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

Israel & Jerusalem

Affinity Partners remains the largest shareholder of the Israeli insurer following the \$342.8 million sale, underscoring its long-term commitment to the company. In the United Kingdom, Hackney's new Green Party mayor initiated the first step toward severing the borough's twinning ties with Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, prompting accusations of anti-Israel bias from British Jewish communities. Meanwhile, Israeli and American leaders expressed encouragement after holding consecutive bilateral meetings at the White House. The Israel Defense Forces described a recent attack, which caused no Israeli casualties, as "a blatant violation of the ceasefire agreement." A nationwide emergency preparedness exercise is underway across northern and central Israel, testing readiness for terror attacks and civilian crises. Additionally, a home near al-Mughayyir has become a recurrent frontline in the ongoing conflict in the occupied West Bank. ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [BBC News](#); [Al Jazeera](#); [JNS](#))

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Israel has authorized the future deployment of the International Stabilization Force in Gaza, marking a major advance in implementing the US-backed peace plan. This multinational force is expected to facilitate humanitarian aid, stabilization efforts, and a transition toward new Palestinian governance structures. Ukraine accused Russia of continuing to provide intelligence support to Iran for attacks against American forces, while Kyiv is actively working to disrupt military supply routes between these two authoritarian states. On July 23, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control imposed sanctions on a Turkey-based Hamas money exchange and a senior Muslim Brotherhood official, representing the third round of sanctions targeting Hamas's Turkish financial network within two years. In a related development, US lawmakers have introduced new measures addressing these security concerns. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))



In the second part of their discussion, Generation Jihad's Bill Roggio, FDD Senior Director Bradley Bowman, and Senior Analyst Cameron McMillan examine the Pentagon's readiness for future conflicts following months of kinetic warfare involving Iran. President Trump has consistently asserted that Iran must never acquire nuclear weapons, emphasizing that Iran's leadership would use them if obtained. The Foundation for Defense of Democracies published an analysis outlining strategies to dismantle Iran's terrorist regime. ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#))

The United States conducted airstrikes against Iranian military targets while the Treasury Department sanctioned four individuals and nine entities that sustain Iran's military funding networks. Taiwan is intensifying its preparations against a potential Chinese maritime blockade by integrating counter-blockade capabilities into its defense drills, as announced by the Ministry of National Defense on July 28. Additionally, Ana Yang testified to the UK Parliament's Energy Security and Net Zero Committee on the United Kingdom's role in international climate policy. ([FDD](#); [FDD](#); [Chatham House](#))

Syria is expanding cooperation in energy and infrastructure sectors as part of its efforts toward economic recovery and enhanced regional influence. The government is also rebuilding state institutions, including the graduation of 1,000 new air force cadets. In Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's controversial dismissal of his popular defense minister has led to the appointment of a highly respected, reform-minded officer as the new top general, a move that may ultimately strengthen Ukraine's defense leadership. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Former Kansas City Federal Reserve President Esther George anticipates that the Federal Reserve will maintain current interest rates at its upcoming meeting, though she remains concerned about the persistence of elevated inflation in the US economy. The cumulative costs of Donald Trump's Iran war policies and increased tariffs are impacting American farmers, while Senate candidates in Iowa and Nebraska are fueling populist sentiment by addressing longstanding grievances against large agricultural corporations. Reports also highlight ongoing challenges to religious freedom in China. ([The Diplomat](#); [Bloomberg](#); [Bloomberg](#))

The American Center for Law and Justice continues to monitor developments related to religious liberty and legal protections in the United States. ([American Center for Law and Justice](#))



Pestilence & Global Health

An experimental antiviral pill successfully prevented the airborne and close-contact transmission of a measles-like virus in ferrets. Administered shortly before or after exposure, the drug also shortened the duration of illness and contagiousness. Researchers suggest this medication could eventually be used to control similar outbreaks in humans. Scientists have restored vancomycin's effectiveness, a powerful antibiotic compromised by bacterial resistance, by pairing it with a small molecule called pghi-4 that inhibits a bacterial enzyme responsible for resistance. Additionally, evolutionary theory is being applied to cancer treatment by rapidly alternating therapies before tumors develop resistance, with mathematical models indicating this approach could improve cure rates. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

Researchers have mapped how influenza A virus commandeers human cells, revealing a surprising mechanism that dissolves nuclear structures to release proteins the virus may use for replication. This detailed molecular insight could guide the development of new antiviral drugs and improve understanding of dangerous flu strains. A naturally occurring compound found in wheat germ, mushrooms, and aged cheese, spermidine, may enhance immune responses in older adults after vaccination. In a pilot trial, adults over 65 who received spermidine supplements following their third COVID-19 vaccine dose showed improved protection. Meanwhile, new research indicates that nanoplastic particles in drinking water may strengthen bacterial biofilms, making harmful bacteria more resistant to disinfection within water systems. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

Two recent earthquakes were recorded: one at 35.321°N, 117.813°W with a depth of 7.85 km (4.88 mi), and another at 55.877°S, 27.364°W with a depth of 60.68 km (37.70 mi); ([USGS](#); [USGS](#))

An earthquake at 35.902°N, 100.976°W with a depth of 5.69 km (3.53 mi) was recorded on July 23, 2026. Additionally, a forest fire ignited in the Russian Federation on July 26 and continued through July 29. ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#))

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Archaeologists opened six excavation squares revealing three distinct strata: Stratum I from the British Mandate period; Stratum II from the Middle Ages; and Stratum III dating to



the Byzantine era. Most artifacts correspond to these periods. Notably, fragments of gold-glass tiles were discovered in situ for the first time, alongside well-known vessel types from the late Byzantine to Early Islamic periods. ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#))

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