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

Israel & Jerusalem

Scott Singer, mayor of Boca Raton, stated, “Voters in this district now finally have a choice of a true defender of Israel with a record of results, who’s not beholden to party leadership that is increasingly out of whack with what most of us feel.” Meanwhile, Palestinian teenagers Omar al-Naasan and Khalil Abu Alia were shot dead when Israeli settlers and soldiers entered a village in the occupied West Bank. The Israeli military has not commented on the incident, although the detentions were reported to the US-led International Monitoring and Implementation Mechanism. ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#))

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Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Israeli special operations forces captured a senior Hamas security official during a September 1 raid in the Katiba area of western Gaza City. This operation occurred amid the US-backed Board of Peace’s stabilization plan and Hamas disarmament agreement, which had led Israel to reduce its strikes. Concurrently, the US is reportedly cutting funding for the Kurdistan Regional Government’s Peshmerga military force as Washington prepares to withdraw troops from Iraq, while Iran continues drone and missile attacks against the KRG, raising concerns in the Kurdistan Region. Additionally, President Donald Trump announced on August 28 a sweeping oil agreement with Venezuela, granting American interests majority control over more than 65 billion barrels of proven reserves. The US described this deal as part of a 25-year strategy to expand its energy influence. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Edmund Fitton-Brown, senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and former coordinator of the United Nations Monitoring Team, discussed with Colin Smith, the current coordinator, the latest 1267 report detailing the status of Al Qaeda, the Islamic



State, and their affiliates. Amid ongoing Russian sabotage across Europe, NATO announced that Germany successfully completed a test launch of an Israeli-made ballistic missile in the North Atlantic, following a related test the previous day. In Europe, particularly France, there is a growing consensus that the United States has pursued a harsh strategy toward Iran. An analysis advises Europe that “America hasn’t won, but Iran may be losing.” ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#); [FDD](#))

Gunther Fehlinger-Jahn shared commentary on the political crisis in Turkey, focusing on President Erdoğan, the opposition, and potential future developments. In Yemen, Abu Hudhayfah al Ansari, the official Islamic State spokesman for three years, was reportedly killed in a joint Saudi-Yemeni special forces raid in Hadhramaut Governorate. The Islamic State has not yet confirmed his status. ([FDD](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Iraq’s efforts to bring Iranian-backed militias under state control face new challenges as Kataib Sayyid al Shuhada has outlined conditions for disarmament. This debate unfolds amid continued US pressure on Baghdad to disarm these groups. Meanwhile, China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea have intensified their cooperation, strengthening Russian aggression in Ukraine and enhancing Iran’s lethality and resilience. Bradley Bowman, senior director of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies’ Center on Military and Political Power, provided analysis on these developments. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner are scheduled to hold talks with Russian officials before traveling to Ukraine on Sunday. Renewed hostilities between the US and Iran, coupled with uncertainty over shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, are intensifying pressure on global energy markets. Ukraine’s recent attacks on Russian refineries have further tightened diesel supplies, exacerbating the strain on fuel availability worldwide. Additionally, Japan is exploring the possibility of “normalizing” relations amid these shifting geopolitical tensions. ([BBC News](#); [The Diplomat](#); [Bloomberg](#))

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered Kremlin forces to refrain from firing on Kyiv for three days during the visit of US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, according to Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov. This temporary ceasefire aims to facilitate diplomatic engagement amid ongoing conflict. ([Bloomberg](#); [AP News](#))

Pestilence & Global Health



A year-long study found that omega-3 supplements combined with low-dose aspirin matched the effectiveness of antibiotics in treating severe gum disease, with approximately 58% of patients reaching the treatment goal. This finding suggests a potential alternative treatment that could reduce reliance on antibiotics. Another study involving over 500,000 older adults revealed that those vaccinated with Shingrix for shingles were 24% less likely to be diagnosed with dementia over four years, estimating one dementia case prevented for every 17 vaccinated individuals. In Australia, the ongoing H5N1 bird flu outbreak is spreading, with backyard bird feeders becoming unexpected hotspots by bringing various bird species together unnaturally. Experts recommend stopping feeding as the safest measure, while smaller food quantities, avoiding hand-feeding, and diligent cleaning can mitigate risks. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.7 earthquake near Gilroy, California, and a magnitude 4.5 earthquake near Sinabang, Indonesia. Additionally, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck near Nikolski, Alaska. The Indonesian event, classified as a green alert with a depth of 10 kilometers, potentially affected 240,000 people within a 100-kilometer radius. ([USGS](#); [USGS](#))

The USGS and the Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System reported on the recent seismic activity in Alaska and Indonesia, emphasizing the ongoing monitoring of these natural events. ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#))

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Recent archaeological work includes a location map and excavation views looking northwest, documenting significant finds. A burial cave dating to the Second Temple period was uncovered beneath a building in Jerusalem's Silwan neighborhood. All Israel News has summarized arguments supporting the identification of el-Araj as biblical Bethsaida, incorporating recent discoveries from the excavation area, including detailed plans and sections. ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#))

Further documentation includes excavation plans and sections that provide context to the burial cave discovery, enhancing understanding of the site's historical significance. ([BiblePlaces](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#))