and destroy tunnels used for smuggling weapons and militants. The operation left 2,251 dead on the Palestinian side, most of

them civilians, and 74 on the Israeli side, most of them soldiers. <a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/dutch-court-rejects-suit-claiming-gantz-liable-for-civilian-deaths-in-gaza-airstrike/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/dutch-court-rejects-suit-claiming-gantz-liable-for-civilian-deaths-in-gaza-airstrike/</a>

# Iran says nuclear talks to restart, as France calls its draft proposals unreasonable

French foreign ministry says no other party finds Iran's outline acceptable, warns time running out; Iranian media says negotiators to reconvene Thursday

By AFP Today, 6:08 pm



Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani is seen leaving the Coburg Palais, venue of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) meeting aimed at reviving the Iran nuclear deal, in Vienna on December 3, 2021. (JOE KLAMAR / AFP)

Proposals submitted by Iran at talks in Vienna last week aimed at reviving the 2015 nuclear deal fall well short of what is needed, France said on Tuesday, adding that time was running out with Iran's atomic drive making worrying progress.

France's comments, the latest from a Western power to express dismay about Tehran's position upon returning to the high-stakes

talks, came as Iranian media reported that a new round of negotiations would begin Thursday.

"The proposals presented by Iran last week do not constitute a reasonable basis that is compatible with the objective of a rapid conclusion while respecting the interests of all," the French foreign ministry said in a statement.

It expressed "disappointment" that the talks failed to move forwards, after diplomats agreed on Friday to pause the discussions for several days to allow consultations in capitals.

Iran's foreign ministry said Monday it was ready to resume nuclear talks based on the draft proposals it submitted, accusing Western powers of stalling the negotiations.

"None of the delegations present — apart from Iran — wanted the negotiations to restart on this basis," France said.

"Time is running out then because — five and a half months after Iran halted negotiations — they still have not really resumed," it added.

There was added urgency because "Iran is continuing its nuclear program at an extremely worrying direction," it said.

Talks resumed last week after a break of nearly six months, but a first round of meetings in Vienna ended with the US accusing Iran of submitting unserious proposals and warning that it would not allow Tehran to "slow walk" the negotiations, which seek to revive the 2015 accord that has been moribund since former US president Donald Trump walked out of it in 2018.

Iran's Tasnim news agency said the negotiations will resume on Thursday. The timing was agreed upon by Iran's nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri and European Union envoy Enrique Mora, the report said.

US President Joe Biden has said he is ready to re-enter the agreement so long as Iran meets key preconditions including full compliance with the deal, whose terms it has repeatedly violated by ramping up nuclear activities since Trump walked out.

Israel, which has never ruled out military action against the Iranian nuclear program, has urged world powers to halt the talks.

Western powers, Israel and pro-Washington Arabian peninsula states fear that Iran intends to develop an atomic bomb. Tehran denies this, insisting it only seeks to produce energy for its population.

The nuclear deal promised Iran step-by-step sanctions relief in exchange for restrictions on its atomic work, which would be under the strict supervision of the UN atomic agency. <a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/tehran-says-nuclear-talks-to-restart-as-france-calls-draft-proposal-unreasonable/">https://www.timesofisrael.com/tehran-says-nuclear-talks-to-restart-as-france-calls-draft-proposal-unreasonable/</a>

# No evidence Iran has decided to weaponize nuclear program, CIA chief says

William Burns laments that Tehran has not been taking negotiations seriously after seventh round of talks produced no breakthroughs

By Jacob Magid Today, 9:01 pm



CIA Director William Burns is interviewed at the Wall Street Journal's CEO Council, on December 7, 2021. (Screenshot/YouTube)

The head of the Central Intelligence Agency said Monday that the United States does not have evidence that Iran has made a decision to weaponize its nuclear program.

The US spy agency "doesn't see any evidence that Iran's Supreme Leader [Ali Khamenei] has made a decision to move to weaponize," CIA Director William Burns told Wall Street Journal's CEO Council, according to CBS News.

Iran has been accelerating its nuclear enrichment in recent months in what some analysts believe is a negotiation tactic in the ongoing

Vienna talks aimed at reviving the multilateral nuclear accord known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA.

Last month, Iran announced it had almost doubled its stock of enriched uranium in less than a month. "We have more than 210 kilograms [463 pounds] of uranium enriched to 20 percent, and we've produced 25 kilos [55 pounds] at 60%, a level that no country apart from those with nuclear arms are able to produce," said Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi.

Sixty percent enrichment is a short technical step away from the 90% enriched uranium needed for a nuclear weapon. Under the JCPOA, Iran was barred from enriching uranium above 3.67%. Iran claims it only enriches uranium for medical purposes and research.

Tehran has progressively abandoned its commitments to the 2015 nuclear deal since then-US president Donald Trump pulled Washington out in 2018, prompting Washington to impose fresh sanctions in response.

On October 10, AEOI head Mohammad Eslami said his country had produced more than 120 kilograms (265 pounds) of 20% enriched uranium, in theory allowing the manufacture of medical isotopes used mainly in diagnosing certain cancers.

US and Iranian negotiators returned to Vienna last week for the first time in roughly five months after a Tehran-induced hiatus that followed the election of hardline Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi. The seventh round of talks ended last Friday, with the US accusing Iran of walking back on commitments it had made during previous meetings.

Talks are reportedly set to resume on Thursday after Western negotiators returned to their home countries to review a pair of draft proposals submitted by Iran.

Burns said Monday that "the Iranians have not been taking the negotiation seriously at this point," before adding, "we'll see soon enough about how serious they are." <a href="https://www.timesofisrael.com/no-evidence-iran-has-decided-to-weaponize-">https://www.timesofisrael.com/no-evidence-iran-has-decided-to-weaponize-</a>

nuclear-program-cia-chief-says/ [Anyone who believes much of anything that comes from the CIA obviously hasn't been watching the history of this group over the past 10+ years/ They are devious, crooked, bureaucrats with their own agenda and it isn't usually very good or for the benefit of the American people. – rdb]

# Anti-Russian measures stripped from Pentagon bill

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The new text of the Pentagon funding bill, reconciled between the US House of Representatives and the Senate, does not include sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 pipeline or a ban on Americans buying Russian debt.

Previous drafts of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2022 included the measures, but they are missing from the latest compromise introduced on Tuesday.

The 670-page <u>explanatory notice</u> for the reconciliation bill lists all the changes made from the House and Senate versions. The two anti-Russian measures, originally proposed by the Democrat-dominated House, were not included in the new draft.

While the Nord Stream 2 provision was removed, the joint statement of Congress condemned what it said were "the Russian Federation's malign activities, including any efforts to weaponize gas supplies in order to advance its geopolitical agenda and negatively impact European allies and partners."

Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) insisted on sanctions against Nord Stream 2, a recently completed pipeline that is supposed to deliver natural gas from Russia to Germany, bypassing Poland and Ukraine. He has even threatened to block confirmations of Biden administration appointees unless the sanctions amendment was added to the bill and put up for a vote.

The removal of two provisions comes as US President Joe Biden held a two-hour video call with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss pressing issues between Washington and Moscow, including US accusations that Russia is preparing to "invade" Ukraine, which the Kremlin has called "fake news." <a href="https://www.rt.com/russia/542494-ndaa-nord-stream-sanctions-congress/">https://www.rt.com/russia/542494-ndaa-nord-stream-sanctions-congress/</a>

# Dr. Robert Malone: 500,000 American COVID patients didn't have to die

Inventor of mRNA vaccine technology decries blocking of treatments

By Art Moore Published December 6, 2021 at 7:08pm

Dr. Robert Malone, the inventor of the mRNA technology used in the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, believes more than 500,000 American lives could have been saved if Dr. Anthony Fauci and the government health establishment did not undermine effective COVID-19 early treatments such as ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine.

In a <u>video interview with WND</u>, he talks about a global "propaganda campaign" that includes the "hunting of physicians" to "try to delegitimize and damage the ability of physicians who are administering early, life-saving treatments." On Sunday, Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis. — <u>who has held Senate hearings on the subject</u> — agreed that many lives were lost because of the leadership of the federal government's top coronavirus adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci, including the "sabotage" of early treatments.

"I ask a simple question, did Dr. Fauci's response to COVID-19 work? 788,000 lives lost, many because he ignored and sabotaged early treatment using cheap, available, generic drugs in favor of a vaccine that is not as safe or effective as we all hoped it would be." Johnson said via Twitter.

Malone sees a standard "script" in which third parties with an apparent financial interest file a complaint with a licensing board against a doctor for administering a certain therapy or committing "thought crimes," such as raising concerns about vaccines.

See Malone's remarks to WND on the "hunting of physicians": As many as 69 trials trials, including 31 randomized controlled trials, have shown the effectiveness of ivermectin as a treatment for COVID-19. And 269 peer-review studies show the effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine.

A <u>2005</u> study indexed in the National Institutes of Health library found chloroquine, from which hydroxychloroquine is derived, had "strong antiviral effects" on SARS-CoV-1, which is about 90% the same as SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Ivermectin, as <u>WND reported</u>, is featured on the NIH website as a treatment for COVID-19 that is "under evaluation." In fact, ivermectin is the second drug listed – under the highly touted, expensive COVID-19 drug with many side

effects, remdesivir – on the NIH page, which is titled <u>"Antiviral Agents That Are Approved or Under Evaluation for the Treatment of COVID-19."</u>

Malone said in a recent interview with Steve Bannon's "War Room" he estimates that more than half a million deaths from the novel coronavirus "are completely unnecessary." That's because, he said, "the federal government has blocked the ability of physicians to provide life-saving medications early in the infection."

As WND reported, a physician and medical researcher who is suing his Virginia hospital for preventing him from treating COVID-19 patients with ivermectin says his legal effort is on behalf of physicians across the United States and around the world whose relationship with their patients has been sabotaged.

Dr. Paul Marik, a professor at Eastern Virginia Medical School, says it's "completely outrageous" that the hospital in Norfolk where he serves as ICU director is telling physicians what they can prescribe and not prescribe, violating the doctor-patient relationship and the Hippocratic Oath.

Marik was a co-author of a peer-reviewed study <u>published in February by the American Journal of Therapeutics</u> that found that ivermectin reduces coronavirus infections, hospitalizations and deaths by about 75%. https://www.wnd.com/2021/12/dr-robert-malone-500000-american-covid-patients-didnt-die/

#### The omicron variant is another excuse for government meddling

By Benjamin Powell, opinion contributors — 12/06/21 04:01 PM EST

President Joe Biden announced a series of COVID-19 protocols on Thursday to combat the new omicron variant. The protocols will do little to promote health, but that's not their intent anyway. Instead, these regulations condition Americans to tolerate continued governmental intrusions in our lives as they chip away at our freedoms on the false promise of safety.

Biden had banned travel from South Africa, where the omicron variant was first detected, and seven other southern African countries (remember when such bans were racist?) prior to the measures announced Thursday. The newly announced requirements include extending the federal mask mandate on public transport, including airplanes, until mid-March and requiring international travelers to the United States, including vaccinated U.S. citizens, to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken a day before departure.

These measures will not prevent the new variant from spreading through the United States. On Monday the president himself <u>admitted</u> that "[T]ravel restrictions can slow the speed of omicron, it cannot prevent it. But here's what it does: It gives us time. It gives us time to take more actions, to move quicker, to make sure people understand you have to get your vaccine."

Really? That's about as believable as "15 days to flatten the curve" 21 months later.

How does extending a mask mandate until mid-March buy more time? The existing mask mandate was not set to expire until Jan. 18. The first case of the omicron variant was already detected in the United States by the time of Biden's announcements. If a mask mandate on airplanes could slow the spread, the existing mandate would give six additional weeks to "take more actions."

Promoting vaccinations is a major theme of the actions Biden wants to take. However, his change in testing requirements undermines the promotion of vaccination. Previously, unvaccinated U.S. citizens had to receive a negative COVID-19 test the day before flights to the United States, while vaccinated citizens could test up to 72 hours prior to departure. Now all citizens, regardless of vaccination status, have to test a day before departure.

I just returned from two international trips. I was by myself on the first, but I was traveling with my not-yet-fully-vaccinated child on the second. It's more of a hassle to get tested the day before departure than when you have a few days to fit it into your schedule. Taking away that flexibility for the vaccinated will cause fewer people, on the margin, to see a net benefit in getting vaccinated. I know the expectation of easier travel factored into my own decision to get vaccinated.

These latest policies are not about slowing the spread of the omicron variant in the United States. They are about extending the power of politicians and health bureaucrats to make arbitrary dictates into our lives and infringe our freedoms.

More than 100 years ago the great journalist and pundit H.L. Menken observed that the "whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by an endless series of hobgoblins, most of them imaginary." The threat of terrorism served that purpose for the last 20 years, and we still tolerate removing our shoes at airports and limiting liquids to three ounces as a result.

The politicians and health bureaucrats will use each new variant of COVID-19 to keep us alarmed and infringe our freedom until we become accustomed to and passively accept these infringements — if we let them.

Enough is enough. It's time to demand the freedom for people, and the businesses that serve them, to determine for themselves which health precautions they would like to take and which hassles they'd rather avoid.

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# BREAKING: Biden's Vaccine Mandate for Federal Contractors Has Been Shot Down

Katie Pavlich Posted: Dec 07, 2021 1:30 PM

another-excuse-for-government-meddling

A nationwide injunction against President Joe Biden's Wuhan coronavirus vaccine mandate for federal contractors has been issued by a federal judge in Georgia. The reasons cited for the injunction include Biden overreaching through executive order and a lack of congressional approval.

"While the Procurement Act explicitly and unquestionably bestows some authority upon the President, the Court is unconvinced, at this state of the litigation, that it authorized him to direct the type of actions by agencies that are contained in EO 14042. Pursuant to clear United States Supreme Court precedent, Congress is expected to 'speak clearly' when authorizing the exercise of powers of 'vast economic and political significance,'" Judge Stan Baker of Southern District of Georgia wrote in the injunction. "Additionally, the direct impact of EO 14042 goes beyond the administration and management of procurement and contracting; in its practical application (requiring a significant number of individuals across the country working in a broad range of positions and numerous different industries to be vaccinated or face a serious risk of losing their job), it operates as a regulation of public health. It will also have a major impact on the economy at large, as it limits contractors' and members of the workforce's ability to perform work on federal contracts. Accordingly, it appears to have vast economic and political significance."

The latest injunction piles onto a number of court losses for the Biden administration in recent weeks.

Biden's five mandates:

OSHA - stayed nationally

CMS - enjoined nationally

Contractor - enjoined nationally

Federal employee - punted to next year

Military - still moving forward, unvaxed "flagged," blocked from promotion/reenlistment

— Phil Kerpen (@kerpen) December 7, 2021

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# Vaccine 'side-effects' might actually be Covid, study warns

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Early Covid-19 symptoms mirror vaccine side effects, according to a recent study that warns people who suffer headaches, fatigue, or fever after being jabbed to assume they have been infected, get tested, and isolate themselves.

The findings, published last week in the eClinical Medicine journal, show there is no way to tell if the symptoms are from the disease or an adverse reaction to the shot unless a screening test is taken. Researchers at King's College London have raised concerns that the recently vaccinated could be inadvertently spreading the virus, thinking their symptoms were from the jab.

According to the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), more than one in 10 people can suffer minor adverse reactions to the vaccines – and the researchers found that 1% of the 362,770 people who reported symptoms in the week following the jab actually had Covid-19.

The study was based on data from those vaccinated with the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines between December 2020 and May 2021.

The findings come amid a rise in cases and ahead of a high-profile booster vaccination drive for all adults in the UK, as officials worry about the potential impact of the virus' Omicron variant.

Due to the higher risk of community transmission, researchers warn that it is more crucial than ever to check whether post-vaccination symptoms are in fact due to Covid-19. They noted that immunity to the virus does not occur immediately after getting the shot.

To identify the differences between early Covid infections and possible vaccine side effects, the scientists used machine learning models to review some 28 symptoms associated with the disease. They also analyzed three core clinical symptoms emphasized by the NHS: high temperature, new continuous cough, and loss/change in sense of smell.

"Both the machine learning models and the clinical model found it difficult to differentiate between symptoms associated with a positive test result and vaccine side effects. This is why anyone with symptoms should have a test. Ultimately, this will help us avoid spreading the virus this Christmas," study co-author Dr. Liane Canas said.

The study did not reveal if the findings varied according to the particular vaccine received.

https://www.rt.com/uk/542482-vaccine-side-effects-covid-symptoms/ Perhaps they actually got the Cov from the JAB. – rdb]

## L.A. police detective warns visitors not to come to city

'We don't think we can keep you safe right now'

By Art Moore Published December 7, 2021 at 11:22am

A Los Angeles Police Department detective is advising visitors not to come to his city because he can't guarantee that he and his law enforcement colleagues can keep them safe. Jamie McBride pointed to the policies of Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and progressive district attorneys who are "advocating for the criminals."

"We're telling people don't visit because we don't think we can keep you safe right now," he said Monday in an interview with Fox News.

Crime, including "smash-and-grab" robberies, he said, has increased in the wake of a "zero bail" policy and the state's Proposition 47, which reduced shoplifting theft of \$950 or less from a felony to a misdemeanor.

The Los Angeles Times reported violent crime rates have been rising in the city for two years while property crimes have changed modestly. Car thefts are up nearly 53% and homicides are up 46.7% from 2019.

And, the paper reported, the crime wave has affected "the safest, wealthiest neighborhoods" in the L.A. area, with violent crime in Beverly Hills rising 23% in the last two years.

Last Wednesday, philanthropist Jacqueline Avant was killed in her Beverly Hills home.

Oprah Winfrey mourned her death on Twitter.

"The fact that this has happened, her being shot and killed in her own home ... has shaken the laws of the Universe," Winfrey wrote.

Dominick DeLuca, owner of a local skateboard shop, told the Times he has "never seen anything like it," saying his shop has been broken into three times in the past two years.

On Monday, the head of the union that represents nearly 1,000 prosecutors in Los Angeles County accused District Attorney George Gascon of remaining silent during the surge in burglaries and robberies, which have become increasingly violent, Fox News reported.

Eric Siddall, vice president of the Association of Los Angeles Deputy District Attorneys, said Gascón cares more about the rights of criminal suspects than crime victims.

Gascón, in his inaugural speech in December 2020, vowed to reverse crime policies he regarded as too harsh. Among his controversial moves was his announcement last month that he would release a convicted murderer who had served only six years of his 50-year sentence. Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva has charged that some of Gascón's policies have emboldened criminals.

Last Thursday, L.A. Police Department Chief Michel Moore and Mayor Eric Garcetti criticized policies allowing nonviolent arrestees to be released without bail.

Gov. Newsom is blaming his state's big cities for the crime wave, charging they are not enforcing the law against thieves

"Police need to arrest them. Prosecutors need to prosecute them. Judges need to hold people accountable for breaking the law," Newsom said. "These are not victimless crimes, and I have no empathy for these criminal elements."

Meanwhile, <u>Democratic political leaders in California have remained silent</u> on Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's denial of the existence of the "smash-and-grab" crime surge, <u>in an interview with the Washington Times.</u>

"We have to talk about specifics because, for example, we're actually seeing a lot of these allegations of organized retail theft are not actually panning out," the congresswoman said. "I believe it's a Walgreens in California cited it, but the data didn't back it up." <a href="https://www.wnd.com/2021/12/l-police-detective-warns-visitors-not-come-city/">https://www.wnd.com/2021/12/l-police-detective-warns-visitors-not-come-city/</a> [The demonrats caused this problem with their Soros funded public prosecutors who disdain filing charges for criminals and think everyone should be out walking the streets. Newsom is no better than the scummy

Pelosis and Schumers, and all their friends. They seem to think they will escape them but there is a righteous God in heaven and ultimately they will get their appropriate rewards. – rdb]

# A most interesting twitter post reporting on Bannon's play against DOJ and Jan6 committee – rdb] Julie Kelly us

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6h, 14 tweets, 3 min read

Hearing up now on Bannon contempt of Congress charge. This is what Bannon's legal team wants under discovery from the government:

DOJ wants protective orders on numerous categories of evidence including J6 committee comms, witness statements, law enforcement information.

Bannon team: Under protective order, Bannon limited how they can use evidence in the case. Points out this is govt employee material

Keep in mind, this is the same DOJ demanding cell phone data including text messages, etc. from American citizens who protested Joe Biden's election.

Judge wants DOJ to explain protective orders. DOJ complaining Bannon will make evidence available "for public review." LOFL

"This case should be adjudicated in the court room not the media." - DOJ

#### WHAT ARE THEY HIDING?

Judge trying to split the baby--how evidence can be made available to defense but prevented from released to public/media. Bannon team objects to idea, notes media wants access, too.

Protective order is "severe."

Judge Nichols says he will rule soon on which categories will be protected.

Bannon team again argues congressional comms should be made available. Judge wants to find a way to prevent Bannon from making it public, only used for court proceedings.

DOJ claims dissemination to media will influence potential jury, witnesses, and outcome.

Team Bannon calls it "baseless." Judge Nichols suggests burden might be on Bannon to argue removal of protective order in each instance.

Bannon atty detailing a long list of issues/rights the J6 committee has violated including separation of powers and Bannon's 1A rights. Communications would reveal how J6 committee approach ran afoul of numerous laws, rules, etc. "This is a radical move they made."

It's clear Bannon's team is attempting to delegitimize the entire J6 committee, which is great.

Notes Thompson's personal lawsuit should preclude him from heading committee. Notes Raskin's lead role in Trump's impeachment. "Entitled to know what the processes were."

Now blasting Thompson's comment on Maddow that anyone who invokes 5A is guilty.

**Entitled to know why DOJ "deviated" from usual process--c**ited OLC opinion--to not charge exec branch official with contempt of Congress.

Notes Biden calling for prosecution of Bannon and others.

This hearing is LIT. A careful analysis of why the J6 is illegitimate--it's too bad no GOP congressional leader is making this argument EVERY DAY.

Judge asks why Bannon wants to delay trial until late next year. DOJ push for April WHICH IS FUNNY bc they keep delaying J6 trials.

Judge asks DOJ why an immediate trial date. I love this bc Bannon team flipping script on DOJ.

LOFL defendant and public's "right to a speedy trial."

I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS. I hope lawyers for all J6 detainees are listening.

DOJ complaining Bannon team is dragging out discovery

Judge notes J6 criminal cases - none have gone to trial including defendants who are detained and those charged January and February. "Languishing a little bit."

"Government wants to move at light speed." But of course says Bannon doesn't need 10 months to prepare for trial. Says he's loathe to split the difference but that's what he's going to do. (Will check out how many times Nichols has excluded time from Speedy Trial act on other J6 defendants. I'll bet a lot.)

Wants July trial. Sort of amazing since so many J6 defendants don't have trial dates

Nichols asks parties to work on protective order agreement before December 16.

If not, Nichols will issue ruling on protective orders.

/End <a href="https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1468250007589605380.html">https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1468250007589605380.html</a> [Hopefully the persistent Bannon and blow the entire case up including the DOJ. I am willing to bet there is a mound of dirt involved in this between the PeeeeeeeLosi group and DOJ and FBI group. – rdb]

## **Commentary:**

# Ponder "Prepperism"

By Sidney Secular December 7th, 2021

A "survivalism" subculture group has been "winging it" within the "right wing" for some 70 years now rightfully worrying about the collapse of law and order – that is, civilization itself – and the takeover of the Historical American Nation by communists and the minions of the New World Order. These folks prepare for the day they wholeheartedly believe is coming when life as we have known it in America and the West degenerates to the point at which basic services are disrupted and/or unavailable. At that point, we will descend into a "survival of the fittest" condition in which nothing is sacred and basic human rights, especially those established by such documents as the Bill of Rights, simply cease to exist. Remember, "rights" and "law" only exist in a civilized society. Remove civilization and we descend into chaos and anarchy. And, of course, when society does break down, most people who have ignored the signs of the coming apocalypse are caught with their "continued existence pants" down!

On the other hand, survivalists want to be able to continue to function like human beings rather than becoming prey for those released from the bonds of civilization; that is, with a degree of sovereignty, while the rest of the sheeple, accustomed to relying on the government for nearly everything, flounder around and lose their ability to meet their basic needs or even survive. Of course, it's better to be safe than sorry, yet even during the nuclear threat of the cold war, most folks looked askance at "survivalists" because American society remained reasonably strong. But, alas, those days are over. Indeed, our society is getting sorrier all the time as has been depicted in my many articles over recent years in this newsletter! And as that is the case, we will begin providing "prepper-type" advice for surviving what is the current harrowing – and worsening! – world situation!

One aspect of "prepperism" that many have taken to heart under our worsening situation is the need to save the Second Amendment from libber nullification and to acquire arms – and the ability to use them properly – for self-defense. The recent black riots have intensified the proclivity of citizens to acquire arms and ammo in unprecedented numbers and amounts. There's nothing wrong with that except that as with other aspects of prepperism, the thought and concern is to save oneself versus saving the nation, so preppers have not become sufficiently "up in arms" to be able to stage a coordinated revolt to take down the soiled system along the lines of Thomas Jefferson's direction. Be that as it may, what follows is the beginnings of a foray into "prepper practices" one should seriously investigate in order to adopt those that are useful to the best of one's capabilities.

Crime, looting, rape, and murder is ramping up as the social order loses its bearings and breaks down. When the situation gets out of control, government "aid and rescue services" (FEMA, the Red Cross, the local police, ambulance services, etc.) are either [1] too swamped and unreliable, especially in the blue-blighted areas where "affirmative actors" and unassimilated immigrants run the show or [2] systemically withheld in order to destroy what resistance ordinary citizens might bring to bear against their attackers! Food, fuel, and clean water can become very difficult or impossible to obtain, and actual diseases – as opposed to over-hyped pathogens like Covid! – can appear at the same time medical services break down. Indeed, our medical services are really taking a hit now as the best medical providers are quitting or being fired over Covid mandates and replaced by not-so-competent foreign practitioners, especially in blue areas. If you want a graphic picture of what life looks like when things fall apart, google or go to YouTube and BitChute for some videos of Detroit these days.

You should move as quickly as possible from an urban area to small town or rural environment and even to a remote part of the country, if possible. It is also wise if you do move, to go to states and localities that are presently "red" in their political and cultural leanings. Whatever happens, you will be better served by the governments of those places than in blue areas. Learn how to grow food – actually setting up a greenhouse in colder areas is a great idea. Assure a supply of ample potable water, such as having your own well if that is possible. A backup energy source and/or firewood for a wood stove is very important. Think "primitive." Try to live several hundred miles from any major urban area and at least 100 miles from a major interstate highway – yes, such places do still exist. In a time of major crisis or martial law, the populated areas will become hellholes – well, worse hellholes. In such situations, the major cities and environs will be

sealed off trapping their inhabitants inside. Meanwhile, interstate highways will be appropriated by the military, and as a result, there will be lots of Homeland "Obscurity" checkpoints where travelers will be stopped, vaccine status checked and cars searched for firearms and whatever else the searchers fancy.

Accumulate at least six months-worth of a gold/silver coin stash to pay expenses. Such should be sufficiently secreted away so as not to be easily accessed until needed in a crisis. Ordinary paper money can be kept for a number of reasons including throwing robbers (and cops) off the scent of your gold cache. Personally held, physical gold and silver bullion coins would be the safest, most liquid and potentially most profitable financial asset you can have in a major crisis. HOWEVER, do not comfort yourself as you see on TV that having gold is "safe!" Before World War II, President Roosevelt outlawed average citizens holding gold and it was confiscated and replaced by fiat money! If you buy gold, do so in small amounts from many different sources. Believe me, our government is far more tyrannical since FDR's day and all the sources that sell gold are carefully monitored by that same government. Do not place your valuables in a bank safe deposit box since banks can be closed by the GovMint to prevent runs on deposits. They use the calming name of "bank holiday" to prevent public panic! The GovMint also has the power to enter your box without your knowledge or consent, record its contents and/or help itself to those contents if you have been declared an "Enemy of the State!"

These are some other essential considerations for times of a major crisis:

- [1] If you can, surround yourself with at least a few like-minded friends or relatives;
- [2] Acquire firearms and ammunition. Become familiar with those firearms including sufficient practice that will enable you use them most efficiently if it becomes necessary to do so;
- [3] Acquire a world band shortwave radio and a satellite cell phone since the Internet and normal cell phone service may be down (are you aware that the government is already considering making owning and using shortwave radios illegal?);
- [4] Acquire a year's supply of dehydrated or freeze-dried food as well as canisters of several types of seeds for growing a variety of food. There are many sources out there presently selling such vittles;
  - [5] Acquire a British Berkey water filtering system. For information regarding same, call 888-803-4438;
- [6] Acquire first aid kits, potassium iodide tablets for radiation protection, and a year's supply of health supplements or meds you regularly take. The internet is filled with various sites that can help you to determine what it would be wise to acquire. As for older folks who have many, many so-called "maintenance prescriptions" for instance for such conditions as high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, etc., it is wise to look to your doctor to see if you can get long term prescriptions; if you can, purchase same; they don't "go bad." The internet may also provide sources for more mundane medications as above.
- [7] Go to BitChute and YouTube to for how-to videos. If you cannot find what you want, seek "prepper sites" where such "how-to" videos are often available.
- [8] Remember, not everyone is a candidate for "survival." There are those, especially the elderly and the chronically ill, who see "survival" as is being discussed here as beyond either their ability or their desire. They want their children and grandchildren to survive, but they would not impose themselves on those who might be burdened by their presence. Nonetheless, older Americans should also know what to do even if you would not want to do it for yourself. Such people can be a voice of sanity in an insane world and can help guide those who can survive to do so.

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# **Tyranny With A Needle**

By Kelleigh Nelson/December 7th, 2021

A strict observance of the written laws is doubtless one of the high duties of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self-preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of a higher obligation...To lose our country by a scrupulous adherence to written law would be to lose the law itself, with life, liberty, property and all those who are enjoying them with us; thus, absurdly sacrificing the ends to the means. —Thomas Jefferson, Letter to J.B. Colvin, September 20, 1780

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent, we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter. —George Washington

The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them. —Patrick Henry

Tyranny is tyranny, no matter what its form; the free man will resist it if his courage serves. —<u>Judge Learned Hand</u> Our only weapon is the truth and, in the end, the truth must always defeat the lie. Ten years ago, we would have been shocked and outraged by the very idea of censorship, but I'm afraid we've all become acclimated to cruelty and injustice by being exposed to it in steadily increasing doses throughout the years.

Intolerable wrongs we accept now as a matter of course, would have provoked marches in the streets and calls for new elections only a few years ago. I cannot accept injustice any more now than I did as a teenager with my mother constantly educating me on the evils that could befall America. Fear laden propaganda has become steadily more oppressive where citizens are tempted to believe whatever our Pravda media and medical hierarchy tell them.

How quickly medical staff bowed to the "protocols for Covid patients," when so many of the tests were false positives, many died unnecessarily and early treatment was ignored. That didn't stop hospitals, corporations and schools from genuflecting to the Covid jab mandates. It was never about life saving treatment, it was about the jab.

#### America's Health Care Decline

If you haven't purchased a copy of Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s book, <u>The Real Anthony Fauci</u>, you are missing a great and informative read on a vile and odious man who has done nothing to improve America's health care and is an unelected autocratic leader. Fauci is a combination of Hitler, Mengele and Goebbels, the evil leader, doctor and propagandist.

Robert Kennedy states, "When Dr. Fauci took office, America was still ranked among the world's healthiest populations. An August 2021 study by the Commonwealth Fund ranked America's health care system dead last among industrialized nations, with the highest infant mortality and the lowest life expectancy. 'If health care were an Olympic sport, the US might not qualify in a competition with other high-income nations,' laments the study's lead author, Eric Schneider, who serves as Senior Vice President for Policy and Research at the Commonwealth Fund."

"Following WWII, life expectancy in the US climbed for five decades, making Americans among the longest-lived people in the developed world. IQ also grew steadily by three points each decade since 1900. But as Tony Fauci spent the 1990s expanding the pharmaceutical and chemical paradigm, instead of public health, the pace of both longevity and intelligence slowed. The life expectancy decrease widened the gap between the US and its peers to nearly five years, and American children have lost seven IQ points since 2000."

Congress had specifically charged Dr. Fauci's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to investigate and prevent certain illnesses within the American public. Instead, allergies, autoimmune and chronic illnesses have mushroomed to afflict 54 percent of children, up from 12.8 percent when Fauci took over NIAID in 1984.

People from every nation would journey to America to receive the finest in health care worldwide. That is no longer true.

Drs. Fauci, Birx and Redfield were chosen by VP Michael Pence, the Trojan Horse within the Trump administration. Trump chose Pence to head the Covid Task Force, so the buck stops with our 45<sup>th</sup> President. It took Pence's January 6<sup>th</sup> failure to save the Trump presidency and the Republic before our favorite 21<sup>st</sup> century president realized the deep state neo-con he had chosen stabbed him in the back, and the Republic in the heart.

#### **Coverup to Catastrophe**

People are being damaged every day via Covid inoculations and Covid doesn't even exist anymore. Many of the vaxxed who carry 251 to 1000 of the viral loads in their nasal and oral pathways are spreading the enhanced variants.

The lie is that the uninoculated are spreading the virus! No, it's the twice or thrice jabbed who are spreading illness and death. Look at the highly inoculated states compared to the lower jabbed states...it's obvious. There are more people sick and dying who have been vaxxed than those who have abstained. (Michael Yon calls us "pure bloods.") According to the New York Times, the <u>least vaccinated states</u> of West Virginia, Idaho, Wyoming, Mississippi and Alabama are seeing a fall in case numbers.

Attorney Aaron Siri has published an initial report addressing information he demanded and received via civil lawsuit from the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). Those subpoenaed FDA files <u>prove they knew</u> the Pfizer vax has dangerous side effects.

That hasn't stopped our Pravda media from making demands of their illegitimate leader. CNBC host <u>Jim Cramer called on President Joe Biden</u> to not only require forced vaccination of all Americans, but he also wants the military to enforce it! Cramer adds that in order to put an end to this "pandemic," the federal government needs to require vaccines, including booster shots, for everyone in America by, say, January 1<sup>st</sup>."

On Steve Bannon's <u>November 26<sup>th</sup> show</u>, Peter Navarro said, "There has to be an end immediately to the universal vax policy. It's very clear and Dr. Malone can talk about the science of this, and that we are running the risk of creating vaccine resistant mutations. They are proliferating. That could wind up doing great harm to people around the world who, ironically, are vaccinated. That policy is not working. **The Malone/Navarro doctrine is to vaccinate only the most vulnerable targets**. Always remember that we are not really vaccinating people, that is not a vaccination."

Peter Navarro and Dr. Robert Malone are still pushing this vax for the "most vulnerable." Who are they? The elderly, often referred to as "useless eaters" by the proponents of depopulation and genocide, are most likely to have deleterious side effects from the jab.

Bill Gates believes we must reduce the population of the world by at least a billion people and this will be done by abortion and vaccine euthanasia, whereas United Nations Agenda 21/30 believes the world population must be reduced by 85 percent. Most of their vaccination program had disastrous results, causing the very illness, polio for example in India, and sterilizing young women in Kenya with modified tetanus vaccines. Many of the children died. Many of the programs were carried out with the backing of the World Health Organization (WHO) and,yes, the UN Agency responsible for the Protection of Children, UNICEF.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is calling for "<u>Investigations into the 'Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation' for Medical Malpractice and Crimes Against Humanity</u>." Also see, <u>Coronavirus – No Vaccine Is Needed to Cure It</u>.

#### All Roads Lead to the Vaccine

There are places in Southeast Asia and Europe where the groundwork is being laid for compulsory vaccination, where you'll be forcibly jabbed. That is how bad the stakeholders want vaccination. The stakeholders are Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, AstraZeneca, the CDC, NIH, FDA, AMA, the White House, Gates Foundation and WHO. We've never had this before, this massive propaganda program.

It's a "needle in every arm," as Dr. Peter McCullough has explained in many interviews. As for Covid recovered patients, why would these stakeholders want a needle in every arm when recovered have God's natural immunity?

Only two months of investigations were done for these jabs that could give you everything from a sore arm to death. They take your information, get you to sign a release and you are now in a database.

Recent visits to two new hand surgeons, since my previous surgeon retired early, have let me know that they are all about the protocols to save their sorry backsides, and they refuse to believe in God's natural immunity. They tell me I should get the vax despite recovery from C-19 and verified antibodies. I have been in the home of a friend who is 48 and has Delta and was very sick. I am not worried that I will catch anything.

North Carolina just passed a law that 12-year-old youngsters can make their own decisions on the vax, and it could be their fatal decision. In America and in Europe, thousands die on days one, two, and three after the vaccine. This is despotic tyranny.

Why are we pushing this in a way where people's jobs, education and livelihood decide on a position that is potentially fatal? So many parents want their children to go to college this year, but they don't want them forced into taking an experimental jab that could kill or cripple them. The internet is full of these cases; blood clots, strokes, immediate death, pericarditis and myocarditis to name just a few. Dr. Peter McCullough says that he cannot recommend this injection because it has passed all thresholds to being a safe product. It's not just Johnson and Johnson, in fact, more of the safety events have occurred with Pfizer and Moderna.

There are now papers by prominent worldwide scientists calling for a halt in the program. There are prominent virologists, including Nobel Prize winners who have said, "If we vax to the long-gone Wuhan Covid spike protein, it's going to grow super bugs that will really wipe out populations." Dr. Michael Yeadon, former top scientist and VP at Pfizer has said, "You are 50 times more likely to die of the vax than of Covid."

I believe this is what is wanted by the stakeholders...depopulation via genocide and vaccine euthanasia.

Dr. Peter McCullough believes indiscriminate vaccination is a horrendous bioweapon that has been thrust onto the public and will cause great personal harm which it already has accomplished.

#### **VAERS**

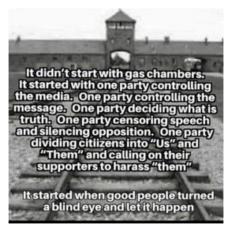
Only one percent of the vaccine death and adverse events are reported on the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) in America. Why? It takes a half hour to fill out the report and at the end of every page it says, "Warning, federal offense and severe fines and penalties if falsified reports."

People are talking to each other; they know the vaccines are not safe and now they want children without parental oversight to have these jabs! And get this...now they want to be in the church! If your church promotes this, run to the nearest exit!

Whitney Webb, a professional writer, researcher and journalist said that this is what globalists have been waiting for. Whitney believes they're waiting for a way of marking people. When you get a vaccine, you're marked in the database and this can be used for trade, commerce, behavior modification. Dr. McCullough says you can see it in Dallas where they've announced that you can't go to a Dallas Mavericks game unless you're vaccinated.

Colleges today are announcing they're not giving any credits even to natural God given immunity. And it goes against all previous science. Have you had chicken pox, measles, mumps, whooping cough? You're immune for life! Every scientist in the world knows that natural immunity is way better than the vax immunity. Why is faulty vax immunity the priority and natural immunity doesn't count?

Dr. McCullough agrees with Whitney Webb and believes the vax is a way of marking people, similar to communist China's social credit system. The vax is just the starter, they're already prepping people for numerous



boosters. McCullough asks, "What product is there that is indemnified, where if something goes wrong, you have no recourse?" When a pregnant woman gets vaccinated, she has no maternal fetal rights. Something happens to her baby and she's out of luck? This is extraordinary what Americans are doing and accepting.

As of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 2,809 dead babies were reported in VAERS following Covid shots. New documents prove Pfizer, the FDA, and the CDC knew the shots were not safe for pregnant women.

The Nuremberg Code was enacted to stop <u>sadistic human medical</u> <u>experimentation</u> from ever happening again, but <u>individual European states and</u> now the entire E.U. are ready to scrap the code.

A Nuremberg 2.0 trial <u>against world leaders for crimes against humanity</u> has kicked off in Poland. Attorneys, doctors and researchers are joining together and are willing to go into an international court and testify about the genocidal efforts of

those who launched the viral bioweapon and the death shots. Let us hope and pray that this proves successful for the survival of humanity.

#### Vaccine Safety Data

Not just our older vaccines, but newer vaccines like shingles, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal vaccines demand a minimum of two years of safety data codified into regulatory rules for the manufacturers. That was all thrown out for the Covid vax and it was two-month "warp speed." The idea that we could vaccinate people who were not even tested in the trials has never been done before. The very first pregnant woman vaxxed in the US was done without any knowledge of safety or efficacy.

The argument was that Covid was a very bad illness and 600K people died so everyone needs the jab and they need it now. But as Dr. McCullough and other outspoken and honest physicians and scientists have stated, 85% of those people could have been saved with early home treatments which were actively suppressed and quashed by the stakeholders and Pravda media. Let's see the "safety" of these vaccines, because there is none being shown! Americans never received weekly updates on vaccine safety from federal officials. The lack of these two things are the largest examples of medical malfeasance, wrongdoing by those in authority, in all medical regulatory history.

There were no updates on treatment, no promotion of early treatment to reduce hospitalization and death, and now when we release the vaccine, why are there no safety updates, why are there no attempts for risk mitigation in terms of making the vaccine program safer?

Dr. McCullough stated, "Never, out of the box, is a brand-new technology tried on a pregnant woman. We know this vax technology produces the dangerous spike protein. The Wuhan spike protein, the spicule on the ball of the virus itself which damages blood vessels and causes blood clotting, and all of them do, we would never unleash that into a pregnant woman's body. Something is very wrong with what's going on. What's going on now in the world, these are examples, clear cut examples, of wrong doing, that is at such a high level. The group think is in the wrong direction in such a consistent and overwhelming way that people are being harmed in an extraordinary fashion."

#### Conclusion

The stakeholders have continually promoted Sars-coV-2 as something far worse than it is to push everyone into accepting the Covid inoculations. Loneliness and lockdowns actually did more damage, but was the impetus to "a needle in every arm." Early treatment was the key, but an early treatment meant there was no need for a "vaccine." Treatment was quashed while thousands needlessly died, and Americans were told normalcy would only return with the "warp speed" vax. The fear propaganda worked and Pravda media promoted mass "vaccination."

Vaxxing the elderly and infirm came first, then pregnant women, and the unborn died in record numbers. Next were injections for the Covid recovered. Now they're on to our children and soon to our babies. How many have to die before this evil is stopped? The limit to shut down a vax program is 25 to 50 deaths as we saw with the swine flu in 1976. We have lost thousands in America alone. Scroll through the <u>VAERS summary for Covid jabs</u>, remembering this is only one percent of reported deaths or adverse effects.

In America, with about 100 million receiving the Covid jab, this is far and away the most lethal, toxic, biologic agent ever injected into a human body in American history and it's going strong. There is no mention of safety by our officials, with wild enthusiasm by our hospitals and hospital administrators, with doctors supporting it, many of whom are saying they won't see patients in offices if they're not jabbed.

It has <u>never been about the virus</u>; it has always been about the vaccine. <u>https://newswithviews.com/tyranny-with-a-needle/</u>

## **How American Technology Aids China's Global Ambitions**

by Judith Bergman December 7, 2021 at 5:00 am

US technology has enabled China to <u>build</u> and <u>successfully test</u> an advanced nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that experts and politicians fear could evade US missile-defense systems, and succeed in striking the US mainland.

"The People's Liberation Army now has an increasingly credible capability to undermine our missile defenses and threaten the American homeland with both conventional and nuclear strikes," <u>said</u> Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI), member of the House Armed Services Committee. "Even more disturbing is the fact that American technology has contributed to the PLA's hypersonic missile program."

Take, for instance, computer chips. For China to build advanced weapons -- of which the hypersonic missile is one example -- it <u>needs</u> microchips, or semiconductors, as they are also known. Semiconductors, in fact, are so important to China that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has made it one of its highest priorities to become self-sufficient in the field, and Vice Premier Liu He has been <u>put in charge</u> of national chip development. The US, however, still <u>leads</u> in the semiconductor field, especially in chip design tools, so China, largely, still has to rely on American technology.

A <u>recent investigation</u> by New York-based research firm Rhodium Group for the *Wall Street Journal* puts on display the extent to which American companies are willing to fill China's technological gaps -- and that is just for the microchip sector. According to Rhodium, in the years 2017-2020, "U.S. venture-capital firms, chip-industry giants and other private investors participated in 58 investment deals in China's semiconductor industry... more than double the number from the prior four years."

Intel and San Francisco-based Walden International are among the U.S. investors in Chinese semiconductors. Walden International alone made 25 investments in Chinese chip companies during the 2017-20 period. In addition, since the beginning of 2020, China-based affiliates of US firms Sequoia Capital, Lightspeed Venture Partners, Matrix Partners and Redpoint Ventures have made at least 67 investments in Chinese chip-sector companies. Overall, billions of dollars have been raised for Chinese companies producing computer chips, according to the Rhodium investigation. Earlier, between 2013 and 2016 alone, "China-based firms leveraged... state funding to attempt to acquire or invest in at least 27 U.S. semiconductor firms totaling more than \$37 billion," according to research by the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Apart from investments, US companies are supplying Chinese companies with the trained manpower to boost their own microchip industry. China is intensively recruiting senior engineers and executives from US companies and their China affiliates. "Veteran engineers and high-level executives are leaving top U.S. chip design toolmakers for Chinese rivals as Beijing looks to break America's near monopoly on this key segment of the semiconductor industry", Nikkei Asia wrote in November 2020. "Three Chinese startups established since September last year were founded by or have hired executives and engineers from Synopsys and Cadence Design Systems of the U.S."

Intel, for instance, is <u>backing</u> a Chinese chip company, Primarius Technology, <u>established</u> in 2010 by, among others, a <u>former</u> Cadence executive. The semiconductor field in China is booming: More than 22,000 new semiconductor companies were <u>reportedly</u> registered in China in 2020, and <u>another 4,350</u> in the first two months of 2021.

Even though many of those companies might ostensibly operate for civilian purposes, China operates a strict policy of civil and military fusion. That policy boils down to an all-of-society effort towards boosting China's military modernization through the use of all technological means at Chinese society's disposal. It takes place, according to the Pentagon, by "blending military and civilian expertise and knowledge, building military requirements into civilian infrastructure and leveraging civilian construction for military purposes".

That, however, is just the chip industry. There are several other technological fields, in which American companies are aiding China's technological and military ambitions, such as artificial intelligence (AI). China has <u>made</u> AI its highest priority, vowing to lead the field globally by 2030. Like semiconductors, AI is a dual-use technology, used for civilian, as well as military purposes. China has used AI to achieve progress in unmanned surface vessels, which China plans to use in the South China Sea, and unmanned tanks, according to the Pentagon.

To gain on the US lead in the field -- which is <u>drastically narrowing</u> -- China has for years been investing in AI worldwide, and US companies have not been shy about investing in AI in China. In 2017, for instance, American company Synopsys <u>set up</u> a \$100 million strategic investment fund for the Chinese market "to collaborate with local companies and venture capital in investing in the areas of chip design, artificial intelligence cloud-computing, software security and EDA tools."

The unrestricted flow of American technology to China was highlighted in a research report <u>published</u> in 2019 by the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, "How Chinese Companies Facilitate Technology Transfer from the United States". The reports points to the massive magnitude of the problem in general -- not just with regard to semiconductors and AI. In China, "Over 6,000 new China-based JVs [joint ventures] with foreign partners were

established in 2015 alone, accounting for around \$27.8 billion of FDI [foreign direct investment] flows to China," the research report states.

"In several industries, foreign firms must form a JV with a Chinese partner in order to invest or operate in China... Frequently, the Chinese partner in a JV will require that its foreign partner share technology and knowhow, leading to technology transfer to China."

As the research report <u>notes</u>:

"Because the Chinese government enforces stringent restrictions on FDI inflows, U.S. and other foreign businesses have few options other than to acquiesce to Chinese firms' JV requirements and sign over their... technology to access the Chinese market."

From 2010 to 2016, Chinese firms <u>invested</u> in at least 51 AI startups in the US. However, <u>according</u> to the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, "analysis of Chinese investment in the United States generally underestimates the real level of Chinese economic activity in the United States."

In other words, American businesses rushing to invest in China -- a country openly dedicated to unseating the US and dominating the planet "economically, militarily and technologically" -- should have everyone worried.

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Defense Minister views points of friction in Judea and Samaria from the air, then holds situation assessment with top defense leaders.

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Defense Minister Benny Gantz on Tuesday conducted an aerial tour via helicopter of the centers of friction in Judea and Samaria, together with the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, Major General Ghasan Alyan.

Afterwards, the Minister of Defense conducted a situation assessment in the Central Command together with the Alyan, the Deputy Chief of the Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet), the head of Central Command Maj. Gen. Yehuda Fuchs and the Commander of the Judea and Samaria District of the Israel Police, Superintendent Uzi Levy.

During the assessment, the Minister of Defense emphasized the need to continue the activities that were initiated to eradicate terrorism in Judea and Samaria, as well as the need to sharpen vigilance in light of the recent terrorist attacks.

The Minister of Defense was also updated on the progress in the campaign to eradicate nationalistically motivated crime, and the formulation of the joint activities that he instructed in a discussion held two weeks ago. <a href="https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/318271">https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/318271</a>

# Israel considers vaccinating recovered children

Parents of children ages 5-11 who have recovered from COVID to be allowed to give them COVID vaccine. Israel National News 07.12.21 22:58 ג' בטבת תשפ"ב

The Epidemic Response Team and the Vaccine Advisory Committee discussed this evening (Tuesday) the administration of coronavirus vaccines to children between the ages of 5-11 who have recovered from the coronavirus.

Staff members will wait with their recommendation until further data are obtained regarding the effect of the Omicron variant on morbidity.

At this time, the teams recommend that a parent of a recovered child may vaccinate his child, if at least three months have passed since the date of the child's recovery.

In addition, it was recommended that a parent of a child who has been verified as having recovered by a serological examination may vaccinate his child.

During the discussion, data were presented showing that certain groups of immunocompromised people did not develop an immune response after three vaccination doses and therefore there is no need to give them an additional dose.

It was decided to formulate vaccine guidelines for groups of immunocompromised people in whom there is a chance of improving their immunity with a fourth dose.

The recommendations are subject to the approval of Health Ministry Director-General Prof. Nachman Ash. <a href="https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/318267">https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/318267</a> [That is criminal child abuse. – rdb]

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