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A concise summary of significant developments in Israel and the world through a grounded Christian worldview.

### **Israel & Jerusalem**

Hezbollah's recent rocket attack on a church in Southern Lebanon highlights the persistent threat the group poses to Lebanese civilians. The Israeli military has strongly condemned this incident, emphasizing the ongoing volatility in the region ([JNS](#)). At the same time, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu commended the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops operating beyond the Litani River, underscoring the military's strength and determination in Southern Lebanon ([JNS](#)).

The geopolitical environment remains tense as the United States and Iran edge closer to a framework deal, though no final agreement has yet been announced following a high-level meeting involving former President Trump ([BBC News](#)). Concurrently, Israel faces international scrutiny after being added to the United Nations sexual violence blacklist—a designation Israel rejects amid allegations presented by the UN Secretary-General's office ([BBC News](#)).

Amid these challenges, scientific advancements in Israel offer a beacon of hope. Researchers at Bar-Ilan University have reported success in reversing aging effects in mouse livers by enhancing SIRT6 activity, thereby improving metabolism and reducing inflammation, potentially paving the way for breakthroughs in age-related health issues ([JNS](#)). Meanwhile, Jeremy Jacobs, a former leader of British Jews, has announced his decision to relocate to Israel, citing rising antisemitism in the UK and waning support from non-Jewish communities as motivating factors ([JNS](#)).

In Gaza, Prime Minister Netanyahu has ordered the IDF to increase its control to 70%, a move that contradicts the ceasefire terms agreed with Hamas in October 2025. This directive signals potential escalation in the region and raises concerns about the ceasefire's durability ([BBC News](#)).

### **Wars & Security (Israel and Region)**



Israel has reportedly targeted Ali al Hussaini, a missile commander of the Iranian-backed Imam Hossein Division, in a strike in Beirut. This marks the first such attack in several weeks and underscores ongoing covert operations against Iranian proxies in Lebanon ([Long War Journal](#)). This action is part of a broader campaign that includes the recent elimination of Hamas military leader Mohammed Odeh, as the IDF continues to counter persistent ceasefire violations and threats to Israeli security ([Long War Journal](#)).

The militant landscape across the region remains complex and interconnected. Shabaab's spokesman recently congratulated Al Qaeda affiliates in West Africa while denouncing Western powers, reflecting the global nature of jihadist networks and their ideological solidarity ([Long War Journal](#)). Simultaneously, Iran has intensified attacks on Kurdish opposition groups in northern Iraq, targeting Peshmerga forces and further complicating regional security dynamics ([Long War Journal](#)).

Experts stress the critical need for Israel to maintain sufficient pressure on Hamas to ensure its disarmament and achieve lasting security. Recent analyses highlight the challenges posed by the current ceasefire framework and the importance of a robust security posture ([FDD](#)). Meanwhile, former President Trump convened a situation room meeting to deliberate on extending the Iran ceasefire, underscoring the high stakes involved in diplomatic negotiations affecting regional stability ([FDD](#)).

The evolving nature of warfare is evident in Hezbollah's adaptation to drone technology, which has altered battlefield dynamics and introduced new psychological warfare tactics. These developments challenge Israeli defenses and recall past failures in security zone management ([Long War Journal](#)).

In Syria, ongoing security threats have prompted military raids against militant groups alongside diplomatic efforts with Kurdish factions. These actions aim to stabilize the country and strengthen international ties amid persistent regional volatility ([Long War Journal](#)).

## **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

The United States and Iran continue delicate negotiations, with officials confirming progress toward a framework agreement, though no final deal has been reached. This ongoing diplomatic effort reflects the complexities inherent in managing regional tensions ([BBC News](#)). Meanwhile, Colombia prepares for presidential elections amid endemic violence. Candidates propose varied strategies to address the longstanding attacks by



armed groups that have destabilized the nation for decades ([France24](#)).

Kazakhstan is pursuing military modernization as a strategic adaptation to intensifying great power competition. The country aims to strengthen its defense capabilities while avoiding antagonizing neighboring states ([The Diplomat](#)). In parallel, South Korea's Hanwha Aerospace is expanding its weapons manufacturing footprint in Europe and the United States, signaling increased integration within the global defense industry ([Bloomberg](#)).

Russia's macroeconomic discipline under President Putin, initially successful in diversifying the economy beyond oil and gas, now appears to be constraining the country's economic engine. This development may have significant long-term implications for Russia's geopolitical posture and economic resilience ([Bloomberg](#)).

### **Pestilence & Global Health**

A recent brain imaging study challenges previous assumptions that brain inflammation is the primary driver of long COVID symptoms. Instead, the research finds that severe cases correlate with increased activity in brain regions associated with mood and emotion, offering new directions for treatment approaches and a better understanding of the condition's neurological impact ([ScienceDaily](#)).

### **Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens**

Recent seismic activity includes a minor 0.9-magnitude earthquake near Skwentna, Alaska, and a more significant 5.0-magnitude quake north-northwest of Kilmia, Yemen. Both events were recorded by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and pose minimal immediate threat to populations ([USGS](#); [USGS](#)).

Additional notable events include a sonic boom near Saint Andrews, South Carolina, and several "green" earthquakes ranging from magnitudes 4.6 to 5.0 in the Eastern Gulf of Aden, Nicaragua, and the Philippines. While no casualties have been reported, these occurrences are significant for monitoring regional geological stability ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#)).

### **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Recent archaeological efforts include a 1996 salvage excavation at Jelil (Gelilot), directed by the Israel Antiquities Authority. This project uncovered significant artifacts with contributions from specialists in physical anthropology, glass, and numismatics, enriching



our understanding of the region's historical heritage ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).

Further studies published by the Israel Antiquities Authority explore sites such as El'ad (A-8478) and Lagio (A-9683). These detailed analyses by experts provide valuable insights into the cultural and historical landscape of the Middle East ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).