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

Israel & Jerusalem

The Hebron spokesman secured the 12th slot on the electoral list after MK Tzvika Foghel chose not to seek reelection. “We are a winning list that includes all parts of Israeli society,” MK Farkash-Hacohen told JNS. In the occupied West Bank, a headteacher has installed new barbed wire fencing around a school following the deaths of three pupils this year, underscoring ongoing security concerns in the area. ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [BBC News](#))

Al Jazeera’s “Jerusalem Minute” is a weekly news briefing filmed in the JNS Media Hub in Jerusalem, the epicenter of many of Israel’s most significant stories. Hosted by Alex Traiman, JNS CEO and Jerusalem bureau chief, alongside Middle East correspondent Josh Hasten, the program delivers sharp, real-time analysis. ([Al Jazeera](#); [JNS](#); [Al Jazeera](#))

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reported clearing Hezbollah fighters from underground infrastructure on south Lebanon’s Ali al Taher Ridge, establishing operational control both above and below ground. Hezbollah, however, denied losing this strategic position. The battle highlighted the limitations of Lebanese government efforts to secure the area. In a separate operation on September 1, Israeli special operations forces captured a senior Hamas security official in the Katiba area of western Gaza City. This raid occurred amid the US-backed Board of Peace’s stabilization plan and Hamas disarmament agreement, which had led Israel to scale back strikes. Meanwhile, the United States is reportedly cutting funding for the Kurdistan Regional Government’s Peshmerga forces as Washington prepares to withdraw troops from Iraq. This comes as Iran continues drone and missile attacks against the Kurdistan Region, raising concerns about regional stability. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

On August 28, President Donald Trump announced a comprehensive oil agreement with Venezuela, granting American interests majority control over more than 65 billion barrels of proven reserves. The United States described this deal as part of a 25-year strategy to



expand its energy influence. Concurrently, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) attacked a U.S. base, prompting Trump to order military actions aimed at crippling Iran's capabilities. ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#))

Amid ongoing Russian sabotage activities across Europe, NATO announced that Germany successfully completed a test launch of an Israeli-made ballistic missile in the North Atlantic. This test followed similar exercises to enhance joint capabilities. Berlin and Jerusalem are deepening naval cooperation as they monitor threats from Russia and Iran. In Europe, particularly France, there is growing skepticism about the United States' strategy toward Iran, which is viewed as harsh but possibly effective. Meanwhile, FDD's Generation Jihad podcast featured Edmund Fitton-Brown and Colin Smith discussing the latest UN Monitoring Team report on Al Qaeda, the Islamic State, and their affiliates, highlighting the current state of global jihadist threats. ([FDD](#); [FDD](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Abu Hudhayfah al Ansari, the official Islamic State spokesman for the past 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. In Iraq, efforts to bring Iranian-backed militias under state control face new challenges as Kataib Sayyid al Shuhada has set conditions for disarmament. This development occurs amid continued U.S. pressure on Baghdad to disarm these groups and growing tensions within the country. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

Global Macro & Geopolitics

New tariffs targeting \$20 billion worth of American products threaten the stability of the world's largest bilateral trading relationship. Ukraine condemned Russia for launching a major missile and drone attack that killed at least two people shortly after U.S. envoys visited both capitals to attempt to revive stalled peace talks. Meanwhile, officials in Washington and Brussels express growing concerns that China's recent export surge may be unsustainable, raising questions about global trade dynamics and economic stability. ([BBC News](#); [France24](#); [Bloomberg](#))

Reuters reports on ongoing developments affecting global economic and geopolitical stability. ([Reuters](#))

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System



Thailand's digital development agency is planning big moves for 2027 as it focuses on digital ID and digital transformation. The Electronic Transaction Development Agency (ETDA) unveiled its "Big Move 2027," which upgrades digital trust and digital identity infrastructure (biometricupdate.com).

Meta Platforms is facing a proposed nationwide class action lawsuit accusing the company of using photographs from Facebook and Instagram to extract biometric information for an unreleased facial recognition system intended for its smart glasses. The suit also alleges that Meta used images to train generative artificial intelligence models without consent. State Farm lawyers apologize after artificial intelligence-made cases surface in California fire-claim fight (biometricupdate.com; [Yahoo](https://www.yahoo.com)).

Bank of England Chief Warns Frontier Artificial Intelligence Models Could Threaten Global Financial Stability. Andrew Bailey warns frontier artificial intelligence could accelerate cyber threats to global financial system ([Convergence Now](https://www.convergencenow.com); [FStech](https://www.fstech.com)).

Could your new client be a deepfake? The SRA's updated AML risk assessment [lexology.com](https://www.lexology.com) ([lexology.com](https://www.lexology.com)).

Pestilence & Global Health

The compound pterostilbene has been shown to reduce abnormal fat accumulation in cultured mouse muscle cells by enhancing fat breakdown and supporting metabolic health. In a year-long clinical study of patients with severe gum disease, omega-3 supplements and low-dose aspirin matched the effectiveness of antibiotics, with approximately 58% of participants in both groups reaching the treatment goal. This finding suggests alternative treatment pathways that may reduce reliance on antibiotics. Additionally, in a study involving more than 500,000 individuals, older adults vaccinated with Shingrix for shingles were 24% less likely to develop dementia over a four-year period. Researchers estimate that vaccinating 17 people could prevent one case of dementia. ([ScienceDaily](https://www.sciencedaily.com); [ScienceDaily](https://www.sciencedaily.com); [ScienceDaily](https://www.sciencedaily.com))

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) recorded a magnitude 1.0 earthquake near Knik River, Alaska, and a magnitude 5.2 earthquake near Neiafu, Tonga. ([USGS](https://www.usgs.gov); [USGS](https://www.usgs.gov))

USGS also reported a magnitude 6.3 earthquake near Nikolski, Alaska. Additionally, a magnitude 4.6 earthquake occurred in Greece at a depth of 10 km, potentially affecting



approximately 830,000 people within 100 kilometers of the epicenter. ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#))

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Articles by אוראפ וןשמש-רינ and סייר גשיבא, published on September 7, 2026, explore recent archaeological findings. ([Israel Antiquities Authority](#); [Israel Antiquities Authority](#))

Archaeologists excavating the ancient city of Adramyttion in western Türkiye uncovered a mosaic from a 2nd–3rd-century AD villa depicting a cat and a dog, offering a rare, personal glimpse into Roman domestic life. Additionally, a team led by Israeli researcher Yoav Vaknin developed a method to distinguish genuine clay artifacts from modern forgeries by analyzing faint magnetic signals locked into the objects during firing thousands of years ago. ([BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#))