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

### **Israel & Jerusalem**

The Houthi movement reported launching missile and drone attacks targeting what they described as “Saudi military build-ups” in Yemen’s central provinces of Marib and Hadramawt. In Israel, Yinon Levy faces charges of reckless manslaughter related to the July 2025 shooting of Odeh Hathaleen. Levy, a British-born former venture capitalist, expressed to JNS his conviction that Israel remains the world’s strongest long-term investment, encompassing economic, strategic, and spiritual dimensions. Meanwhile, Lebanese authorities confirmed that one person was killed in recent strikes following the first Israeli military fatalities in Lebanon in over a month ([BBC News](#); [BBC News](#); [JNS](#); [BBC News](#); [Al Jazeera](#)).

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

The Sudanese military’s recent recapture of the Al Sadarat highway represents its most significant gain against the Rapid Support Forces in the fourth year of Sudan’s civil war. However, the Rapid Support Forces are increasingly relying on tribal mobilization and foreign-backed drone warfare, signaling a shift in tactics. In Afghanistan, the Afghan United Front appears to be expanding its operations southward, broadening the historical resistance focus beyond the northern regions. Yemen’s Houthi rebels claimed attacks on eight Saudi-linked vessels, energy facilities, and an airport as part of their blockade enforcement against Saudi Arabia. Riyadh is reportedly exploring diplomatic avenues to de-escalate the conflict but remains prepared to pursue military options if necessary ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Iraq is under increasing pressure to control militias while managing delicate relations with neighboring countries, 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, highlighting the escalating security threats in the region ([Long War Journal](#)).



Former US President Donald Trump announced a 15-point roadmap from the Board of Peace, outlining a transfer of governance and security responsibilities in Gaza. The plan conditions phased Israeli withdrawal on verified Hamas disarmament, though the sequencing of these steps remains contested ([Long War Journal](#)).

In Afghanistan's Badakhshan province, three anti-Taliban resistance groups launched separate operations over two weeks, briefly capturing a district center and attacking Taliban positions across multiple districts. There is no evidence of coordination among these groups. Israel accused Hezbollah of deploying an explosive-laden drone against its positions on the Ali Al Taher Ridge on July 29, despite a ceasefire that began on June 19. Hezbollah has neither claimed responsibility nor denied the Israeli allegations ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

### **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

Chile experienced a modest rise in consumer prices in July, largely due to declining fuel costs earlier in the month, providing some relief to one of Latin America's wealthier economies. In the United Kingdom, intensified enforcement against illegal workers has sharply increased immigration raids targeting the warehouse-delivery and construction sectors, ahead of stricter employment regulations scheduled for later this year. These developments underscore ongoing pressures on labor markets and migration controls amid shifting global economic conditions ([Bloomberg](#); [Bloomberg](#); [Reuters](#)).

### **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 significant therapeutic benefits. Additionally, an experimental antiviral pill demonstrated efficacy in preventing the airborne and close-contact transmission of a measles-like virus in ferrets. The drug was effective when administered shortly before or after exposure, reducing the severity and duration of the illness. Researchers propose that this medication could become a valuable tool for controlling viral outbreaks ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

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



The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 0.7 earthquake near Pedro Bay, Alaska, and a magnitude 4.5 earthquake near Mendoza, Argentina. Additionally, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake was detected south of the Kermadec Islands. Spain is currently under a green flood alert ([USGS](#); [USGS](#); [USGS](#); [GDACS](#)).

## **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Archaeological excavations in Oboda, located in the Negev Highlands, uncovered a glass assemblage spanning approximately four centuries of production in the Eastern Mediterranean, from the Early Roman to early Byzantine periods. The collection includes forms characteristic of Palestine. Faunal remains from Roman and Early Byzantine contexts (late third to early fifth century CE) indicate that the site's economy during both periods relied on local resources and trade networks. 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. In Jerusalem, over one thousand female figurines have been found, but until recently, no molds for these figurines had been identified in the city. Archaeologists uncovered such a mold while sifting soil from the Kishle excavation site south of the Tower of David ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#)).