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

### **Israel & Jerusalem**

The Albanese government stated that recognition of Palestine depends on commitments made by the Palestinian Authority, prompting Australians to question whether these commitments have been fulfilled. Israeli forces discovered a second tunnel in the early stages of construction during operations in Qalqilya. Additionally, a figure was announced during a meeting of a group's board held on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. ([JNS](#); [JNS](#); [BBC News](#))

A walk-in medical facility near many of Jerusalem's major hotels will provide care to tourists and residents throughout the Sukkot holiday. Meanwhile, Israel's Prime Minister publicly denounced the French president after he appeared to downplay Hamas's activities in the occupied territory. ([JNS](#); [BBC News](#))

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

The Kurdistan Regional Government announced the completion of a years-long process to unify the Peshmerga armed forces under the Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs, resolving longstanding divisions between units affiliated with the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. Meanwhile, the Houthis and Yemeni Armed Forces, alongside allied militias, continue fighting on multiple fronts across Yemen, with the Houthis focusing on the highlands inland from their recent coastal advances and maintaining attacks on Saudi Arabia. The Pakistani Air Force conducted airstrikes in eastern Afghanistan targeting terrorist training centers in retaliation for a recent complex suicide attack in western Pakistan. The Taliban denied involvement in the attack and promised an "appropriate response" to Pakistan's airstrikes. ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#))

An agreement has been reached concerning the Yazidi armed group YBS, which will disarm and integrate into Iraqi security forces. This development follows ongoing talks in the region. ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#); [FDD](#))



Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi reaffirmed his commitment to disarm Iranian-backed militias within Iraq but acknowledged needing an additional nine months to attempt this challenging task. Meanwhile, the United Arab Emirates has banned Bank Melli Iran's activities. The United States continues to pressure its allies to sever financial ties with Tehran. ([FDD](#); [FDD](#))

Chatham House announced the welcoming of the 2026-2027 cohort to the Molchanov Sustainability Internship Programme, offering invaluable learning experiences through six-month placements. In related regional analysis, Generation Jihad guest host David Daoud, an FDD senior fellow specializing in Lebanon and Hezbollah, discussed with Lina Khatib, an associate fellow at Chatham House's Middle East and North Africa Programme, her July visit to southern Lebanon and the reasons why the 2006 war failed to establish Lebanese Armed Forces control over the border. ([Chatham House](#); [Long War Journal](#))

## **Global Macro & Geopolitics**

A satellite station partially used to provide internet coverage to neighboring Ukraine underscores the ongoing strategic support amid Russia's continued military aggression. Peter Zalmayev, founder and director of the Eurasia Democracy Initiative, explained that Russia's attacks on Ukraine are driven by intertwined military force, political objectives, and territorial ambitions. In diplomatic developments, US President Donald Trump stated during his summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping that he does not anticipate any moves to establish guardrails around artificial intelligence. ([BBC News](#); [France24](#); [Bloomberg](#))

Additional coverage from AP News and Truth Nigeria highlights ongoing geopolitical tensions and their implications for global stability. ([AP News](#); [Truth Nigeria](#))

## **AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System**

A team of researchers mostly affiliated with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has custom-built a multimodal biometric search system to perform effective and cost-efficient deduplication at national scale. The six UIDAI researchers, along with a researcher from IIIT Hyderabad and Anil Jain of Michigan State University, published their findings in the paper "Towards Billion-Scale Multi-modal Biometric Search." The researchers used 220. Ingenium has begun work on contracted projects for the UK government, providing biometric quality assurance, performance and security testing. Under a contract worth £3,000,000 (\$3.97 million), the firm is to deliver "an independent Biometric Testing & Assurance (BT&A) service to support the Home Office's use of



biometric technologies across identity assurance, age assessment and related programmes.” Specific services to be delivered within the next 24. Computer scientist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist will collaborate with the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing to advance artificial intelligence and scientific discovery ([biometricupdate.com](https://biometricupdate.com); [MIT News](https://www.mit.edu/news)).

The federal government’s Login.gov identity platform has begun accepting eligible mobile driver’s licenses (m DLs) for remote identity verification, introducing cryptographically verifiable state credentials into a system the White House is rapidly expanding across federal digital services. The General Services Administration (GSA) said in an announcement that Login.gov can now accept eligible mobile driver’s licenses stored in Google Wallet and Samsung Wallet. A new National Centre for Information Defence will help the UK government tackle the growing threat of disinformation and artificial intelligence-enabled information attacks from hostile states. According to a release, the Centre will “bring together intelligence agencies, law enforcement and social media companies, with a remit to detect, attribute and disrupt foreign information attacks, while helping communities build resilience to disinformation.” UK. Unico explores how face tokenization and lifecycle verification can close the identity gap as deepfakes and synthetic fraud undermine traditional checks ([biometricupdate.com](https://biometricupdate.com)).

Rehan Asif Asad, Prime Minister’s Adviser on Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology, said the government aims to implement a secure and efficient internet-traffic inspection system within the next 18 to 24 months. Speaking at a high-level side event of the United Nations in New York, he said that this infrastructure will include shared digital systems for identification, payments, and data exchange, similar to traditional physical ([biometricupdate.com](https://biometricupdate.com)).

The country’s prime minister expressed disappointment at being informed of the hack only via email. Now Australia is investigating whether OpenAI broke the law ([WIRED](https://www.wired.com)).

## **Pestilence & Global Health**

A major Swedish study involving 3.7 million people found that rare TORCH infections transmitted from pregnant women to their fetuses are associated with significantly higher risks of autism and intellectual disability later in life. Children with congenital TORCH infections were approximately three times more likely to develop these conditions. Researchers also discovered evidence that long COVID may damage dopamine-releasing neurons in the brain, potentially explaining symptoms such as persistent fatigue, low



motivation, slowed movement, and memory difficulties. This finding could lead to new treatments targeting the brain's dopamine system. Additionally, scientists developed a method to date ancient plague genomes more precisely, linking many to historic outbreaks. ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#))

A growing outbreak of Bundibugyo virus, a lesser-known relative of Ebola, demonstrates how rare viruses can become major threats when diagnosis and treatment options are limited. Experts warn that focusing preparedness solely on familiar pathogens leaves the world vulnerable to sudden reemergence of deadly but less common viruses. ([ScienceDaily](#))

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

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.3 earthquake near The Geysers in California. A magnitude 4.9 earthquake also occurred near the Kermadec Islands, New Zealand. ([USGS](#); [USGS](#))

USGS also recorded a magnitude 6.5 earthquake near Nikolski, Alaska. The Kermadec Islands earthquake, measured at magnitude 4.9 with a depth of 35 km on September 24, 2026, caused no reported damage within 100 km. ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#))

### **Middle Eastern Artifacts**

Archaeologists discovered the tomb of an ancient Egyptian royal chamberlain in Sector A of the Bubasteum necropolis in Saqqara during its first excavation season. The Pyramid of Menkaure has been closed to visitors following recent developments. A final report on Italian excavations in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher revealed a clear sequence of use: from stone quarry to farmland, then cemetery, and finally church. Access to the full report requires a subscription. Authorities also utilized advanced methods in their investigations. ([BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#))