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

Israel & Jerusalem

Doron Spielman stated to JNS that Hamas remains “just as committed to terrorism today” as it was on October 7, 2023. Israel’s Prime Minister has affirmed that Israeli military forces will not withdraw from Gaza until Hamas is “genuinely” disarmed. Additionally, Israel is preparing to undertake large-scale land expropriations in historic Palestinian areas of the West Bank ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#); [BBC News](#)).

Religious Zionism Member of Knesset Simcha Rothman warned JNS that Jews traveling into Area A of Judea and Samaria face a “danger of death.” Al Jazeera has also reported on the heightened risks in these Palestinian Authority-controlled areas ([JNS](#); [Al Jazeera](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

North Korea is reportedly sending up to 120 additional ballistic missiles to Ukraine as Kyiv seeks methods to destroy Russian missile launchers. In Sudan, the military’s recapture of the Al Sadarat highway represents its most significant gain against the Rapid Support Forces in the ongoing civil war. However, the RSF’s increasing reliance on tribal mobilization and foreign-backed drone warfare complicates the conflict dynamics. Meanwhile, the Afghan United Front is expanding its operations into southern Afghanistan, broadening resistance efforts beyond their traditional northern strongholds ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Yemen’s Houthi movement claimed responsibility for attacks on eight Saudi-linked vessels, as well as strikes on energy facilities and an airport, aiming to enforce its blockade against Saudi Arabia. Riyadh is reportedly exploring diplomatic avenues to de-escalate the conflict while keeping military options open if necessary ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

Iraq is under increasing pressure to control Iran-backed militias while managing complex relations with neighboring states, the United States, and Iran itself. Since late February, the Kurdistan Region in northern Iraq has suffered nearly 1,000 drone and missile attacks attributed to Iran and its proxies, highlighting the escalating threat in the area ([FDD](#); [Long](#)



[War Journal](#)).

Former US President Donald Trump unveiled a 15-point Board of Peace roadmap that outlines the transfer of governance and security responsibilities in Gaza. The plan conditions phased Israeli withdrawal on verified Hamas disarmament, though the sequencing remains a point of contention. In Afghanistan, three anti-Taliban resistance groups launched coordinated operations across Badakhshan province over two weeks, briefly capturing a district center and attacking Taliban positions, despite no evidence of direct coordination among the groups ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Russian authorities reported that 75 individuals were injured in a drone attack in the Tatarstan region, marking one of the deadliest Ukrainian drone strikes on Russian territory since the full-scale invasion began. Romania maintained its central bank interest rate at the highest level in the European Union, awaiting a fall in inflation below 10% and greater political stability before considering easing monetary policy. Meanwhile, former US President Donald Trump has moderated his stance on negotiations with Iran, shifting from promoting an imminent peace deal to adopting a more cautious, “low-key” approach, as reported by Bloomberg’s Abeer Abu Omar ([BBC News](#); [Bloomberg](#); [Bloomberg](#)).

An audio report from Bloomberg further details the ongoing semi-negotiations between the United States and Iran, highlighting market reactions and diplomatic developments ([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 studies, diets enriched with arginine led to fewer colon tumors and milder viral infections, suggesting that arginine supplementation could be a straightforward yet effective therapeutic strategy ([ScienceDaily](#)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 2.2 earthquake near Beluga, Alaska, and a magnitude 4.7 earthquake near Sola, Vanuatu. Additionally, a magnitude 5.6 earthquake was registered near Skwentna, Alaska. In Indonesia, a green forest fire alert



has been issued, indicating ongoing wildfire activity ([USGS](#); [USGS](#); [USGS](#); [GDACS](#)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Excavations in the town of Oboda in the Negev Highlands have uncovered a glass assemblage spanning approximately four centuries of production in the Eastern Mediterranean, from the Early Roman through the 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 heavily on local resources and trade networks ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).

Further analysis and reports continue to shed light on the archaeological significance of Oboda and its role in regional history ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#)).