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

Israel & Jerusalem

Israel's national security minister declared that Hamas sought victory but was decisively defeated, particularly on the Temple Mount. Current frameworks for Gaza reconstruction are criticized as resting on the same flawed assumptions that underpinned the Oslo Accords ([JNS](#); [Al Jazeera](#); [JNS](#)).

Israel's Foreign Ministry sharply criticized the Spanish government for what it called a loss of moral compass, accusing Madrid of turning Israel into a “punching bag” for its foreign policy. This rebuke follows controversial remarks by Spanish ministers regarding territorial claims ([JNS](#); [Al Jazeera](#)).

Wars & Security (Israel and Region)

Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al Zaidi has proposed disarming Iran-backed militias by June 2027, coinciding with an agreement for Turkey to gradually transfer control of its Bashiqa-Zilkan military base to Iraq. This plan aligns with the scheduled withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq. In the past 72 hours, authorities in Lebanon, Canada, Australia, and the United States announced arrests, charges, and an extradition related to alleged Islamic State activities, including assassination plots, chemical attacks, propaganda dissemination, and financing travel to Syria. Meanwhile, the Kurdistan Regional Government has completed a long process unifying the Peshmerga forces under the Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs, ending divisions between units affiliated with the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan ([Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Fighting continues across Yemen, with the Houthis and Yemeni Armed Forces, alongside allied militias, engaged on multiple fronts. The Houthis have concentrated efforts on the highlands inland from their recent coastal advances and have maintained attacks against Saudi Arabia ([Long War Journal](#); [FDD](#)).

Enforcement of American sanctions remains critical, including in the Arctic region. In early September, two U.S.-sanctioned vessels departed China carrying the last shipments of



power equipment, highlighting weak sanctions enforcement that is facilitating China's "Polar Silk Road." In response to a complex suicide attack in western Pakistan, the Pakistani Air Force conducted airstrikes targeting terrorist training centers in eastern Afghanistan. The Taliban denied involvement in the attack and vowed an appropriate response to Pakistan's military actions ([FDD](#); [Long War Journal](#)).

Twenty years after the United Nations' Alliance of Civilizations identified the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a major factor in the widening rift between Muslim and Western societies, the issue remains a persistent focus of international attention and tension ([FDD](#)).

Global Macro & Geopolitics

Khieo Lapchanh, a Lao exile, has disappeared in Thailand, highlighting the intensifying authoritarian cooperation among governments in the Mekong region. Meanwhile, the South African Reserve Bank forecasts a sharp decline in inflation, expecting it to return to the 3% target by the end of 2027, according to Governor Lesetja Kganyago ([The Diplomat](#); [Bloomberg](#)).

Christian Post coverage continues to report on developments affecting religious liberty and Christian communities worldwide ([Christian Post](#)).

AI Dominion, Deception & the Antichrist System

The tech world is realizing that it needs to get its artificial intelligence under control. That goes for would-be superintelligence projects that pose existential threats to humankind – but also for the armies of artificial intelligence agents deployed across enterprise ecosystems ([biometricupdate.com](#)).

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is considering using artificial intelligence to assess the complexity of identity theft cases and route them to employees as it struggles with a backlog that has left victims waiting an average of nearly 20 months for resolution. A new audit by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) found that the IRS has made progress in reducing its Identity Theft Victim Assistance (IDTVA) backlog, but hundreds ([biometricupdate.com](#)).

From artificial intelligence safety and humanoid robots to autonomous weapons, smart glasses, and new energy sources. 2027 will bring technologies that reshape how we work, live, and interact ([forbes.com](#)).



Pestilence & Global Health

A comprehensive Swedish study involving 3.7 million individuals has linked rare TORCH infections transmitted from pregnant women to their fetuses with significantly increased risks of autism and intellectual disability in later life. Children born with congenital TORCH infections were approximately three times more likely to develop these conditions. Additionally, researchers have uncovered evidence that long COVID may damage dopamine-releasing neurons in the brain, which could explain symptoms such as persistent fatigue, low motivation, slowed movement, and memory difficulties. This finding opens avenues for treatments targeting the brain's dopamine system ([ScienceDaily](#); [ScienceDaily](#)).

Natural Disasters & Signs in the Heavens

The United States Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.8 earthquake near Naalehu, Hawaii, and a magnitude 4.8 earthquake near Guaymate, Dominican Republic ([USGS](#); [USGS](#)).

A magnitude 6.6 earthquake was recorded near Tadine, New Caledonia. Additionally, Thailand is under a green flood alert, signaling potential flooding risks ([USGS](#); [GDACS](#)).

Middle Eastern Artifacts

Archaeologists in Turkey have identified an additional fragment of the treaty between Pharaoh Ramesses II and Hittite King Hattusili III, further illuminating this historic agreement. South of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, excavations have uncovered a monumental complex with three ritual baths, a rectangular pool, an elaborate drainage system, and two nearby plastered vats. This site is believed to be an ancient fortress that once guarded Egypt's western frontier ([BiblePlaces](#); [BiblePlaces](#)).