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

Israel & Jerusalem

Israeli banks are anticipated to cease correspondent banking services to Palestinian institutions, intensifying financial pressures in the region. Meanwhile, a study reveals that fewer than 2% of U.S. organizations have incorporated antisemitism into their anti-discrimination training programs, highlighting persistent gaps in addressing this issue. The government under Andy Burnham is already signaling a tougher stance toward Israel, reflecting shifting political dynamics in the United Kingdom. Lebanese authorities reported one fatality in recent strikes following the first Israeli military casualties in Lebanon in over a month ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [JNS](#); [BBC News](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iraq is under increasing pressure to control militias while managing complex relations with neighboring states, the United States, and Iran. Since late February, the Kurdistan Region in northern Iraq has endured nearly 1,000 drone and missile attacks attributed to Iran and its proxies, underscoring the escalating threat. US President Donald Trump unveiled a 15-point Board of Peace roadmap aimed at transferring governance and security responsibilities in Gaza. This plan conditions phased Israeli withdrawal on verified Hamas disarmament, though the sequencing remains contentious. In Afghanistan, three anti-Taliban resistance groups have launched separate offensives across Badakhshan province over two weeks, briefly capturing a district center and targeting Taliban positions without evidence of coordination among them ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Israel accused Hezbollah of launching an explosive-laden drone at its positions on the Ali Al Taher Ridge on July 29, violating the ceasefire that took effect on June 19. Hezbollah has neither confirmed nor denied the attack. Former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett pledged to designate Qatar as an “enemy state” if reelected, citing Qatar’s alleged financial support for Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Lebanese security forces uncovered a large weapons cache during a raid in Beirut related to a family dispute;



interrogations identified the cache's owner as a Hezbollah member. Additionally, a 21-year-old German, previously attempting to join the Islamic State, carried out a deadly vehicle-ramming attack at Berlin's Pride festival, killing one and injuring 29 ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#); [FDD](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Cuba is experiencing its most severe economic and social crisis in decades amid unprecedented sanctions and pressure from the United States. Analysts question the motivations behind the intensified U.S. focus on the island and the extent of potential American actions. Vietnam is enhancing its defense capabilities with long-range surface-to-surface and ground-based anti-ship missiles to protect both land and maritime interests. Emerging market currencies hovered near record highs, buoyed by renewed interest in carry trades, although gains were limited by the lack of progress in U.S.-Iran peace negotiations. China has deployed an expanding legal framework to counter U.S. measures, signaling its growing ability to retaliate and cautioning Washington against further technology restrictions ahead of President Xi Jinping's anticipated visit next month ([France24](#); [The Diplomat](#); [Bloomberg](#); [Bloomberg](#)).

Pestilence & Global Health

Research indicates that low arginine levels may enable cancer cells and viruses to evade the immune system by diminishing the production of a critical cellular warning protein. In mouse models, diets enriched with arginine resulted in fewer colon tumors and milder viral infections, suggesting that arginine supplementation could offer therapeutic benefits. Additionally, an experimental pill demonstrated efficacy in preventing the airborne and close-contact transmission of a measles-like virus in ferrets. Administered shortly before or after exposure, the drug also reduced illness severity and the contagious period, raising hopes for future applications in viral outbreak control ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.0 earthquake near Julian, California, and a magnitude 4.6 earthquake near Matsubase, Japan. Additionally, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake was detected south of the Kermadec Islands. A green forest fire alert was issued in the Russian Federation, indicating ongoing wildfire activity ([USGS](#); [USGS](#); [GDACS](#)).



Middle Eastern Artifacts

The glass assemblage excavated at Oboda spans roughly four centuries of production in the Eastern Mediterranean, from the Early Roman to early Byzantine periods, featuring forms characteristic of Palestine. Archaeological digs in the Negev Highlands uncovered faunal remains from Roman and Early Byzantine contexts, revealing that the local economy during these periods relied on diverse resources. Excavations at Paneas by Z.U. Ma'oz, focusing on the sanctuary of Pan established during the Roman era, have yielded significant findings. In Egypt, archaeologists discovered a Ramesside-era tomb belonging to "Paser" on Luxor's west bank, alongside three New Kingdom rock-cut tombs at the Bubasteion Necropolis in Saqqara. These discoveries continue to enrich understanding of the region's ancient history ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [BiblePlaces](#)).