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

Israel & Jerusalem

The Israeli president commemorated the twelve children killed by Hezbollah and introduced the “Dorna” leadership initiative, while an Israel Defense Forces spokesperson released a video honoring the victims. The Culture Club singer’s new viral track pays tribute to the victims of October 7 and expresses strong solidarity with the Jewish community. Republican Senator Lindsey Graham’s funeral is drawing two world leaders to Washington, where they will separately meet with the president at the White House to discuss ongoing regional conflicts. ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [BBC News](#))

Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz refrained from specifying which Palestinian camp would be targeted or the timeline for the operation but declared, “As far as we are concerned, we are ready to set Iran back 40 years.” Meanwhile, Daniel Day, who disrupted traffic in central London for hours after climbing the Big Ben monument, avoided prison partly due to poor eyesight. ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [JNS](#))

“We will not allow the left to return to power and take us back to the Oslo era,” vowed a senior minister, emphasizing a continued crackdown on illegal Palestinian construction. ([JNS](#))

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Ukraine accused Russia of continuing to provide intelligence support to Iran for attacks against American forces. Kyiv is also working to disrupt the transport of military supplies between Russia and Iran. On July 23, the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control designated a Turkey-based Hamas money exchange and a senior Muslim Brotherhood official, marking the third round of sanctions targeting Hamas’s Turkish financial network in under two years. U.S. lawmakers have introduced related measures. In a detailed discussion, Generation Jihad’s Bill Roggio, FDD CMPP Senior Director Bradley Bowman, and FDD Senior Analyst Cameron McMillan examined the Pentagon’s readiness for future conflict after months of kinetic warfare involving Iran. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long](#)



[War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Syria is expanding cooperation in energy and infrastructure as part of its efforts to revive the economy and increase its regional influence. Damascus is also rebuilding state institutions, including graduating 1,000 new air force cadets. Meanwhile, the Iranian regime maintains its grip on power despite a pause in U.S. strikes, as noted by former terrorism finance analyst Jonathan Schanzer. ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#))

U.S. attacks on Iran continue to be reported by FDD. Ana Yang provided evidence to the UK Parliament's Energy Security and Net Zero Committee on July 8, addressing the United Kingdom's role in international climate policy. ([FDD](#); [Chatham House](#))

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's controversial decision to dismiss his popular defense minister may ultimately benefit Ukraine, as the resulting political upheaval led to the appointment of a widely respected, modern military officer as the country's top general. The U.S. claims to be degrading Iran's threat, but after nearly two weeks of renewed air campaigns, the results remain uncertain. In the first part of their conversation, Generation Jihad's Bill Roggio joined FDD CMPP Senior Director Bradley Bowman and Senior Analyst Cameron McMillan to discuss Iran's breaking point. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Artificial intelligence is increasingly integrated beyond chatbots, now assisting trucking fleets to enhance safety, efficiency, and asset utilization. Samsara's co-founder and CEO Sanjit Biswas discussed these developments in a special crossover episode of Talking Transports and Bloomberg Intelligence's Tech Disruptors podcast. ([Bloomberg](#); [AOL.com](#))

Pestilence & Global Health

An experimental pill prevented a measles-like virus from spreading through the air or close contact in ferrets. It was effective when administered shortly before or after exposure and also reduced illness duration and the contagious period. Researchers suggest the drug could eventually be used in humans. Scientists have revived vancomycin, a powerful antibiotic that some bacteria had developed resistance to, by pairing it with a small molecule called pghi-4, which inhibits a bacterial enzyme linked to resistance. Additionally, researchers are applying evolutionary theory to cancer treatment by switching therapies rapidly and carefully before tumors develop resistance; mathematical models indicate this approach could improve cure rates. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))



Scientists have uncovered how influenza A virus hijacks human cells, including a surprising mechanism that dissolves tiny nuclear structures to release proteins the virus may use to replicate. This detailed molecular map could reveal new drug targets and aid research on dangerous flu strains. A naturally occurring compound found in foods such as wheat germ, mushrooms, and aged cheese may help older adults build stronger immunity after vaccination. In a small pilot trial, spermidine supplements were given to adults over 65 following their third COVID-19 vaccine dose. Furthermore, tiny plastic particles in drinking water may do more than contaminate the environment; new research suggests nanoplastics strengthen the slimy biofilms formed by harmful bacteria in water systems, making these biofilms more resistant. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

On July 28, 2026, an earthquake occurred at 19.185°N 155.360°W with a depth of 27.12 km (16.85 mi), registering a PAGER alert of RED and a ShakeMap intensity of VIII, with a DYFI report of VIII. Earlier that day, another earthquake struck at 32.682°N 130.722°E at a depth of 10.00 km (6.21 mi; [USGS](#); [USGS](#))

On July 23, 2026, an earthquake occurred at 35.902°N 100.976°W with a depth of 5.69 km (3.53 mi), accompanied by a PAGER alert of GREEN, a ShakeMap intensity of VI, and a DYFI report of VII. From July 23 to July 28, a forest fire burned in Angola. ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#))

Middle Eastern Artifacts

A salvage excavation west of Tel Izṭabba uncovered a single-period settlement dating to the Intermediate Bronze Age. This settlement included three architectural complexes, each comprising one or more structures. ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#))

A fragment of a large stele belonging to the Assyrian king Ashurbanipal (669–631 BC) was discovered at Nineveh. The front side features a high-relief sculpture of the king, while the back appears to document his achievements. Burnt sycamore beams from the First Temple period were found during the Givati parking lot excavation in the City of David. Researchers believe these beams belonged to the roof of an inner courtyard destroyed by fire. ([BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#))